



WAYQECHA BIOLOGICAL STATION

Researcher & Visitor Guide

The Wayqecha Cloud Forest Research Center is situated where the eastern slopes of the tropical Andes meet the Amazonian lowlands. Due to the region's topographic complexity and vast array of habitats, it is one of the world's most important biodiversity hotspots, sustaining a vast number of unique and endangered species. For this reason, the protection of the surrounding region has been proclaimed as a top conservation priority.

Highlights

- State-of-the-art canopy walkway
- Incredible bird-watching opportunities
- Extensive on-site scientific library
- Environmental education workshops
- Access to station researchers to learn about their work in rainforest conservation

Location: Kcosnipata Valley, Cusco, Peru

Geographic Coordinates: (-13.174800, -71.587200)

Elevation: 6500-9875 ft (2000-3010 m)

Annual Precipitation: 67 inches (170 cm)

Temperature: Average of 54.5°F (12.5°C), with evenings considerably colder and damp

Area of reserve: 1,450 acres (587 ha)

Trail system: 9 miles (15 km)

Facilities

- Hot water
- Six cabin rooms with private restrooms
- Camping platform
- Limited internet access and electricity for three hours each day
- Accommodations and dining for up to 40 visitors

Packing List

In general, dress in layers for cooler weather, and be prepared for intermittent sun and mists of rain.

- Long sleeve shirts
- Fleece or jacket
- Pants
- Warm sleepwear
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Hiking boots (waterproof)
- Everyday medications, cosmetics, and toiletries
- Stocking cap, sun hat and sunglasses
- Underwear, socks, etc

Other Recommended Items

- Flashlight and/or headlamp (with extra batteries – only AA and D sized batteries are commonly available in Peru)
- Backpack or fanny pack (preferably water resistant)
- Sunscreen and insect repellent (with high DEET concentration)
- Binoculars & camera
- Batteries (only AA and D sized batteries are commonly available in Peru), chargers, and waterproof bags with silica gel to keep equipment dry



- Other basic medications, including: ibuprofen/aspirin, antihistamines (lotion and pill form), antibiotic ointment such as Neosporin, Pepto-Bismol or similar for digestive upset, and Dramamine or similar for nausea
- Rubber boots – station has a limited supply (boots can be purchased in Cusco for a long-term stay)
- Water bottle
- Flip flops for showering
- Laptop (the station has limited internet access, but no computers for general use)
- Emergency contact information & photocopy of your passport
- Small denominations of Nuevo Soles
- GPS tracking unit, if you will be in the field



How To Get There

- **Private pickup truck** (8 hours, approximately \$200/day): This service can be arranged by ACCA's Cusco office.
- **Bus** (10 hours, \$10): Gallito de las Rocas (Diagonal Angamos) leaves for Pilcopata Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5:00am. Buying a ticket at least one day in advance is strongly suggested. The bus is the least comfortable method for traveling to the stations.
- **Van/car** (8 hours, \$15): One or more shared vans or cars (colectivos) leave for Pilcopata and Patria from 8:00am to 10:00am; ask for them in San Jeronimo (taxi from Cusco to San Jeronimo is approximately 10 soles) in front of the Comisaria (police station). Note: this is not a formalized form of transportation, and ACA/ACCA does not arrange for reservations.

Note: You should be prepared for delays in the rainy season (November – March)



Contact Us

For information on rates and reservations, please contact: reservas@conservacionamazonica.org, (051)-084-222329 (Cusco office), or (051) 984 108 131 (Cusco mobile)

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