

Archaeological potential of Caguanes National Park, Sancti Spiritus, Cuba

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Caguanes National Park is located in the northern part of the municipality of Yaguajay, in the province of Sancti Spíritus. It occupies the coastal area “Corralillo-Yaguajay”, the marine and coastal areas of the Buena Vista bay and the sub-archipelago of the Stone Cays, belonging to the Sabana-Camagüey archipelago. The geographical characteristics of Yaguajay, made it possible an extensive pre-Columbian indigenous occupation of the region from at least 6000-4000 BP until the eighteenth century. The historical-cultural values of Caguanes National Park are shown in the presence of at least 59 well preserved archaeological sites. In its more than 80 caves several pictograms, artifacts and human remains have been found, making Caguanes National Park an important archaeological region to understand the early peopling and the dynamic of precolonial occupation in Central Cuba.

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