

# Hams Bluff Lighthouse Hike

Sunday, December 15, 2019



On Sunday, December 15, 2019, the St. Croix Hiking Association scheduled the December 2019 Hike at Caledonia. The directions for the hike as follows: Follow the road past Rainbow beach, all the way to the last beach, then make a right to the crusher (rock quarry)... look for parking there. This will be a dry streambed hike, due to not much rain lately. It will take about 1 to 1.5 hour to walk all the way to the waterfall - that may be dry. Expect bushes and rocky terrain.

Due to the lack of participants, the hike was canceled. The three members decided to hike to the Hams Bluff Lighthouse. Directions to the LightHouse as follows: From Frederiksted, take Route 63 north. The road closely follows the shoreline for about 3 miles and then turns inland. When you can no longer see the ocean, look for the first narrow road on the left, marked by two pillars, and turn left onto that road (still Route 63, actually). Follow the road for about 1/2 a mile until it ends at the National Guard facility. Park outside the facility, on the side of the road. The road is usually in bad condition, so drive carefully. Walk around the left side (ocean side) along the outside of the

facility's fence. When you get to the back of the facility, look for a gate in the fence (usually closed). At the gate, take the trail to the left, which leads up to the Lighthouse.\*



### **Road Entrance towards Hams Bluff Lighthouse Hike**

The gate for the National Guard Facility was open, so we were able to park on the premise. Parking on the premises is at your own risk and the St. Croix Hiking Association does not assume no responsibility or recommend parking on the premises.


The hike to the lighthouse intensity level can be measured at low to moderate due to the combination of flat and elevated hiking conditions. This hiking path is recommended for beginners to experienced hikers (Kid friendly). Terrain is bushy and you follow along dirt path which is somewhat maintained. The Lighthouse is well maintained with no trash at the facility. An organization also provides plastics to place your trash. Please leave with any trash you may accumulate on your way or at the lighthouse.



**Suggested activities at the Lighthouse: Picnic, Romantic Date, & Taking Pictures..**

**STATISTICS\*\***

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 Hiking  
Open Goal  
7:32 AM - 8:39 AM  
Frederiksted

Total Time	Distance
<b>0:28:18</b>	<b>0.90mi</b>
Active Calories	Total Calories
<b>192cal</b>	<b>246cal</b>
Elevation Gain	Elevation
<b>290ft</b>	▲ 397FT MAX ▼ -51FT MIN

### Interesting Find

Apart from finding breathtaking views of the Northside of St. Croix, you can find one of St. Croix Geocaching at the HamBluff Lighthouse\*\*\*. Please feel free to add something to the container and ensure you return it as you find it.



**Additional Photographs**









\*This information was pulled from the St. Croix Hiking Association. This information was last updated March 26, 2016.<http://stcroixhiking.org/self-guided/Hike-to-Hams-Bluff-Lighthouse.html>)

\*\*Statistics were compiled by an Apple Watch.

\*\*\*Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world.



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