



United States Embassy Guatemala, Guatemala City
Security Message for U.S. Citizens:
Caution traveling to Semuc Champey/Lanquin Alta Verapaz National Park
December 30, 2015

The U.S. Embassy has learned that Guatemalan police officers and security personnel once again do not have access to the Semuc Champey/Lanquin Alta Verapaz National Park. This stems from an ongoing local dispute over park management.

Due to the lack of local security personnel, the U.S. Embassy has restricted personal travel to the area for its own employees and advises U.S. citizens that visiting the Semuc Champey/Lanquin Alta Verapaz National Park at this time may carry a higher than usual security risk. If you do choose to travel in the area, please visit the [U.S. Embassy website](#) for updates and monitor local media coverage for ongoing developments.

For further information:

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