**4 STEPS TO HIKE CHIRRIPO**

**Dear Travelers,**

**Chirripo National Park has announced that walk-in tickets are no longer available at the Park Office as of 7 JULY, 2014. Park entry permits and Base Camp Crestones lodging arrangements will be obtainable ONLY as follows:**

1. **OBTAIN PARK PERMIT RESERVATION BY PHONE**

**PARK ENTRANCE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AND ARE MADE ONLY BY PHONE, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8AM-4PM**

**(506) 2742-5083**

**In-country calls require only the last 8 digits.**

**Callers may reserve tickets for up to 4 hikers.**

**Name and I.D. number for each hiker is required.**

**Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.**

**Availability is limited to 52 bed spaces per day.**

**Hikers will be issued a RESERVATION CODE and BANK PAYMENT AMOUNT AND PARK BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER.**

**\*see fees and reservation schedule below**

1. **ARRANGE LODGING PERMIT**

**The Base Camp Crestones on Chirripo is now managed by a private group. Your Park permits will come with a code number. Call Chirripo Services to confirm your lodging, meal plan and cost.**

**CHIRRIPO SERVICES (506) 2742-5097**

1. **PAY THE PARK & LODGING PERMIT AT BANCO NATIONAL**

**BEST DONE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE IN SAN GERARDO. PARK FEES MUST BE PAID AT ANY BANCO NATIONAL IN PERSON OR BY BANK TRANSFER.**

**THE PARK OFFICE WILL NOT ACCEPT CASH OR CARD PAYMENT.**

**THE CLOSEST BANK IS IN SAN ISIDRO DE EL GENERAL ( 1.5 hours from San Gerardo by bus).**

 **SINAC account #100-01-000-041220-5**

 **EMAIL YOUR PROOF OF PAYMENT TO**

 **reservacioneschirripo@gmail.com**

**LODGING FEES MUST BE PAID TO THE BANK ACCOUNT OF CHIRRIPO SERVICES AT BANCO NACIONAL AND THEY ARE SOON TO INSTALL A CREDIT CARD SYSTEM AT THEIR OFFICE.**

 **Camara de Desorrolladores de Turismo Rural Comunitario Chirripo**

 **Account# 100-01-010-007325-1**

 **Email your proof of payment to**

 infochirrioservicio@gmail.com

**NOTE: Pay the bank in cash to avoid added bank fees.**

1. **CHECK-IN ONE DAY PRIOR TO HIKING**

**EACH HIKER IS REQUIRED TO CHECK IN AT THE SAN GERARDO PARK OFFICE BEFORE 4:20PM ONE DAY PRIOR TO HIKING with proof of payment and ID**

**THEN**

**CHECK IN BEFORE 5PM with Chirripo Lodging Services located at the futbol field in San Gerardo**

 **COSTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED**

**PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE FOOD. Hikers may bring cold food but they may not cook. Food may also be purchased from the restaurant menu at Base Camp Crestones.**

**Park Day Pass (paid for each day in the park)**

**Non-Central American resident USD: 15 per day**

**Central American Resident USD: $8 per day**

**Lodging (paid for each night spent in the park)**

**17, 625 Costa Rican Colones.**

**Includes pillow, sheet, sleeping bag or blanket.**

**EXAMPLE: an overnight stay at base camp Crestones will cost 2 day passes and one overnight lodging fee for an approximate cost of $65 non-resident and $50 for Central American residents.**

**RESERVATION SCHEDULE**

**Hiking Dates Call to Reserve Between:**

**Dec 1- Feb 28 1st Monday of October-Feb 28**

**March 1-May31 1st Monday of January-May 31**

**June 1-August 31 1st Monday of April-Aug. 31**

**Sept. 1 – Nov. 30 1st Monday of July-Nov. 30**