

Wildsumaco Biological Station
Health, Insurance, and Safety Policy

Personal safety precautions and common sense apply at WBS, as on any other travel destination. Risk is inherent in travel. WBS tenants are advised to educate themselves about the risks of insect stings and bites, venomous snake bite, the risk of falls and injury while navigating steep trails, etc. Although these risks are minimal, caution and vigilance is advised. WBS guests should not travel alone, and all hikers and field researchers should make other companions aware of their destination and expected travel time, in case of emergencies.

Medical treatment facilities are available at clinics in Loreto and Coca, but all travelers should be aware that the quality of care and availability of treatment options may not be equivalent to those available elsewhere. Medical treatment and facilities in Quito are excellent, and on par with those in any country, but emergency treatment may require Medevac procedures. MEDICAL INSURANCE INCLUDING MEDEVAC is required.

Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary, S.A., Rio Pucuno Foundation, Wildsumaco Biological Station, Francis Marion University, and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington assume no responsibility for accident, injury or theft incurred during use of our trails and facilities.

All university, faculty and staff from outside of Ecuador fall under the liability policies of their respective universities and/or states of origin. All non-Ecuadorian tenants of WBS must provide proof of health insurance and Medevac insurance prior to entering the property.

Ecuadorian students, faculty and staff must provide proof of medical insurance prior to entering WBS property.

All students, faculty and staff must initial (where indicated), sign and date the WBS use waiver before entering the property.

For any non-U.S. students or other visitors without Medevac insurance, accident victims or person falling ill and requiring transport to Coca or Quito for medical emergencies will be liable for a \$200.00 transport fee, payable to Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary, S. A.

I have read and understand these policies.

Traveler signature

Date

Printed name