



## Safety tips while visiting the Vieques NWR...

1. Leave all, or at the very least all your non essential valuables safely locked in your hotel, guest house or local residence. Ask for a safe box to secure your valuables.
2. Safeguard your driver's license, passports, or other forms of identification.
3. Do not leave your valuables locked in vehicles with soft tops or no trunks there. Please take your valuables with you. Always leave your vehicle empty and unlocked. This way they won't smash a window thinking you left something valuable inside.
4. Never leave your keys inside the vehicle, unattended or anyplace where they could easily be stolen. If your car keys are taken, your car could be stolen as well.
5. If you take your valuables with you to the beach or a trail, please do not leave them unattended. It only takes a couple of minutes for someone to steal your property.
6. If your vehicle is a sedan with a fully enclosed trunk, lock your valuables in there. Be aware that some vehicles have trunks that are accessible through the rear seat or have hard plastic panels behind the rear seat.
7. Carry only a credit card and/or the cash you think you will need during your day trip to the beaches and the refuge.
8. Purchase one or two waterproof plastic cases; which are specially designed to carry small items/valuables/keys on your person. (See diagrams on the back of this sheet)
9. Whenever possible try to keep your vehicle parked in a place where you or other visitors can see it and/or see any suspicious activities around your vehicle.
10. Horses are not allowed on the beaches. Hence, be mindful of anyone who approaches your belongings on horseback at a beach.
11. Whenever possible, carry disposable/waterproof cameras to the beach. Save your better camera for those moments when you know you will keep your equipment close at hand.

## Examples of Waterproof Compact Cases...

