

# Neko Harbour

64°50'S, 62°33'W - Located in Andvord Bay

## ANTARCTIC TREATY

visitor site guide



### Key features

- Glacial scenery
- Gentoo Penguins



## Description

### TOPOGRAPHY

Neko Harbour is a small bay, with a cobble beach extending approx 500 metres at the southwestern end. Behind the beach a rocky outcrop leads up to the foot of a permanent snowslope. The glaciers around the site are highly crevassed and those surrounding the bay regularly calve.

### FAUNA

Confirmed breeders: Gentoo penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*), kelp gull (*Larus dominicanus*), and skuas (*Catharacta, spp.*).

Regularly haul out: Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*).

### FLORA

Swards of moss species, the green alga *Prasiola crispa* and snow algae.

### OTHER

There is an Argentine refuge hut on the site.

## Visitor Impact

### KNOWN IMPACTS

None.

### POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Disturbance to wildlife.

## Landing Requirements

### SHIPS\*

Ships carrying 500 or fewer passengers. One ship at a time. Maximum 3 ships per day (midnight to midnight), of which no more than two may be vessels carrying more than 200 passengers.

### VISITORS

No more than 100 visitors ashore at any time, exclusive of expedition guides and leaders. 1 guide per 20 visitors. No visitors ashore between 22:00hrs and 04:00hrs (local time), except for those engaged in organised overnight stays. This is in order to establish a resting period for the wildlife.

## Visitor Area

### LANDING AREA

On the cobble beach southwest of the refuge hut.

### CLOSED AREAS

None.

### GUIDED WALKING AREAS

None.

### FREE ROAMING AREAS

Visitors can roam freely, but under supervision.

## Visitor Code of Conduct

### BEHAVIOUR ASHORE

Walk slowly and carefully. Maintain a precautionary distance of 5 metres from wildlife and give animals the right-of-way. Increase this distance if any change in behaviour is observed.

Be careful near skuas, they may be aggressive.

Do not walk on any vegetation.

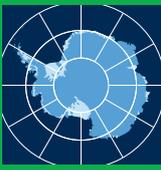
### CAUTIONARY NOTES

Be aware that glacier calving may produce dangerous waves. Avoid the beach or be prepared to evacuate quickly up the hill. Do not enter the refuge hut.

\* A ship is defined as a vessel which carries more than 12 passengers.

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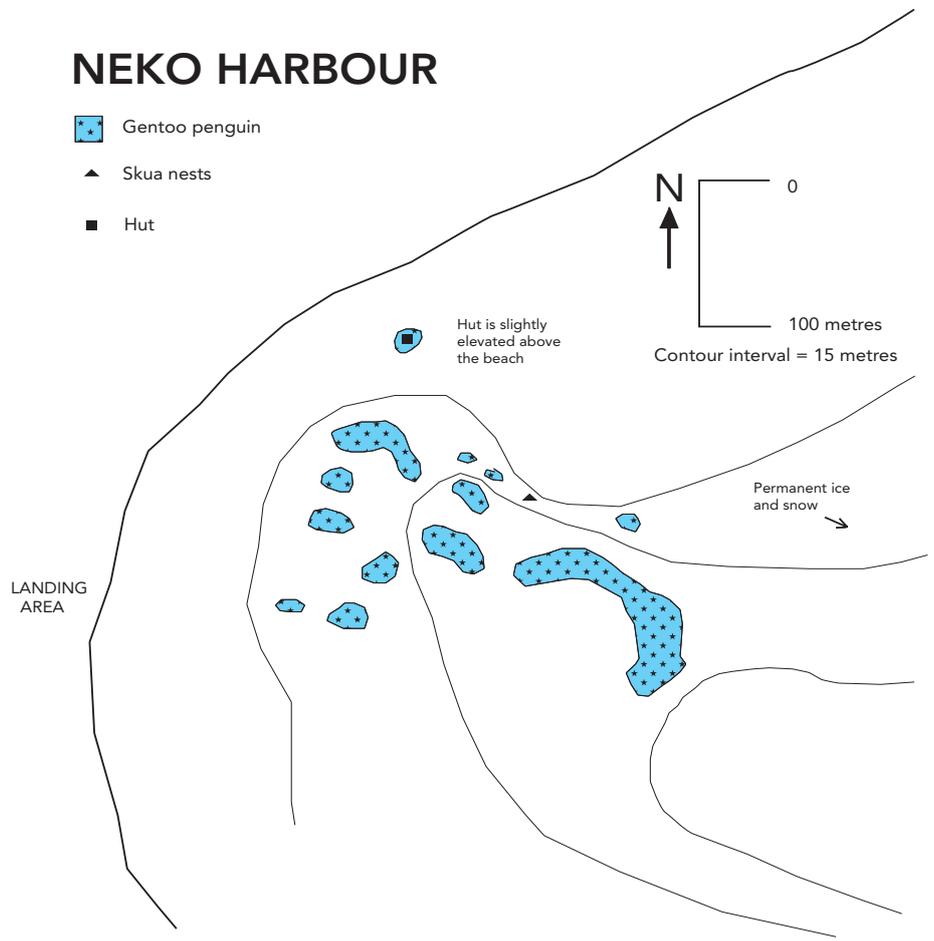
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Neko Harbour landing beach

## NEKO HARBOUR

- Gentoo penguin
- Skua nests
- Hut



The refuge hut is slightly elevated above the beach, and often surrounded by nesting penguins