



Saba Conservation Foundation Public Advisory

Mt. Scenery Communication Tower Refurbishment (April – July 2026)

From 13 April 2026, and for a period of approximately 13 weeks, refurbishment works will take place at the summit of Mt. Scenery. The existing communication tower structures will be entirely dismantled and removed, and replaced with a new tower. These works will involve scheduled helicopter operations using Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane – one of the largest heavy-lift helicopters in the world – to dismantle and remove the existing metal structures and transport equipment and materials for the new tower, as well as ongoing construction activities. Although possible impacts have been mitigated, the public should be aware of potential dangers associated with helicopter operations in the surrounding area. The construction site will be monitored 24/7 for the duration of the works.

Trail asses and safety measures

- At the summit of Mt. Scenery, the trail splits:
 - Left: Path to Hell's Gate Lookout, the highest point of the kingdom of the Netherlands open
 - Right: Path to the communication tower and Windwardside Lookout – closed for the entire duration of the construction works
- During scheduled helicopter operations, the trail to the summit will be temporarily closed for the junction with the Elfin Forest Trail. Between operations, hikes may continue to the summit and access the Hell's Gate Lookout only.
- All other trails in the Saba National Park remain open.

General Public Notice

- Helicopter operations will take place on scheduled dates and may affect areas beyond the immediate trail vicinity. Residents and visitors should exercise caution during these periods.
- Please observe all posted signage and follow instructions from the site manager and relevant authorities.

Important

- Access restrictions and operational schedules may change at short notice depending of safety requirements.
- Your cooperation is essential to ensure the safety of the public and construction personnel

For further information or clarification, please contact the **Saba Conservation Foundation** (info@sabapark.org or +599 416 3295)

