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I Am Going To Lençóis Maranhenses!

A Step-by-Step Guide On How To Visit This National Park.

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Lençóis Maranhenses National Park in Brazil is famous for its dunes and dune lakes. People come from all over the world to visit!



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Let's go visit the dunes!

To get to Lençóis Maranhenses State park most people drive to where the dunes start. These people are excited to hike on the dunes!



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The first dunes have plants growing on them so you have to stay on the path.



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It is important that you stay close to your group at Lençóis Maranhenses.

**You might see some animals as you walk to the dunes.
Look! Here is a monkey!**



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This monkey is not a pet. He is a wild animal so be careful!

Once you reach the dunes at Lençóis Maranhenses there are almost no plants. Did you bring some water?



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This man is ready to hike in the dunes. He is wearing a hat, sunglasses and has sunscreen on.



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In his backpack he has water and some snacks!

These people are staying close together. When you go over a dune it is hard to see your friends unless you stay close together.



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These people have come to Lençóis Maranhenses National Park to swim in the dune lakes.



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This is not water for drinking! Bring your own water to drink.

This man is having a lot of fun at Lençóis Maranhenses. He knows how to swim so he is going in the water.



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The dune lakes get quite hot! Be ready for hot water!

This woman was feeling a little bit stressed out so she is resting. A giant sand dune is a very good place to sit and relax.



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What do you do when you are stressed out? I like to take five deep breaths and find a nice place to sit.

This man is taking a break and drawing in the sand. What a great idea!



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Lençóis Maranhenses is quite large! These people are staying where they can see their group!



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Make sure you bring some water!



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And take your garbage with you when you leave!



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Maybe you'll see a lizard!



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This man had a great time at Lençóis Maranhenses. I know you will have a great time too!



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Enjoy your visit!

Ability Guidebooks are step-by-step instructions on how to access community destinations. For many people with autism and neuro-diversity, new situations can cause stress and discomfort. Ability Guidebooks help prepare people for new experiences. This is why I emphasize the places to sit and areas to relax.

This book will also help general ed teachers prepare their young students to visit Lençóis Maranhenses National Park.



Can You Translate?

**If you can translate this book into any other language
I would love to hear from you!**

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