

On the drive from Belmopan, the picturesque Hummingbird Highway winds its way through the Maya Mountains and into the Stann Creek Valley through rustic rural communities and vast expanses of citrus orchards. The turnoff onto the Southern Highway presents stunning vistas of sprawling coastal plain lined with banana plantations, with the Maya mountains to the west and the Caribbean Sea just over the eastern horizon.

The view by air is spectacular, flying over coastal lagoons and the Gales Point peninsula, low-lying karst hills and uninhabited beaches. The Stann Creek District is one of the few districts in Belize that has excellent samples of all Belize's natural attractions and easy access to the other districts:

- 4 small but attractive seaside population centers and cultural attractions - Dangriga, Hopkins, Seine Bight and Placencia
- The world's first "*jaguar reserve*" at the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Cascading waterfalls and jungle-covered Maya temples at the Bocawina Mayflower Archaeological Reserve
- Belize's largest marine reserve - the South Water Caye Marine Reserve, which includes the exquisite coral island of South Water located right atop the barrier reef
- One of Belize's 3 coral atolls, Glover Reef Atoll - a marine reserve some 22 miles offshore.
  
- The caves and manatees of Gales Point and the surrounding Wildlife Sanctuary.
- An 2 hour trip away from the inland Blue Hole, the Belize Zoo, and even the ancient Mayan sites of the Cayo district.
- 3 of the country's most significant agricultural industries - citrus, banana and aquaculture.

The Stann Creek district is the quiet breadbasket for the country of Belize.