

Appendix Two

South Pole Non-Governmental Visitor Overland Approach Guidelines

No approach to the South Pole through the Clean Air Sector

- The Clean Air Sector extends 150 km Grid NE from the South Pole, its point of origin being the Grid SW corner of the Atmospheric Research Observatory (ARO) building at Amundsen Scott South Pole Station. The Sector lies between a line extending Grid 340° and a line extending Grid 110° from ARO, which equates approximately to the area lying between W020° and E110° (clockwise).
- Do not approach the South Pole through the Clean Air Sector (see maps).

Approach from Grid northwest – west (Ronne Ice Shelf / Hercules Inlet etc.)

- The Grid northwest and west approach to South Pole lies between W020° and W110°.
- When approaching from this region, on reaching the ASMA boundary at 20 km from the South Pole, proceed directly to ‘West Waypoint’ at S89° 59.0’ W016° 00.0’, where a sign is located. Do not enter the Clean Air Sector (see maps).
- Call Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station at least 24 hours in advance of your anticipated arrival at the South Pole to advise of your position and plans. Be prepared to wait and camp if necessary until advised that it is safe to proceed.
- On reaching ‘West Waypoint’, proceed on the marked trail (bamboo canes and flags) 0.88 km to the non-governmental visitor campsite and thence 1.9 km to the South Pole (2016), taking care not to cross into the Clean Air Sector, the boundary of which is marked by flags.

Approach from Grid south – southwest (McMurdo / Ross Ice Shelf)

- The Grid south and southwest approach to South Pole lies between E110° and W110°.
- When approaching from this region, on reaching the ASMA boundary at 20 km from the South Pole, proceed directly to the ‘Pole Turn 1 Waypoint’ at S89° 55.29’ W132° 00.0’ where a sign is located, following the South Pole Traverse route on the W132° meridian as far as practicable. Do not enter the Quiet Sector or Quiet Circle (see maps).
- Call Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station at least 24 hours in advance of your anticipated arrival at the South Pole to advise of your position and plans.
- On reaching ‘Pole Turn 1 Waypoint’, which is 8.8 km from the South Pole (2016), again Stop & Call Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station before proceeding further. Be prepared to camp at ‘Pole Turn 1 Waypoint’ until advised by Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station it is safe to proceed. This is to ensure safety because the approach route lies close to the skiway.
- From ‘Pole Turn 1 Waypoint’ proceed 7.7 km on the South Pole Traverse route to the skiway threshold where a sign is located at the Grid south end of the skiway.
- From the skiway threshold, proceed parallel to and along the **Grid West** side of the skiway for 1.1 km (i.e. the left side on approach towards the Pole), maintaining a distance of at least 30 m from the line of flags marking the edge of the skiway. Proceed to the road between the elevated station and Dark Sector science buildings, where a red beacon light is installed at the designated crossing point of the aircraft taxi area at the Grid North end of the skiway (see Map 7).
- Do not enter onto the skiway other than at the designated crossing point or in an emergency.
- Do not cross the aircraft taxi area at the end of the skiway if the red beacon light is flashing.
- When safe to do so, cross the aircraft taxi area at the designated crossing point and proceed towards the South Pole markers and onward to the non-governmental visitor campsite.