

A Visual Meditation: The Baths, Virgin Gorda

One upside to this economically devastated year is the relative emptiness of popular Caribbean destinations. I had the privilege of walking the pathway through the Baths entirely alone and in silence for a half hour. These are some of the photos I took.

The Baths are an area unusual in the Caribbean: they are huge granite boulders –batholiths—that have been exposed along the south end of Virgin Gorda. The Virgin Islands are old by Caribbean standards, vulcanism about 140 M years ago, followed by sedimentation, subsidence, folding, etc., to produce a very complicated geology that includes these granites. Most of the rest of the West Indies are the product of much more recent vulcanism – 40 M years ago up to the present.¹

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