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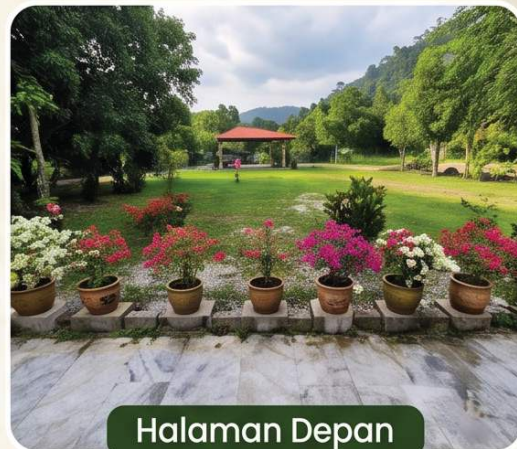
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Navigating the Wild: Safety, Stewardship, and Heritage

Welcome to the fifth edition of *The Great Nature Magazine*—a special milestone issue published in conjunction with our role as the Official Media Partner for **Outdoor Expo Malaysia (OXM) 2026** at Titiwangsa Stadium.

As trekking and outdoor recreation across Malaysia continue to reach unprecedented levels of popularity, crucial questions arise regarding how we manage and safeguard our wild spaces. Our **Cover Story** for this issue, titled *"Beyond Search and Rescue: Rethinking Technology, Mountain Guides and Hiking Policy in Malaysia,"* authored by **Maj. Gen. Dato' Dr. Mohd Radzi Abdul Hamid (Retd)**, offers a profound and practical look into backcountry survival, trail governance, and why technology alone can never replace personal discipline, proper preparation, and experienced mountain guides.

Alongside our cover feature, this issue brings you rich stories from every corner of the outdoor and cultural landscape:

Outdoor Expo Malaysia 2026: Discover OXM's landmark transition from Kelana Jaya to Titiwangsa Stadium as it expands into a regional, low-carbon platform uniting over 200 outdoor brands.

Brewing Heritage with Liberica My Hub: Sit down with food scientist Eric Yee in Chinatown, Kuala Lumpur, to explore how local "Farm to Cup" Liberica coffee is reclaiming Malaysia's agricultural heritage.

Preserving Craftsmanship & Culture: Learn how Sungai Senam Artisans, HangTerra Bamboo, and Ruang Rakyat are empowering local artists and reimaging traditional Malaysian bamboo artistry for modern spaces.

Exploring Kenaboi State Park: Uncover Negeri Sembilan's premier eco-tourism haven, featuring lush dipterocarp forests, majestic waterfalls, and essential guide policies for safe trekking.

Selangor 4WD & Community Preparedness: Learn how Persatuan Pacuan Empat Roda Negeri Selangor (Selangor 4WD) combines off-road adventure with humanitarian flood relief, while Team Pendekar Rimba and Malim Gunung Perhutanan Selangor emphasize crucial wilderness survival skills.

Whether you are exploring the exhibition floor at Titiwangsa Stadium, preparing for a high-altitude trek, or enjoying a quiet moment with a local brew, we hope these pages inspire you to adventure responsibly, honor our natural environment, and keep learning before setting foot on the trail.

See you on the trail,

Warm regards,

The Editorial Team
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Outdoor Expo Malaysia 2026 A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS AT TITIWANGSA

Feature Story | The Great Nature Magazine | August 2026 Issue | by Sayd Haque

A Milestone Move for Malaysia's Outdoor Community

Since its humble inception in 2022 at Kompleks Sukan Kelana Jaya, Petaling Jaya, **Outdoor Expo Malaysia (OXM)** has evolved from a grassroots gathering into the nation's premier trade and consumer exhibition for the outdoor lifestyle community. What began as a dedicated hub to unite campers, hikers, overlanders, anglers, paddlers, and adventure brands has grown into a powerful movement that connects thousands of enthusiasts, innovators, and industry leaders every year.

Now, in 2026, Outdoor Expo Malaysia embarks on its most ambitious chapter yet with a landmark move to the iconic **Titiwangsa Stadium in Kuala Lumpur**. Scheduled for **August 2026**, this move represents far more than a venue change—it signifies the maturity, rapid expansion, and professionalization of Malaysia's outdoor industry.

"Petaling Jaya will always be the birthplace of Outdoor Expo Malaysia—where our community was built, where friendships were formed, and where brands, exhibitors, volunteers, and visitors grew together as one family," reflects Mr. Fathie Razali, Founder and Project Team Leader of OXM. "After five successful years, the time is right to bring this vibrant community into the heart of Kuala Lumpur. Titiwangsa offers greater accessibility, stronger international visibility, and an ideal setting to welcome enthusiasts from across Malaysia and the ASEAN region."



Setting New Benchmarks: Low-Carbon & ASEAN Recognition

The 2026 edition is set to bring together over 200 exhibitors and welcome approximately 50,000 nature enthusiasts, industry professionals, and trade buyers across three action-packed days.

Central to OXM 2026 is a pioneering commitment to sustainability. In strategic partnership with industry leaders like Go Rental and EcoFlow, OXM aims to become Malaysia's largest low-carbon outdoor exhibition. By integrating portable clean energy systems powered by solar charging throughout the venue, the event is setting a new benchmark for environmentally conscious trade shows in Southeast Asia.

Furthermore, the organizing committee is actively pursuing ASEAN-level recognition, reinforcing Malaysia's positioning as a regional epicenter for outdoor equipment, eco-tourism, and sustainable adventure travel.





EVENT AT A GLANCE

- **Dates:** August 2026 (3-Day Trade & Consumer Event)
- **Venue:** Titiwangsa Stadium, Kuala Lumpur
- **Expected Attendance:** 50,000 Visitors & Outdoor Enthusiasts
- **Exhibitors:** 200+ Brands (Camping, Overlanding, Watersports & More)
- **Key Focus:** Sustainability, Low-Carbon Initiatives & ASEAN Expansion
- **Official Website:** www.outdoorexpo.my



Building a Professional Ecosystem

Malaysia's outdoor culture has experienced a massive boom in recent years. Activities once considered niche—such as overlanding, backcountry camping, trail running, and paddle sports—have transitioned into mainstream lifestyle choices. Outdoor Expo Malaysia has proudly served as a catalyst for this transformation.

By bridging the gap between international brands and local creators, OXM has created a thriving ecosystem where Malaysian manufacturers can showcase home-grown innovations that match global standards in quality, functionality, and design.

"Every year brings new ideas, new technologies, and new entrepreneurs into the industry," notes Fathie Razali. "The outdoor sector has evolved into a professional ecosystem that creates careers, supports local businesses, and contributes directly to sustainable tourism."

Highlights You Shouldn't Miss at OXM 2026

Whether you are a seasoned mountaineer, a weekend camper, or a family exploring the outdoors for the first time, Outdoor Expo Malaysia 2026 offers an immersive experience for every visitor:

1. Major Brand Activations & Global Product Launches: Explore creative campsite concepts, off-road vehicle rigs, and cutting-edge gear from leading global and regional brands, including SKOMAD, NAKAWAN, Naturehike, BlackDog, and EIGER.

2. Local Innovation Challenge: A dedicated showcase highlighting emerging Malaysian creators, engineers, and entrepreneurs building the future of sustainable outdoor equipment.

3. Everest Ambassador Sharing Sessions: Be inspired by exclusive talks by OXM ambassadors Kicok and Margaret, who will share their remarkable journeys toward conquering Mount Everest, offering invaluable lessons on preparation, perseverance, and high-altitude safety.

4. Interactive Zones & Watersports: Engage in live survival demonstrations, hands-on workshops, expanded paddle/watersports displays, interactive family activities, and trade networking sessions.

5. Industry Excellence Awards: Recognizing innovation, eco-friendly design, and business excellence within the regional outdoor industry.

Inspiring the Next Generation

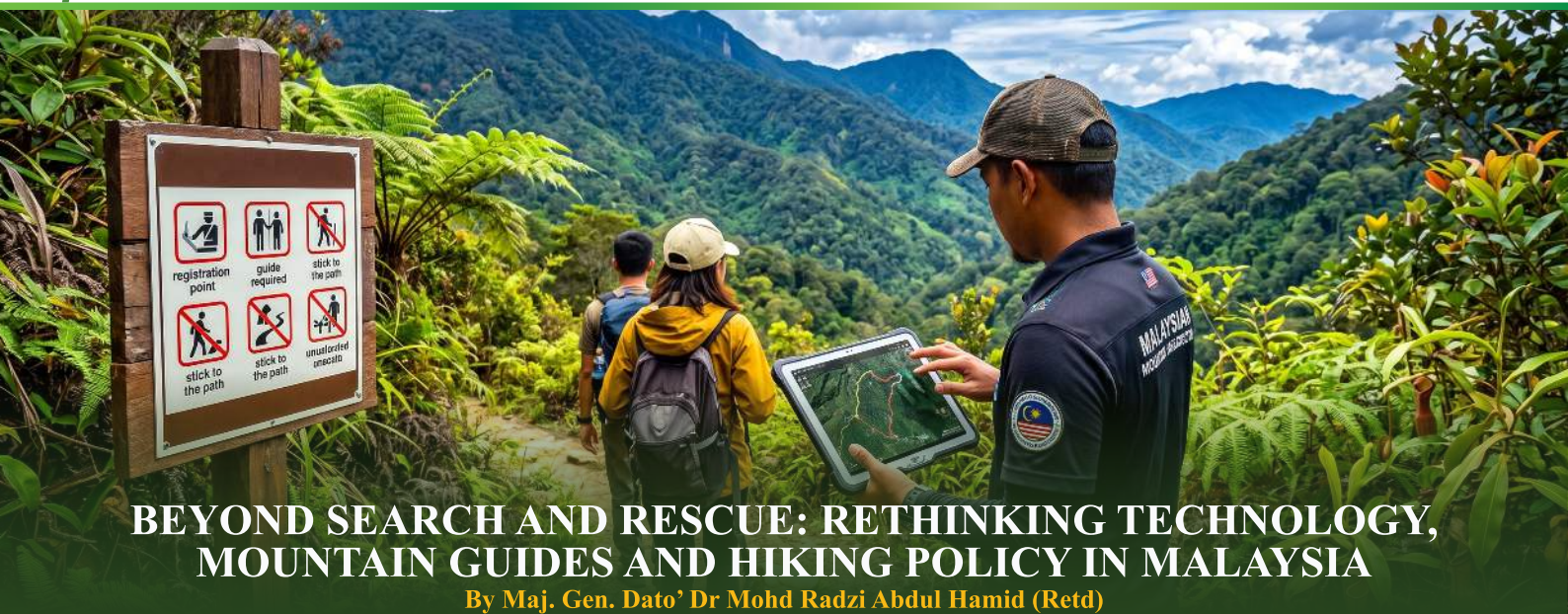
At its core, Outdoor Expo Malaysia operates on the firm belief that the outdoors belongs to everyone. Beyond organizing a world-class exhibition, OXM's overarching mission is to build the nation's most trusted outdoor lifestyle platform—one that nurtures future leaders, honors industry pioneers, and advocates for responsible environmental stewardship.

As the gates open at Titiwangsa Stadium this August, Outdoor Expo Malaysia 2026 stands ready to connect communities, inspire new journeys, and define the future of adventure in Southeast Asia.



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BEYOND SEARCH AND RESCUE: RETHINKING TECHNOLOGY, MOUNTAIN GUIDES AND HIKING POLICY IN MALAYSIA

By Maj. Gen. Dato' Dr Mohd Radzi Abdul Hamid (Retd)

During a recent television discussion on the growing issue of lost hikers, I was invited to serve as the principal panelist. Three questions were posed to me.

First, to what extent can a digital hiking log system improve the effectiveness of Search and Rescue (SAR) operations compared with the existing manual registration system?

Second, apart from digital logging, what additional measures should be introduced to reduce the incidence of lost hikers and hiking-related accidents?

Third, should the Government make certified mountain guides compulsory and impose more stringent Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all hiking activities?

Although these appear to be three separate questions, they are, in reality, facets of the same issue. They all lead to one fundamental question; Are we addressing the real causes of hikers becoming lost, or are we merely improving our response after the incident has already occurred?

In my opinion, far too much attention is devoted to discussing how to find missing hikers, when the far more important challenge is ensuring that they do not become lost in the first place. This distinction lies at the heart of effective public policy. Prevention should always take precedence over recovery.



A digital hiking log is therefore a management tool not a solution to the underlying problem. It may assist administrative processes or contribute useful information during a rescue operation, but it cannot compensate for poor judgement, inadequate preparation or insufficient outdoor competence.

My view is shaped not by theory, but by experience. Throughout my 42 years' experience as a combat military and years as a mountaineer, I have operated in tropical forests both within Malaysia and abroad, relying on a wide range of navigation, communication and survival systems under demanding operational conditions. Those experiences have taught me that technology, however sophisticated, has limits.

There is a tendency today to place excessive confidence in digital solutions, as though technology alone can eliminate the risks associated with wilderness travel. Such optimism is understandable, but it is misplaced.

Consider a military helicopter. Equipped with advanced navigation systems, encrypted communications, sophisticated sensors and technology that far exceeds anything carried by an ordinary hiker, it can nevertheless remain undiscovered for days, weeks or even permanently after crashing in dense jungle. History provides numerous examples.



If such highly sophisticated military assets cannot always be located quickly, it is unrealistic to expect that a hiker carrying nothing more than a smartphone or a small electronic device can always be tracked without difficulty. This is before we even consider battery life, communication coverage, equipment reliability, maintenance costs and the severe signal limitations imposed by Malaysia's dense tropical rainforest. Technology undoubtedly enhances operational capability, but it should never be mistaken for an infallible solution.

Malaysia's rainforest remains one of the most challenging operating environments on earth. Dense canopy cover, rugged terrain, deep ravines and extensive communication dead zones continue to present formidable obstacles to both navigation and search operations. No existing technology completely overcomes these realities.



I often remind fellow hikers of a simple principle; “Don’t just look at the tree; look at the forest.”

Unfortunately, public discussions following recent hiking incidents have tended to focus almost exclusively on Search and Rescue operations. This is rather like examining a single tree while overlooking the entire forest. The wider hiking ecosystem deserves far greater attention.

Most hikers become lost for reasons that have little to do with technology. They lack fundamental navigation skills. They underestimate weather conditions. They fail to prepare contingency plans. They rely excessively on smartphone applications without understanding traditional navigation techniques. They embark on unfamiliar routes with inadequate planning or insufficient knowledge of the terrain. None of these shortcomings can be corrected simply by introducing a digital logging system.

For this reason, Malaysia’s priority should be to cultivate a mature hiking culture founded upon education, practical training, basic certification, safety awareness and personal discipline. Knowledge remains with a hiker throughout a lifetime. Technology, by contrast, remains only an aid.



Looking beyond Malaysia, I have yet to encounter any country that requires every hiker to carry a GPS-based digital logging device capable of automatically revealing their precise location during an emergency. Even on Mount Everest; arguably the world’s most technologically supported mountaineering environment, climbers still disappear, become lost or lose their lives despite extensive use of modern equipment.

Many countries have introduced online permit systems, digital registration platforms, QR-code check-ins and electronic visitor records. However, these systems exist primarily to facilitate administrative management rather than provide continuous real-time tracking capable of guaranteeing the immediate location of every missing hiker. Malaysia must therefore adopt a pragmatic approach.

Implementing a sophisticated nationwide digital logging system would require substantial investment in infrastructure, communications networks, software development, maintenance, cybersecurity, technical support and user training. Such systems are neither inexpensive nor simple to sustain.

Moreover, Malaysia’s hiking community is still evolving. Even today, some hikers question the costs associated with permits, conservation fees and mountain-guide services. Expecting widespread acceptance of additional financial burdens arising from complex digital tracking systems may therefore prove unrealistic.

The reality is that the majority of Malaysian hikers are ordinary working people. Hiking remains one of the country’s most affordable outdoor pursuits precisely because it is accessible. Public policy should strengthen that accessibility not unintentionally erode it through unnecessary complexity and escalating costs.

There is another practical consideration. If reliable, inexpensive technology capable of locating every individual in dense tropical rainforest truly existed, armed forces around the world would almost certainly equip every infantry soldier operating in jungle terrain with such devices. Yet despite decades of technological advancement, locating individuals beneath dense jungle canopy remains one of the most difficult operational challenges in military operations.

This reality should encourage humility rather than technological overconfidence. Digital hiking logs undoubtedly have value, but they should be regarded as supportive management tools rather than the centrepiece of national hiking safety policy.

The same philosophy applies to mountain guides. Certification alone does not produce competence. A truly professional mountain guide must possess extensive local knowledge, sound judgement, practical experience and a deep understanding of the specific mountain under his or her care. Certification should therefore remain rigorous and selective. Attendance at a short course should never, by itself, qualify an individual to assume responsibility for the safety of others in remote mountain environments.

Likewise, Standard Operating Procedures should improve safety without becoming unnecessarily burdensome. Excessive regulation risks discouraging participation while creating a false sense of security. Sound judgement will always remain more valuable than lengthy procedural manuals. Ultimately, the objective of national hiking policy should not be measured by how efficiently rescuers recover lost hikers.

Its success should instead be measured by how effectively it prevents hikers from becoming lost in the first place. A knowledgeable, disciplined and self-reliant hiking community will always represent the strongest foundation of outdoor safety.



Preventing a single person from becoming lost is invariably less costly, more effective and far more dignified than mobilising a large-scale Search and Rescue operation that consumes significant public resources while placing rescuers themselves at considerable risk.

The finest rescue operation is, ultimately, the one that never has to take place.

“Learn before you get lost—not after you disappear.”

Pena Celoreng, Madinah Munowarah
25 July 2026



Brewing Heritage: An Exclusive Interview with Eric Yee on Malaysia's Local Coffee Revolution by Sayd Haque for The Great Nature Magazine

In this upcoming issue of The Great Nature magazine, we sit down with Eric Yee, a visionary entrepreneur who is redefining Malaysia's coffee culture. Nestled in the bustling heart of Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown, his cafe, **Liberica MY Hub**, is not just serving up daily brews—it is preserving history, promoting local agriculture, and introducing the world to Malaysia's indigenous Liberica beans. As a food scientist, nutritionist, and passionate advocate for his nation's heritage, Yee has created a vibrant space that connects the country's rich past with its modern future. Join us in this in-depth conversation as we explore the fascinating journey of the rare Liberica bean from the farm to the cup, and learn how this unique local harvest is making waves on the global stage.

Sayd Haque (SH): To start, thank you for sitting down with me. You have a very diverse professional background. Can you tell our readers a little bit about yourself and why your shop is not like an ordinary coffee shop?

Eric Yee (EY): Thank you for having me. I am a fourth-generation Malaysian Chinese. By profession, I am a food scientist and a nutritionist, but I personally love to study and explore various fields. I have studied psychology, I am an NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming) certified practitioner from California, and I also love to explore traditional Chinese herbs. With **Liberica MY Hub**, we are doing something very different from an ordinary cafe. We operate strictly on a "from the farm to the cup" model, and we exclusively promote Malaysia's indigenous coffee, currently known as Liberica. My partners are local farmers from Johor, specifically "Palo the big bean" and another from **House of Kendal, Batu Pahat, Johor**. Both of them want to elevate Malaysian coffee. We deliberately don't promote imported overseas beans because we want tourists coming to Chinatown and Petaling Street to taste something authentically local.



SH: I noticed you already have a very international customer base. What makes the **Liberica bean** so special that it draws people from all over the world?

EY: It has been an incredible journey so far. In just around four months of opening, our system shows we have served **over 6,000 customers from 20 different countries**. We have welcomed visitors from New York, Taiwan, China, Macau, Indonesia, Australia, Russia, Croatia, Italy, Turkey, and Algeria. The defining characteristic of specialty Liberica coffee is its distinctive jackfruit aroma paired with delicate floral notes. Usually, when coffee enthusiasts talk about floral tasting notes, they immediately think of Panama Geisha, which is one of the most expensive coffees in the world, costing anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500 USD per kilo. Liberica actually shares that rare, sought-after floral profile. Because of this unique taste, we strongly believe that coffee—especially Liberica—should be the next wave to represent Malaysia globally, standing proudly alongside our other famous natural exports like Tongkat Ali, Kacip Fatimah, and the Musang King durian.





SH: You are not just sharing coffee; you are sharing deep knowledge and history. Your shop is located in a very historic area. Can you elaborate on the cultural significance of your location?

EY: Absolutely. We are located inside a 128-year-old space historically called the **Ka Yin Association, coming soon known as The Ka Yin 1898**, which carries a very rich historical story. Over a hundred years ago, Chinese immigrants arrived here, renting space from the Sultan to do mining, which eventually led to historical figures like Yap Ah Loy helping to develop Kuala Lumpur. As a fourth-generation Malaysian Chinese, I feel a strong obligation to promote not just Chinese culture, but overall Malaysian unity. I want to use coffee as a tool to connect the younger generation with their nation's heritage. We are located just 500 meters from Merdeka 118, the second tallest building in the world, and near Stadium Merdeka, the exact site where our first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman declared Malaysia's independence. Stadium Merdeka represents the "old Malaya," while Merdeka 118 represents the modern future. We aim to bridge that gap through coffee. We've even shared this vision with the management of Merdeka 118, who fully support us and have used their official platforms to promote our cafe as a symbol of national heritage. Furthermore, in August, this building is officially opening as a major heritage landmark for tourists under the Thinkcity project by Yayasan Hasanah.



SH: Besides the coffee, your food menu is also very unique. How do you balance being a vegetarian cafe while remaining culturally authentic and inclusive for all Malaysians?

EY: Because I am a vegan myself, I designed the cafe to serve vegetarian food, but we specifically focus on iconic, beloved Malaysian dishes. Diners can enjoy our plant-based versions of Nasi Lemak, Sarawak Kolo Mee, and Kapitan Chicken. Although the menu says "chicken," it is actually crafted naturally from soy or enoki mushrooms. Leveraging my background as a food scientist and nutritionist, I make sure to choose the most natural ingredients available. Inclusivity is also vital to us; we are a **Muslim-friendly cafe** and are currently in the progress of applying for our official Halal certification for the entire establishment. Our barista and our head chef are Malaysian Muslims, and I can confidently show anyone who asks that all of our individual ingredients are entirely Halal-certified.

SH: You mentioned your partners are local farmers. What does the agricultural side of Liberica coffee look like, and are you open to business-to-business (B2B) collaborations?

EY: Farming coffee is not easy, and it demands a lot of respect. It takes three long years just to harvest the green coffee beans, and then another full month to process and roast them. Currently, there are only three farmers actively planting Liberica coffee in the whole of Johor. The government department MARDI actually provides free Liberica seedlings, so if anyone is interested in agriculture, they can approach me. I have 12 years of experience in planting Liberica and managing agricultural pests, and I'm very happy to help because currently, Liberica makes up only 0.01% of the world's coffee trade. Regarding B2B, we operate a 25-acre farm focusing strictly on specialty beans rather than commercial mass production. Right now, we yield about 10 metric tons of beans, which allows us to supply roughly 5 to 10 metric tons per year to roasters. However, if major commercial coffee chains want a large volume, they have to communicate with us years in advance due to the three-year cultivation cycle. For now, we can support smaller pop-up events or holiday packages, but our main priority is supplying our own cafe.



SH: The cafe has gained a lot of traction locally. Where do you see **Liberica MY Hub** in the next few years?

EY: We have indeed gained great momentum thanks to social media platforms like KL Foodie, which has 2 million followers, Gourmet Hunter, and ATF Food City. We are also newly listed on the Loca app, which is an exciting cross-collaboration with Prasarana and MyRapid that can reach a massive user base of 1.4 million users. Looking ahead, our big goal for next year is penetrating overseas markets. We already have enthusiastic interested parties from China and Indonesia who want to take our beans and promote Malaysian coffee, inviting us to major cities like Shanghai and Jakarta. Because this is a massive project involving national branding, we are actively seeking support from ministry departments and the Ministry of Tourism, especially to help promote the cafe in time for Visit Malaysia 2026. Right now, we are focusing heavily on perfecting our internal Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to lay a strong foundation for potential franchising.

SH: Lastly, do you have any final message for the readers of The Great Nature?

EY: Yes, my message is simple: please **support local coffee**. Farming is incredibly difficult, and as Malaysians, we should always support our local agricultural champions who put so much effort into every harvest. We always tell our guests: when you want to truly experience Malaysia, you must experience it through Liberica coffee.



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The Founder Behind the Vision

Behind Ruang Rakyat is Noirae, a Malaysian mixed media artist. She envisioned a welcoming space where people from different backgrounds could connect through creativity and preserve cultural herifural heritage.

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Mixed Media Artist

Empowering Visual Artists

The space supports emerging visual and mixed-media artists by providing visibility and access to wider audiences. Ruang Rakyat creates retail collaborations and workshops to build sustainable creative enterprises.



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A Vision Beyond a Gallery

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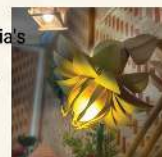
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- Larger exhibitions and artist residencies
- Educational programs and cultural festivals
- Creative entrepreneurship opportunities
- Collaborations to strengthen the creative economy

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Why Hikers Need Forestry Mountain Guides (MGP) in Permanent Forest Reserves

Mountain hiking and jungle trekking across Negeri Sembilan are rapidly gaining popularity among both local outdoor enthusiasts and international travellers. However, behind the breath-taking natural beauty of the Permanent Forest Reserve (HSK) lie hidden challenges and unpredictable elements—from sudden weather shifts, landslides, and fallen trees to flash floods and the risk of losing one's way. This is where the vital role of a certified Forestry Mountain Guide (Malim Gunung Perhutanan or MGP) comes into play.

An MGP is far more than just a trail navigator; they serve as trusted first responders for hikers in times of need. Armed with deep intimate knowledge of the terrain, essential first-aid training, and emergency response protocols, having an MGP along dramatically reduces accident risks and helps prevent life-threatening situations. For minor emergencies, they minimize reliance on full-scale rescue teams, while seamlessly coordinating with the State Forestry Department and emergency services if a serious incident occurs.

Beyond safety, these guides act as the guardians of the forest, ensuring that HSK's fragile flora and fauna remain protected from damage or illegal removal.

To guarantee maximum safety and well-managed trail conditions, the Negeri Sembilan State Forestry Department has made guide services mandatory for specific trekking routes: -

For Malaysian Citizens: An MGP is required when taking on the thrilling expeditions up Gunung Besar Hantu and along the iconic Trans Naning trail.

For Non-Malaysian Citizens: A more comprehensive policy applies, making an MGP mandatory across all hiking locations within the Permanent Forest Reserve.



Enforced since 1st October 2025, these measures place hiker well-being at the absolute forefront while preserving the pristine majesty of the rainforest for generations to come.

Ultimately, adhering to guide regulations and securing your Permanent Forest Reserve Entry Permit isn't just a legal requirement—it's a smart, responsible approach to adventure. With an experienced MGP leading the way, your trek through Negeri Sembilan's ancient wilds will be safer, smoother, and infinitely more rewarding.



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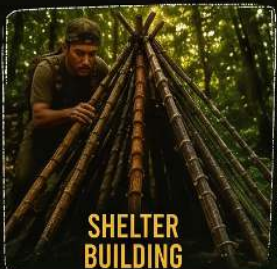


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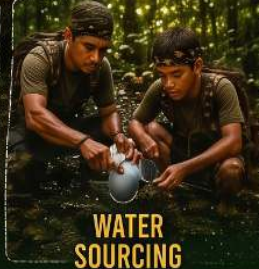
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Into the Wild: Preparation Begins with Knowledge

Entering the wilderness is not only about hiking or climbing mountains. It may also involve camping, jungle trekking, river activities, field research, outdoor training, expeditions or work in remote areas. Whatever the purpose, everyone should be prepared and respectful of nature.

Conditions can change quickly. Heavy rain, poor visibility, tiredness, injury, flash floods and rising river levels can turn a normal activity into an emergency. Safety begins with knowledge and preparation before the journey starts.

Before any activity, participants should understand the location, possible risks and the group's overall ability. The planned route and expected return time should also be shared with family members or trusted friends.

Participants should carry equipment suited to the type and duration of the activity. Each person should have a whistle for emergency signalling and an individual first-aid kit. A useful guide is the 5Cs: a cutting tool, a fire-starting device, cover, a container and cordage. These items support basic needs, but participants must understand their purpose and know how to use them safely.

Knowledge of basic survival, navigation and life-saving techniques is valuable for everyday preparedness. Online and offline map applications can help with route planning and tracking, but they should be used together with practical skills, proper training and safe decision-making.

Malaysia's tropical forests have their own risks, including sudden rain, slippery trails, falling branches, venomous animals, flash floods and weak mobile coverage. Participants should follow the instructions of the group leader or guide, use a buddy system and avoid separating from the group.

If someone is injured, becomes lost or faces an emergency, remain calm, assess the situation and use the appropriate safety and life-saving skills while seeking help.

Participants should also practise Leave No Trace. Take all rubbish home, avoid damaging plants, do not disturb wildlife, use existing trails and campsites where possible, and leave the area as you found it.

Safety also means knowing when to stop or turn back. An activity can be attempted another day, but a life cannot be replaced. Where required, participants should use a recognised Malim Gunung Perhutanan, or forestry mountain guide, who understands the route and local conditions. They should also obtain a valid permit, follow local rules and consider suitable outdoor activity or personal accident insurance.

Team Pendekar Rimba is committed to sharing safety and survival knowledge through practical training and field activities. A successful journey is not only about reaching the destination. It is about returning home safely, gaining useful experience and leaving nature undisturbed.

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Whether you are planning a corporate teambuilding event, a school outing, or an intensive survival program, Kenaboi State Park is exceptionally well-equipped to host large groups. The park features excellent infrastructure designed to support company events and gatherings. Facilities include the Lata Dinding Hall, a multipurpose open hall (Dewan Terbuka), and dedicated lecture rooms. For overnight stays, the park offers highly convenient accommodations such as dormitories, chalets, a rest house, and spacious campsites. Visitors also have access to essential amenities, including well-maintained toilets and a prayer room (surau).



The park is a hub for outdoor activities like jungle trekking, camping, and bird watching. However, the crown jewels of Kenaboi State Park are its three main natural attractions, which are highly recommended for your itinerary:

• **Lata Kijang Waterfall:** This breathtaking waterfall is an ideal spot for visitors wanting to connect with nature. The magnificent cascades are fed by the Kering River, a tributary of the Kenaboi River. The area is steeped in local folklore and is closely associated with a myth about an injured deer (kijang) that once fell into the waters here.



• **Jeram Berungut:** If your teambuilding or survival program involves river trekking, Jeram Berungut offers an exhilarating experience. Because traversing this river gorge poses a higher risk, this activity is strictly reserved for visitors aged 13 and above, and wearing a life jacket is mandatory.



• **Mountain Besar Hantu (Gunung Besar Hantu):** Towering over the park, this peak is an excellent destination for hiking and mountain climbing. Conquering the mountain is a fantastic physical challenge, making it a highly rewarding activity for teambuilding and leadership camps.

First explored in 1990 by 4x4 extreme sports enthusiasts, the park is also home to several indigenous villages and boasts rich biodiversity, including wild orchids, ferns, and palm trees.



Important Tips for Visitors:

To preserve this beautiful eco-tourism site, all visitors must obtain a Forest Entry Permit from the Kenaboi State Park Administration Office before starting any activities. Campers must use designated zones, and everyone is required to maintain cleanliness by taking all their trash out of the park.



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