



PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

Promoting the welfare of Public Officers and their families



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From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council
To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries / Departments

Hiking/ Restoration activities on Ile d'Ambre & Lunch on Ile aux Bernache

"To take care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy duty, and after all, our most pleasing responsibility. As what trees exhale, we inhale and what we exhale, they inhale"
- Gaggi Vasudev



Ile d'Ambre



Ile aux Bernache

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC), in collaboration with the National Parks and Conservation Service (NPCS), is organising a Hiking/ Restoration activities to Ile d'Ambre and Ile aux Bernache on Sunday, 30 July 2023.

2. Participants will have the opportunity to plant trees on the islet as an attempt towards sensitisation and contribution in promoting environment conservation.

(160 trees were planted by the participants of the POWC during the last excursion organised to Ile d'Ambre in November 2019. It is envisaged to plant some 250 trees for the year 2023).

3. In respect of the latter, the cost of participation has been kept to the bare minimum and is grossly subsidised. Each participant above 11 years old will have to pay only Rs 400 per adult/teenager, Rs 300 for child aged between 2-11 years and infant under two years old cannot participate. The fee comprises bus fare, boat transfer, lunch and beverages.

4. Departure from pick-up points will be as follows:

(a)	Pamplemousses (Parking SSR Botanical Garden - By the motorway)	0800 hours
(b)	Port Louis (Government Centre - Near Queen Victoria Statue)	0745 hours
(c)	Réduit, University of Mauritius (Bus Stop)	0715 hours
(d)	Trianon (Near La City Trianon - Bus Stop)	0810 hours
(e)	Rose-Belle (Near Plaisance Shopping Mall - Bus Stop)	0715 hours
(f)	Curepipe (Near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM)	0745 hours
(g)	Flacq (Bus Terminal near VIP Commercial Centre)	0715 hours
(h)	Own Transport Arrangement	0900 hours

Please note that buses will leave their respective pick-up points at the time indicated above. Latecomers and participants not availing themselves of transport facilities provided by the Council will have to reach Bain de Rosnay Jetty, Goodlands on their own at latest by 0900 hours.

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5. To mark the occasion, a photography competition will be organised amongst the participants on the day of the event. While enjoying the different aspects of the hiking park, rarely seen species, butterflies among the dwarf trees as well as tall trees along the track, participants can catch memorable moments on their camera or mobile phone.

The participation form and the guidelines of the photography competition are at Annex 2 and the photographs should reach the Council on Level 12, SICOM Building II, Corner Chevreau & Reverend Jean LeBrun Streets, Port-Louis, at latest by Monday, 07 August 2023 at 1500 hours.

The three best eye catching photographs will be awarded a shield and a cash prize as follows;

- 1st Prize – Rs. 2,000
- 2nd Prize – Rs. 1,500
- 3rd Prize – Rs. 1,000

6. Programme of the day

0900 - 0930 hours	Departure from Bain de Rosnay, Goodlands Jetty for Ile d'Ambre
0930 - 1130 hours	Hiking and restoring activities (Tree Planting) on Ile d'Ambre
1230 - 1330 hours	Lunch on Ile aux Bernache
1330 - 1515 hours	Free leisure time
1515 hours	Departure for mainland from Ile aux Bernache

7. Participants are advised to be dressed appropriately for the hiking and restoring activities, on Ile d'Ambre given there will be wetlands to cross and as well to bring along sunscreen, mosquito repellent and swim suit.

8. Public Officers, wishing to participate in the hiking/and join the restoring exercise, alone or with their families, are requested to fill in the participation form (Annex 1) and submit same together with the exact amount on the scheduled date of payment. The following documents should be submitted while effecting payment.

- (i) A photocopy of a recent payslip/top part of the payslip indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Card number or any written evidence/document attesting that the applicant is a serving public officer;
- (ii) Photocopy of National Identity Card for each adults; and
- (iii) Photocopy of Birth Certificate for any participant under the age of 18 years.

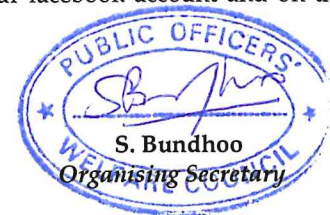
9. Payment will be received on a first come first served basis as from Monday, 22 May 2023 from 09 30 to 14 00 hours at the seat of the POWC, Level 12, SICOM Building II, Corner Chevreau & Reverend Jean LeBrun Streets, Port-Louis.

Payment can be effected by cash, card or cheque to the order of the "Public Officers' Welfare Council".

10. In case of cancellation of participation, no refund will be made.

11. The POWC reserves the right to cancel the outing in case of bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances. Participants will be refunded accordingly.

12. It would be appreciated if the contents of this circular could be brought to the attention of all public officers serving in your Ministry/Department/Division. A copy of this circular is also posted on our facebook account and on the Council's website: <http://powc.govmu.org>.



Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

Hiking/ Restoration activities on Ile d'Ambre & Lunch on Ile aux Bernache
Sunday 30 July 2023

APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Name:*Mr./Mrs./Miss.....
 (* Strike as appropriate and SURNAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Designation:.....Tel Off:.....Fax:.....

Ministry/Department:

Office Address:.....

Tel (Res):.....(Cell):..... Email Address:.....

Residential Address:

Pick - up Point (✓) tick as appropriate:			
Pamplemousses [Parking SSR Botanical Garden] (08:00)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rose Belle [Near Plaisance Shopping Mall] (07:15)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Port Louis [Government Centre – Near Queen Victoria Statue] (07:45)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Curepipe [Near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM] (07:45)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trianon [Near La City Trianon - Bus Stop] (08:10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flacq [Near Bus Terminal near VIP Commercial Centre] (07:15)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Réduit, University of Mauritius [Bus Parking] (07:15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own Transport (09:00)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Accompanied By:

S/N	Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Age	Lunch		Amount (Rs)
					Non -Veg (Briani Poulet)	Veg (Briani Légumes)	
SELF (APPLICANT)							
2							
3							
4							
5							
Total							

*Every participant will be provided with bottled water (500 ml), one soft drink (330 ml)

Note:

- (i) Photocopy of recent payslip/top part of payslip indicating the name, pay site code and NIC number or any written evidence/ document attesting that the applicant is a Public Officer in service should be produced when effecting payment.
- (ii) Photocopy of National Identity Card for each adults; and
- (iii) Photocopy of Birth Certificate for any participant under the age of 18 years.
- (iv) All safety measures for the excursion have been taken by the organisers.
- (v) Participants should be physically fit for the hiking. The hiking trail is not recommended under the age of 02 years.
- (iv) In case of cancellation no refund will be made.
- (v) Participants should abide to instructions provided on the programme of the day.
- (vi) Be assured that all information provided in the form will be kept confidential.

I and my family members confirm that we are participating in the Hiking/ Restoration activities on Ile d'Ambre and Ile aux Bernache at our own risk. I understand by signing this participation form that neither I and/or my family member cannot enter any representation, or statement, or legal action against the Public Officers' Welfare Council.

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Date

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Signature of Applicant

For office use only

Amount Paid _____

Receipt No. _____

Payment Effected **Cash:**

Cheque:

by:

Bank Card:

Cheque No:



Hiking/ Restoration activities on Ile d'Ambre & Lunch on Ile aux Bernache
Photography Competition Participation Form

Name of Participant:.....

Ministry/Department:.....

Office Address:.....

Designation:.....

Mobile Number:.....

Tel (Residential):.....

Tel Office:..... Fax No:.....

Email Address:.....

Residential Address:.....

Camera/Mobile Phone

Make:.....

Model:.....

Date:

Signature:

P.T.O

Guidelines:

- The Photography Competition is open only to Public Officers participating in the Hiking/Restoration activities on Ile d' Ambre.
- Participants should submit only 01 best eye-catching photograph taken from either a camera or a mobile phone during the Hiking/Restoration activities on Ile d' Ambre.
- The photographs should be submitted on:
 - Soft copy in jpeg format on a CD or USB Pen drive.
 - Hard copy of size 18 cm x 24 cm.
- Participants should use a pen name and it should be written on the back of the photographs and on the CD or USB Pen drive.
- Participants should submit, in a sealed envelope with the following information: name, designation, phone number and Ministry/Department/Division together with copies of the photographs, be sent to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council, Level 12, SICOM Building II, Corner Chevreau & Reverend Jean LeBrun Streets, Port-Louis, at latest by Monday, 07 August 2023 at 1500 hours.
- The winners of the competition will be notified in due course.
- The photographs submitted will become the property of the POWC which will have all rights thereon, including their publication.