



PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

Promoting the welfare of Public Officers and their families
Operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms

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Date: 3rd June 2024

From: Welfare Events Organiser, Public Officers' Welfare Council

To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

Hiking at Belle Vue Forest Trail

"The further we move away from Nature, the further we move away from our Nature too." - Sadhguru

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a hiking at Belle Vue Forest Trail on **Saturday 27th July 2024** for the benefit of Public Officers and their families.

2. Belle Vue Forest Trail is the only official natural trail in the North. This picturesque forest, with an area of more than 100 hectares, is also a tranquil place for hikers and joggers to rejuvenate themselves in nature.

Distance	3 km
Duration	1.5 to 2 hours
Type	Easy
Equipment	Hiking shoes (compulsory), caps, raincoat, mosquito repellent, & sunscreen

3. Program of the day:

09:15	Expected Arrival at Belle Vue
09:15-9:30	Participant briefing/distribution of water (500ml)
09:30 – 11:30	Hiking at Belle Vue Forest Trail
11:45	Departure from Belle Vue to Mon Choisy public beach
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at Mon Choisy public beach
13:00-15:00	Free/Leisure time for swimming or relaxation
15:00 -15:15	Expected Departure from Mon Choisy public beach

4. A nominal fee of **Rs. 350** will be charged per participant, which is inclusive of bus fare, lunch & beverage.

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

(a)	Rose-Belle (Near Plaisance Shopping Mall – Bus Stop)	07:15 hours
(b)	Curepipe (Near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM)	07:30 hours
(c)	Trianon (Near La City Trianon - Bus Stop)	07:45 hours
(d)	Réduit, University of Mauritius (Bus Stop)	07:45 hours
(e)	Port Louis (Government Centre - Near Queen Victoria Statue)	07:30 hours
(f)	Pamplemousses (Parking SSR Botanical Garden – By the motorway)	08:00 hours
(g)	Flacq (Bus Terminal near VIP Commercial Centre)	08:15 hours
(h)	Own Transport to reach Belle Vue Forest Trail	09:00 hours

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6. Please note that **time indicated above is subject to changes** as and when required by the Council **for better convenience of participants**, pick-up points will depend on the number of participants and may be subject to amendments. Participants not availing of transport facilities provided by the Council and latecomers will have to make their own transport arrangements.

7. **It is mandatory that participants be physically fit for the hiking trail. The activity is not recommended for children under 5 years.** Participants can bring along their swimsuits and enjoy their free time at Mon Choisy public beach. The Council has taken all safety measures for the excursion. However, participants will have to bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanying members of their family during the excursion.

8. Public Officers, wishing to participate in the excursion, alone or with their families, are requested to fill in the participation form (Annex II) 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 adult; and
- (iii) Photocopy of Birth Certificate or student ID for any participant under the age of 18 years.

9. Payment will be received on a **“first come first served basis”** as from **Monday, 10th June 2024 from 09 00 to 14 00 hours** at the seat of the **POWC, Level 12, SICOM Building II, Corner Chevreau & Reverend Jean Lebrun Streets, Port Louis.**

10. Payment can be effected by **card, cash or cheque** to the order of “Public Officers’ Welfare Council”. **No** refund will be considered in case of cancellation of participation.

11. A list of mandatory conditions to be followed by all participants is at Annex I.

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

13. It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made at your end for the contents of this Circular Letter to be brought to the attention of Public Officers serving in your Ministry/Department.

14. This Circular Letter is also posted on the POWC’s Facebook Page and Website.



M. D. Boyjoonauth
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Welfare Events Organiser

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations



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Annex I

Mandatory conditions for Hiking at Belle Vue Forest Trail

- 1) Participants are neither allowed to damage any flora nor interfere with any fauna.
- 2) Participants are not allowed to light any fire during their hiking session.
- 3) All participants are encouraged to carry a waste bag or use designated bins for disposal of their waste.
- 4) All participants should take adequate precautions to avoid any accident or mishap during their hiking.
- 5) Any damage done by any participant should be repaired by participant him/herself.
- 6) All participants should abide strictly by the Forests and Reserves Act No. 41 of 1983.
- 7) All participants should promptly follow the instructions of the Forest Officers.

Participation Form

Annex II

Hiking at Belle Vue Forest Trail

Name of Applicant: *Mr./Mrs./Miss

(*Delete as appropriate and surname in block letters)

Designation:

Ministry/Department:

Tel (Off): Tel (Res): Tel (Mob):

Residential Address:

Email Address:

Rose-Belle (Near Plaisance Shopping Mall – Bus Stop) 07:15 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Port Louis (Government Centre - Near Queen Victoria Statue) 07:30 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curepipe (Near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM) 07:30 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pamplemousses (Parking SSR Botanical Garden – By the motorway) 08:00 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trianon [Near La City Trianon - Bus Stop] 07:45 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flacq [Near Bus Terminal near VIP Commercial Centre] 08:15 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Réduit, University of Mauritius [Bus Parking] 07:45 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own Transport to reach Belle Vue Forest Trail 09:00 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>

Accompanied By:

S/N	Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Age	Lunch (Briyani)		Amount (Rs)
					Veg	Non-Veg	
<u>SELF (APPLICANT)</u>							
2							
3							
4							
5							
Total							

Note:

- (i) A 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 and photocopy of Birth Certificate or student ID for any participant under the age of 18 years should be produced when effecting payment.
- (ii) 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 excursion at our own risk. I/We understand by signing this participation form that neither I and/nor 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 (Rs)	<i>Receipt No.</i>	
Payment Effected by	<i>Cash:</i>	<i>Cheque No:</i>	
	<i>Card:</i>		
	<i>Cheque:</i>		