



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*

Restoration Activity/Hiking at Mare Sarcelle Trail (Bras D'Eau Nature Park)

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better" – Albert Einstein

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC), in collaboration with the National Parks and Conservation Service (NPCS), is organising a Restoration Activity/ Hiking at Mare Sarcelle Trail (Bras D'Eau National Park) on Saturday 20th August 2022 for Public Officers and their families.

2. In view of promoting environment conservation, participants will have the opportunity to plant trees along the "Mare Sarcelle Trail". This trail was inaugurated on 22nd of May 2022 to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity as proclaimed by the United Nations under the theme "Building a shared future for all life." In addition, the park consists of an important thriving population of native plants and supports with endemic species of birds amongst which figures the "Coq des Bois" and a habitat for a variety of butterflies.

Bras D'Eau National Park - Mare Sarcelle Trail description	
Distance	Distance: 7 km
Duration	Completion Time: 2 to 3 hours
Difficulty	Difficulty: Easy
Equipments	Hiking shoes (compulsory), caps, raincoat, mosquito repellent, sunscreen

Programme of the day:	
09.30	Departure from Visitors Centre, Bras D'Eau National Park for the Mare Sarcelle Trail
09.30 - 12.30	Hiking and restoration activities (Tree planting)
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch at Bras D'Eau Public Beach
13.30 - 15:15	Free time for leisure and fun games
15:15	Departure from Bras D'Eau Public Beach

3. It is mandatory that participants be physically fit for the hiking trail. The activity is not recommended for children under 05 years. Participants are informed that the trail is rocky and comprises a certain wetland system but nevertheless is easy to follow. For swimming purpose participants can bring along their swimsuits and enjoy their free time at Bras D'Eau public beach. **Kindly note that part of the Bras D'Eau public beach is proclaimed as a 'Dangerous Bathing Zone' and participants are advised not to venture within such restricted area.** The Council has taken all safety measures for the day. However, participants will have to bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanying members of their family during the excursion.

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4. A nominal fee of Rs. 250 will be charged per participant, which is inclusive of lunch. The cost of participation has been kept the base minimum and is being subsidized by the POWC. As a token of courtesy, the POWC will provide free of charge to each participant bottled water (500 ml).

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

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| (a) Rose-Belle (Near Plaisance Shopping Mall – Bus Stop) | 07:15 |
| (b) Curepipe (near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM) | 07:30 |
| (c) Trianon (Trianon La City Bus Stop) | 07:30 |
| (d) Réduit, University of Mauritius (Bus Stop) | 07:45 |
| (e) Port Louis (Government Centre – near Queen Victoria Statue) | 08:00 |
| (f) Pamplemousses (Parking – SSR Botanical Garden) | 08:15 |
| (g) Flacq (Bus Terminal near VIP Commercial Centre) | 08:30 |

N.B: Kindly note that pick-up points can be amended depending on the number of participants at each point.

6. Please note that the buses will leave their respective pick-up points exactly at the time indicated above and will leave Bras D'Eau public beach at 15:15. Participants not availing of transport facilities provided by POWC as well as latecomers will have to make their own transport arrangements.

7. Public officers interested to join the excursion are requested to fill in the enclosed form at Annex 1 and submit same together with the exact amount to the POWC on the scheduled payment date. Applicants should produce a photocopy of recent pay slip/top part of pay slip indicating the name, pay site code and NIC number or any written evidence/ document attesting that the applicant is a serving public officer.

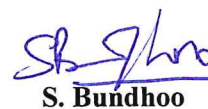
8. Payment will be received on a "first come first served basis" as from Monday 01 August 2022 as from 09:30 to 14:00 at the seat of the Public Officers' Welfare Council, Level 12, SICOM Building II, Corner Chevreau & Reverend Jean LeBrun Streets, Port-Louis.

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

10. A cancellation fee of Rs. 200 per participant will be charged in case of non-participation in the excursion. Please note that refund will only be considered in exceptional cases such as illness, death of close relative or any other acceptable reason, supported by documentary evidence.

11. The POWC reserves the right to cancel the excursion 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 letter could be brought to the attention of all the staff of your Ministry/Department. A copy of this circular letter is also posted on the POWC Website: <http://powc.govmu.org>.



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Saturday 20 August 2022

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] (08:30)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rose Belle [Near Plaisance Shopping Mall] (07:15)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Port Louis [Government Centre – Near Queen Victoria Statue] (08:00)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Curepipe [Near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM] (07:30)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trianon [Near Trianon La City Bus Stop] (07:30)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flacq [Near Bus Terminal near VIP Commercial Centre] (08:30)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Réduit, University of Mauritius [Bus Parking] (07:45)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own Transport	<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) All safety measures for the excursion have been taken by the organisers.
- (iii) Participants should be physically fit for the hiking. The hiking trail is not recommended under the age of 05 years.
- (iv) A cancellation fee of Rs. 200 per participant will be charged in case of non-participation to the excursion. Refund will be considered only in exceptional cases e.g. illness or death of close relative supported with documentary evidence.
- (v) Participants should abide to instructions provided on the programme of the day.
- (vi) Be assured that all information furnished in the form will be kept confidential.

I and my family members confirm that we are participating in the Hiking – Mare Sarcelle Trail 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: