PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

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

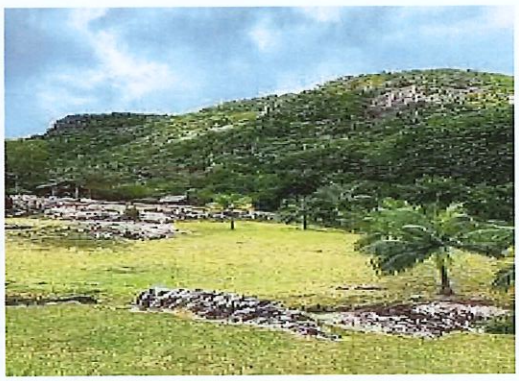
Our ref: POWC/VDO/26 **Date: 29 May 2026**

From: *Welfare Events Organiser, Public Officers' Welfare Council*
To: *Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments*

Hiking at Vallée D'Osterlog

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." – John Muir





The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a hiking trip at Vallée D'Osterlog (Cascade Tortue Loop Trail) on **Saturday 25 July 2026** for Public Officers and their families.

2. Vallée d'Osterlog is a beautiful garden located near Eau Bleu and Saint Hubert in Mauritius. It features the stunning Cascade Tortue waterfall and is one of the few biodiversity spots on the island where great efforts have been made to conserve this endemic forest.

The Cascade Tortue Loop Trail is a 1.6 km hike, and is named like this because of a huge rock below the waterfall that looks like a giant tortoise shell.

Distance	1.6 Km
Duration	1.5 to 2 hours
Difficulty	Beginner
Equipment	Hiking shoes (compulsory), caps, raincoat, mosquito repellent, & sunscreen

3. A nominal fee of **MUR 350** will be charged per participant, which is inclusive of bus fare, lunch & beverage. This activity is being partly subsidised by the Council. It is mandatory that participants be physically fit for the trail. The activity is not recommended for children under 3 years.

4. Program of the Day:

09 15	Expected arrival at Vallée D'Osterlog
0915 - 0930	Briefing and distribution of fruit and water
0930 - 1130	Hiking at Cascade Tortue Loop Trail
11 45	Departure from Vallée D'Osterlog
1230	Lunch at Blue Bay Beach
1300	Free/Leisure time for swimming or relaxation
1500	Expected Departure from Blue Bay Beach

5. Menu for lunch:

Vegetarian	➢ Vegetarian Briani ➢ Soft Drink
Non-Vegetarian	➢ Chicken Briani ➢ Soft Drink

6. Departure from pick-up point will be as follows:

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

8. Please note that time indicated above is subject to changes as and when required by the Council for better conveyance 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.

9. Participants can bring along their swimsuits and enjoy their free time at Blue Bay 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.

10. 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 for any participant under the age of 18 years.

11. Payment will be received on a "**first come first served basis**" as from **Monday, 01st June 2026** 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.

12. 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.

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

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

15. 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.

16. This Circular Letter is also posted on the POWC's Facebook Page and Website: https://powc.govmu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx.

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Welfare Events Organiser

Copy to: *Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations*

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Mandatory conditions for Vallée D'Osterlog

Annex I

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 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/Park Rangers.

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Saturday, 25 July 2026

Participation 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):.....**(Mob):**..... **Email Address:**.....

Residential Address:.....

Tick ((✓)) as appropriate your options:

Pick up Points	
Pamplemousses - *Parking - SSR Botanical Garden)* - ***0730 hours***	
Port Louis - *Government Centre - Near Queen Victoria Statue* - ***0745 hours***	
Trianon - *Trianon La City Bus Stop* - ***0730 hours***	
Flacq - *VIP shopping Centre near Bus Terminal* - ***0730 hrs***	
Curepipe - *near Municipality of Curepipe & SBM)* - ***0800 hours***	
Rose-belle - *Bustop near Plaisance Mall* - ***0800 hours***	
Own Transport - *to reach Vallée D'Osterlog at* ***0900 hours***	
*** Kindly note that all pickup points listed above is subject to change as and when required by the Council for better conveyance of participants****	

Accompanied By:

S/ N	Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Age	Lunch *		Amount (Rs)
					Non – Veg	Veg	
SELF (APPLICANT)							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
						Total	

Lunch Menu:

- Vegetarian Briani + 01 Soft drink
- Non - Vegetarian Briani (Chicken) + 01 Soft drink

Note:

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 or retired Public Officer, photocopy of NIC for each adult and photocopy of Birth Certificate for any participant under the age of 18 years old to be produced when effecting payment.

ii) Participants will have to bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanied members of their family during the excursion.

iii) Participants should abide to instructions.

iv) 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 at Vallée D'Osterlog and Blue Bay Public Beach on **Saturday, 25 July 2026** at our own risk. I 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 Signature of Applicant

For office use only

Amount Paid _____ *Receipt No.* _____

Payment Effected by: ***Cash:*** *Cheque:*

Bank Card: *Cheque No:*