

KENALI SUNGAI DI SELANGOR DESTINASI RIADAH HUTAN LIPUR SUNGAI KEDONDONG

SALAH satu lokasi pilihan terbaik bagi yang gemarkan suasana berkumpul bersama keluarga menikmati air sungai yang sejuk ialah Hutan Lipur Sungai Kedondong yang terletak di Batang Kali, Hulu Selangor. Destinasi popular ini sudah lama menjadi tumpuan penduduk tempatan dan kawasan sekitarnya, termasuk dari Pahang, untuk bersantai bersama keluarga bukan sahaja pada hujung minggu, tetapi juga cuti umum dan cuti musim perayaan.

Tidak sukar untuk ke pusat perkemahan ini biarpun lokasinya terletak kira-kira 60 kilometer dari Kuala Lumpur. Terletak di laluan utama Jalan Genting Highlands ke Batang Kali menyebabkan destinasi ini cukup mudah untuk dikunjungi sepanjang masa.

Untuk sampai ke sana, ada banyak pilihan laluan yang hanya mengambil masa kira-kira satu jam 15 minit iaitu sama ada memilih untuk menggunakan jalan lama Batu Caves- Hulu Yam, Rawang-Batang Kali atau melalui Lebuhraya Karak-Genting Highlands.

Istimewanya sepanjang perjalanan ke sana, suasana keindahan serta kehijauan kawasan hutan dan bukit bukau seolah-olah sudah membayangkan lokasi yang bakal dituju. Ini kerana sepanjang laluan, pengunjung disajikan dengan panorama alam semula jadi yang cukup indah termasuk tasik di sebelah kiri jalan dan sungai yang jernih di bahagian kanan jalan raya.

Apa yang penting, kebersihan sungai harus dipelihara. Segala sampah sarap perlu dibuang ke dalam tong-tong sampah yang telah disediakan. Jika bukan kita yang memelihara kebersihan sungai, siapa lagi.

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25 FACTS ABOUT WATER SHOCKING FACTS ABOUT WATER POLLUTION

1. Water pollution kills around 10,000 people around the world every day - that's 3.6 million people every year.
2. Every eight seconds, a child under the age of five dies from diseases related to contaminated water.
3. 80 percent of **ocean pollution** comes from land-based sources - oil, pesticides, septic tanks, dirt, discharge of nutrients, untreated sewage, run-off, farms, motor vehicles, ranches, etc.
4. 40 percent of China's water bodies are polluted, and roughly 700 million Chinese citizens drink contaminated water on a regular basis.
5. Oil is more harmful to the ocean's ecosystem than waste and trash.
6. For every one million tons of oil that are shipped, one ton is spilled into the waterways;
7. 1.3 million gallons of oil is spilled into the ocean every year.
8. Only 12 percent of oil that is leaked into the ocean is the result of spills - the rest comes from land.
9. Lake Karachay, in Russia, is considered the most contaminated and polluted lake on the planet;
10. 40 percent of all lakes and rivers in the United States are too polluted for fishing and swimming;
11. 85 percent of Bangladesh's groundwater is contaminated with arsenic;
12. 80 percent of urban sewage discharged into the Mediterranean Sea is untreated;
13. Planet Earth has now around 500 "dead zones," the equivalent to the territory of the United Kingdom;
14. The most common element found in the world's oceans is plastic, but there are also fishing gear and nets, and cigarette butts;
15. There are more microplastics in our oceans than stars in the Milky Way;
16. 46 percent of plastics produced in the planet float;
17. 80 percent of all trash floating in the oceans is made of plastic, i.e., around 46,000 pieces per square mile.
18. 10 percent of the plastic we use in our daily lives - the equivalent to 700 billion plastic bottles - ends up in the oceans.
19. 40,000 tons of plastics are currently floating on the oceans' surface.
20. Most of the ocean plastic waste can be found in the five subtropical gyres - Indian Ocean, North Atlantic Ocean, South Atlantic Ocean, North Pacific Ocean and South Pacific Ocean.
21. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a continent made from plastic trash, is thought to be 386,000 square miles, i.e., an area bigger than Texas.
22. Los Angeles dumps 22,000 pounds of soda bottles, grocery bags, and plastic straws into the Pacific Ocean every day.
23. In North America's Lake Erie, 85 percent of the plastic particles are smaller than two-tenths of an inch.
24. 50 percent of all sea turtles, 44 percent of all seabirds, 22 percent of all cetaceans, and a long list of fish species have already eaten plastics.
25. Plastics and water pollution kill more than a million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals every year.

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