

Rules & Regulations

The Reserve is a wonderful place. Please observe the rules and regulations. They are in place for your own safety as well as the safety and well-being of the reserve and its residents.

- Do not take repellants into the reserve as they are a health hazard to the animals should they get hold of them.
- Do not damage or remove any animal or plant life. The reserve is a protected area, as are the plants and animals within it.
- Do not enter restricted areas and do not approach, touch or feed any of the animals. This can spread disease from you to them, and from them to you. It also delays rehabilitation and can be dangerous.
- Please take precautions with your bags and valuables – you don't want your items stolen or broken by cheeky orangutans or inquisitive macaques!
- Please keep noise to a minimum. The orangutans are very shy and will not come to the platform if there is too much noise.

Remember:

Please wear comfortable clothes and flat close-toed shoes; the walkway to the viewing platform is often very slippery.



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Come Visit Us

Centre Open Daily:

9 am – 12 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm
9 am – 11 am & 2 pm – 4 pm (Friday)

Please arrive 30 minutes before feeding time.

Orangutan Feeding Daily at 10 am & 3 pm

Video Showings Daily at 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:10 pm & 3:30 pm

PRICING (Malaysian/Non-Malaysian):

Adult Entrance Ticket (RM 5 / RM 30)

Child Entrance Ticket (RM 2 / RM 15)

* ticket is valid for date of purchase only

Cameras and Video Cameras RM 10

Getting to the Centre:

The centre is on the east coast of Sabah, 23 km from Sandakan and 11 km from the airport.

By Air: Frequent flights go from Kota Kinabalu, taking 45 minutes. The centre is a taxi ride away. Please purchase a taxi coupon before you depart.
By Bus: 5 hours from KK, stopping at junction 'Jalan Sepilok', a 2.5km walk from the centre. Sepilok can be reached from Sandakan town by public bus (Batu 14) from the bus terminal in front of the 'Nak Hotel' and ends its route at the Centre.

Accommodation is available near the centre for those wishing to stay overnight.



SEPILOK ORANGUTAN REHABILITATION CENTRE

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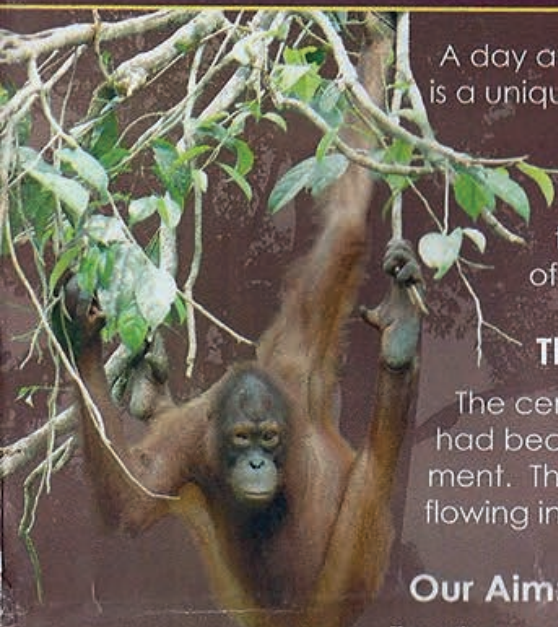


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ORANGUTAN REHABILITATION CENTRE



Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center



A day at Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre (S.O.R.C.) is a unique, rewarding and enriching experience with many things to do. As well as seeing the 'men of the forest', there are nature trails to explore and nocturnal walks to see the wildlife, flora and fauna of the area.

The History of S.O.R.C.:

The centre was conceived in 1961 and by 1964 had become reality, funded by the Sabah Government. The reserve is named after the two rivers flowing into the Sandakan Bay.

Our Aim:

To return orphaned, injured or displaced orangutans back to the wild. Many orphans have successfully undergone the process of rehabilitation and have been released into the 4,294 hectare Kabili-Sepilok Forest, a virgin jungle reserve rich in tropical rainforest and mangrove swamp.

Rehabilitation of Orangutans:

The rehabilitation process starts as soon as the orangutan is admitted to the centre with a thorough health examination, followed by a quarantine period to eliminate diseases being transmitted.

Young orangutans spend time in the 'Nursery' learning skills essential to jungle life such as the ability to find food, build nests and even climb, skills they would learn off their mother. Once ready they move to the 'Outdoor Nursery' where their freedom is increased and their dependence on food and emotional support is decreased. Visitors can witness part of the process by visiting 'Platform A' where the natural forest diet of the orangutan is supplemented with milk and fruit.

Eventually, most animals achieve total independence and become integrated into the Sepilok wild orangutan population.

Nature Trails

As well as the feeding of the orangutans which takes place twice a day, there are various nature trails and walks within the reserve; from tropical highland rainforest, to lowland mangrove swamps where you can see a multitude of wildlife including wild orangutans and the opportunity to see nocturnal animals on the night walk which brings out some very different and curious creatures.

Walks vary from 250 m to 5 km. More information is available upon arrival or by emailing or phoning the S.O.R.C. reception.

