



MASUNGI
— GEORESERVE —

YOUNG EXPLORERS PROGRAM

”IMMERSE IN A HANDS-ON EDUCATIONAL
JOURNEY TO CONSERVATION AND
SUSTAINABILITY.”

In an era where students are often glued to their phones and laptops in search of knowledge, our Young Explorers Program was crafted to seamlessly transition them from the digital realm to the wonders of nature. By guiding them through a personal journey, we aim to nurture not just knowledge seekers but passionate conservation advocates.

This program encourages collaborative partnerships with schools to champion sustainability and foster a sense of environmental stewardship. By creating a comfortable and engaging outdoor environment, we strive to supplement classroom learning by sparking curiosity in young minds.

Our mission is to instill a deep love and care for the Philippines' natural resources through experiential outdoor learning. Through this, we hope that students can equip themselves with the necessary skills and values to understand their role in building a nation that coexists harmoniously with nature.

Billie Dumaliang
Managing Trustee
Masungi Georeserve Foundation



MASUNGI GEORESERVE & THE MASUNGI GEOPARK PROJECT

It took nearly three decades and a supportive community to transform our beloved Masungi Georeserve into what it is today - an internationally renowned conservation and geotourism initiative, with its humble origins and an inspiring tale of determination.

Our journey began in 1996 when our engineering organization, Blue Star Development Corporation, recognized the ecological importance of the project site. Despite others viewing it as a source of construction materials and as land to sell & maximise for development, we started genuine restoration efforts instead, combating illegal logging and land speculation, using our expertise in engineering and development work.

To safeguard this cherished place from encroaching urbanization, we opened monitoring trails to the public in 2015, introducing the Masungi Georeserve and opening the Masungi Georeserve Foundation to raise awareness and help sustainably finance expensive operations. Our wish is that people can create a relationship with the place and understand why it is worth saving the same way we had.

In 2017, inspired and as invited by Secretary Gina Lopez of the DENR, we accepted the challenge to restore some 2,700 hectares of land around our project site, at no cost to government, through savings raised through the years. This proved critical to downstream areas including Metro Manila which relied on the Upper Marikina Watershed for water, siltation control, and flood control especially during typhoon season. . The Masungi Geopark Project was then born, expanding our protection efforts to critical watersheds & reforesting nearby mountains.

In the heart of these endeavors lies a profound message: we have the power to heal our Earth, one tree, one step, and one partnership at a time.



| MASUNGI GEORESERVE FOR SCHOOLS

CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

We showcase globally-recognized and real-world examples of conservation efforts, including limestone protection, reforestation, and the preservation of biodiversity. Our educational materials and efforts are guided by research by the country's leading naturalists and geologists and supported by the National Geographic Society and leading international conservation organizations. Masungi serves as a living laboratory where students can observe the positive impacts of these conservation measures on ecosystems and wildlife. Students can also learn about the challenges, such as land speculations and habitat degradation, and how restoration practices are applied to address them.

RECREATION AND TOURISM

We offer hands-on experiences in outdoor recreational activities within a natural environment. Masungi demonstrates the economic and cultural significance of tourism, as well as the importance of sustainable practices to balance visitor interests with conservation efforts. Students can learn how tourism infrastructure, economic impacts, and the cultural heritage of the forest can all be integrated to create educational and memorable tourism experiences.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We demonstrate how human activities can coexist with nature without causing harm to the environment. Masungi can showcase eco-friendly infrastructure design and minimal ecological disruption. This model encourages students to understand the importance of sustainable practices in development, such as energy-efficient buildings, responsible waste management, and reduced environmental impact, contributing to a more sustainable and harmonious future.







| EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

YOUNG EXPLORERS DISCOVERY TRAIL

PHP 1,000 per student on weekdays*

PHP 1,200 per student on weekends*

In this experience, students course through select portions of the popular Discovery Trail. In this experience, students take a leisurely walk through a trail lined with stone steps across a secondary forest, a cave, a limestone peak and bamboo groves to learn about the history of Masungi, our efforts to conserve nature, and our sustainable tourism and development practices.

Features

- 1.5 to 2.5 hours of guided nature walk with a local Park Ranger
- Use of clean and fully sanitized helmet and amenities
- Access to ladies and men's restroom and water refilling station
- Access to rope courses, caves, rock peaks, and viewing decks with alternative routes
- Complimentary light snack at Liwasan with a choice of spread: Chicken Inato, Ensalada, or Tuna with Kamote Pesto
- Activity materials for all levels (upon request)

**Limited Offer: For every ten (10) students, one (1) teacher/student/supervisor/parent/any adult companion's conservation fee will be sponsored by the Project Manager of Masungi Georeserve.*



| EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

DISCOVERY TRAIL

PHP 1,500 per student on weekdays*

PHP 1,800 per student on weekends*

Alternatively, young explorers can also choose to do the full Discovery Trail and embark on an exciting journey as your team spends time with a restored secondary forest and ancient limestone formations that date back 60 million years. Navigate through a sequence of rope courses as you traverse the trail and learn more about the karst ecosystem and build a relationship with the place. This exhilarating immersion in nature is open to individuals aged 13 and above.

Features:

- 3 to 4 hours of guided nature walk with a local Park Ranger
- Use of clean and fully sanitized helmet and amenities
- Access to ladies and men's restroom and water refilling station
- Access to rope courses, caves, rock peaks, and viewing decks with alternative routes
- Complimentary light snack at Liwasan with a choice of spreads: Chicken Inato, Ensalada, or Tuna with Kamote Pesto
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EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

LEGACY TRAIL

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PHP 1,800 per student on weekends*

The Legacy Trail immerses young explorers into hands-on Comprehensive Forest Restoration work with our forest rangers. The experience involves hiking through a deforested mountain, branch pruning, weeding, mulching, compost circle building, and tree planting/nurturing (depending on the season). Then, enjoying minalot meals made by the community, and resting on the floating huts with the view of our last pine stands in the area.

Features

- 4 to 6 hours (including fiesta and siesta time) of guided nature walk with a local Park Ranger
- Educational demo of tree nurturing or planting activity
- Tree nurturing/ planting activity with use of materials and tools, depending on the season
- Access to rest areas: Amihan Floating Huts
- Access to ladies and Men's restroom and water refilling station
- Complimentary community-prepared Minalot lunch with the following choices: Grilled Chicken, Tofu Steak with Stir Fried Rice (Vegetarian), and Fish Fillet in Coconut Cream Sauce (Pescatarian)
- Activity materials for all levels (upon request)

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AMIHAN FLOATING HUTS



| EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

GARDEN PICNIC EXPERIENCE

PHP 1,500 per student*

Enjoy a tranquil Garden Picnic at Masungi's lower park, where students can relax in a rustic garden setting. The experience includes a 20-minute nature stroll, a dedicated picnic area for your group to unwind throughout the day, and a tea tasting session with native plants. Guided activities during the picnic last 40 minutes, allowing you to savor the surroundings at your leisure.

Features:

- 20 minutes guided nature walk with a local Park Ranger
- Designated picnic area for your group where you may stay at your leisure
- Sandwich Platter with Root Crop Chips and Bagoong Aioli (choice of: Chicken Dill, Grilled Vegetables, or Beer-Battered Fish)
- Seasonal Fruit and Rootcrop Popsicles
- Tea Tasting Experience
- Picnic Guidebook
- Access to Ladies and Men's Restroom and Water refilling station
- Access to mini rope courses, rock peaks, playground, and mini floating hut
- Activity materials for all levels (upon request)

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DISCOVERY TRAIL

RULES & REGULATIONS

Our conservation policies revolve around the idea that the georeserve is meant as a sanctuary and home for animal and plant life in the Philippines. Appropriately, as visitors, we must treat the area with respect and conscientiousness.

1. Georeserve access are for private groups, and advance request must be done.
2. Absolutely no littering of any kind allowed.
3. Park is no-smoking zone to prevent air and health pollution.
4. Noise is not permitted as these may post strain on the area's wildlife.
5. Avoid interacting with wildlife or picking flowers, rocks, and other specimens.
6. Omit personal tipping. This maintains conservation focus and guest experience consistency.
7. Always listen and follow the safety instructions that will be shared by park rangers.

The management has the responsibility, and reserves the right to deny access and impose penalties for failure of compliance to the policies above. Please take note that a penalty of **PHP 3,000.00** applies for first non-compliance to littering, smoking, and picking/collection of animals, plants, and rocks policies.

| REACH US AND PARTICIPATE

Providing us with the following details will allow us to customize an activity proposal for your party. Please reach our **Events and Partnerships Officer** at learn@masungigeoreserve.com, or call us at **+639088887002**.

- Name of School/Organization
- Name of Lead Contact and Position
- Lead Contact Number
- Preferred Experience/s
- Preferred Date of Visit
- Number of Guests
- Other special requests or concerns

Our Geotourism Officer will send you an approval email along with the program proposal for your chosen school program. Kindly follow the instructions indicated in the proposal to proceed.

Please note that conservation fees and information disclosed here in this material are subject to change without prior notice.



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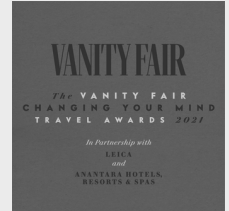
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