



Dear Guests,

Thank you for your interest in our beloved georeserve!

Masungi Georeserve is an award-winning conservation project dedicated to conserving the Masungi landscape in Baras, Rizal. For over twenty years, we have been protecting the area threatened by a myriad of challenges such as illegal logging, quarrying, land abuse, and corruption, among others. Your patronage and visits will enable and empower us to continue our efforts to #SaveMasungi from these threats and restore the surrounding landscape.

Please bear in mind that the area is first and foremost a conservation project. As such, all individuals, including guests, are expected to move inside responsibly and conscientiously.

Safety and security are also equally important. To help with these, kindly review the following rules, regulations, risks, and waivers.

Thank you for your usual thoughtfulness & cooperation!

Sincerely,
The Masungi Georeserve Team

Guest Details

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| Date of Visit: | | Time of Visit: | |
| Experience: | | | |

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| Lead Guest Full Name: | | | |
| Age: | | Sex: | |
| Address: | | | |
| Contact Number: | | | |

Masungi Georeserve Visit Agreement: Background, Policies, Terms, and Conditions

VISIT PREREQUISITES AND GEORESERVE POLICIES

APPROVED REQUESTS FOR VISIT:

The georeserve experiences are designed for end-use, private groups only.* I certify that my visit was requested for & arranged ahead of time directly with the georeserve by myself and my colleagues. My visit is not commercially organised and bought through an unaccredited agency, organiser, or van rental group. I understand that non-compliance, misrepresentation and fraud, merits automatic forfeiture of my visit at any point in time or the visit. No refunds to my deposits shall be made by Masungi Georeserve.

AIDS AND COMPANIONS*

I understand that guests are responsible and accountable for the group's help, aides, and companions. Park rules inside the georeserve, as outlined on this page, are expected to be respected throughout, including the parking space and the road fronting the fence and gate.

AGE*

I am of the minimum age required to enter the Discovery Trail (13) or Legacy Trail (10) area. While all ages are allowed in the Garden Picnic experience, children below 13 years of age and groups above 65 years of age may require special safety, health, and physical preparations and attention.

PATHWAYS*

I understand that while the walkways in the garden picnic are paved and less challenging than the trails, it still involves outdoor areas in nature with mosses on pathways, critters, and bugs. I understand that these may be slippery when wet.

CLOTHING*

I will come in comfortable clothing & closed, non-slip athletic footwear appropriate for trail hikes and nature walks.

FOOD*

I understand that meals are not allowed to be brought inside, and sandwich platters prepared are only served after the 20 minute stroll through the area. I will bring a jug, preferably able to fit a liter, for use through the stroll and garden picnic. These may be refilled at the starting point of the picnic experience.

HEALTH*

I am in good health to participate (should you be pregnant, recovering from surgery, have heart, back/ neck/joint problems, or an existing condition that may get aggravated, kindly inform us).

ROUTE & DIRECTIONS*

The most reliable route from Metro Manila is through Marcos Highway passing through Masinag and Boso-boso. The Discovery Trail is located at Kilometer 47, the Legacy Trail is located at Kilometer 46 while the seasonal Picnic Experience is located at Kilometer 45.

LOCATION & ENTRANCE SIGNAGE*

There is no grand marker for the georeserve. The entrance is only a signage with its logo. For convenience, more comprehensive instructions are included in the confirmation e-mail.

RESTROOMS*

The restrooms are located in the Silungan area (Discovery Trail), Batis area (Legacy Trail) or Events Hall (Garden Picnic Experience) where the orientations are held. From the parking lot, this is a few minutes walk depending on the pace and stamina of the walk. There are no shower rooms in the area.

WEATHER AND UNEXPECTED OCCURRENCES*

I understand that the trail is a rain or shine activity. However, I understand that cancellations due to severe weather conditions and other concerns may be made by Masungi Georeserve to ensure safety. Similarly, trail paths may be diverted for critical concerns which may lead to inability to visit certain stops.

I understand that my party and I will be accompanied and/or supervised by a park ranger at all times through the experience.*

I will not litter inside the georeserve. I understand that all items brought inside - small or large, biodegradable or non-biodegradable, must also be brought home.*

I will honor the georeserve's no-smoking policy. I understand that cigarettes, cigars, and alternatives for these are prohibited within the whole area including the parking lot and the roadside/road fronting the fence/gate.*

I will not create boisterous noise of any sort and will be conscientious in my movement inside. I understand that these can strain the area's wildlife and disrupt other guests.*

I will not feed or touch the animals should we be fortunate to encounter wildlife. This may include monitor lizards, snakes, civet cats, cloud rats, and monkeys, among others. Likewise, I understand that picking up of flowers, rocks, and other specimens is prohibited.*

I will stay on the trail and not walk beyond the designated steps and areas. I understand that this may harm myself and the flora, as well as affect the cleanliness and safety of the trail if not complied with.*

I will ensure that all loose objects such as cameras, sunglasses, etc. are secured and will not fall off. I understand that management will not be liable for the retrieval of dropped and lost items.*

I will omit personal tipping. I understand the role this plays in ensuring the non-interference of visits to priority conservation work and encourages consistency in experience among guest visits. Should I feel an absolute, unavoidable need to tip, I will request for the shared bucket which ensures equitable distribution among all staff doing protection, maintenance, and guiding.*

[Management reserves the right to deny access to the area, impose penalties, and seek legal remedies for failure of compliance with the information stated herein.]

[A penalty of PHP 3,000.00 automatically applies for the first non-compliance to littering, bringing of cigarettes/e-cigarettes and/or smoking, and picking/collection of animals, plants, and rocks policies.]

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Proceeding indicates that you understand the risks associated with this picnic experience and that by your participation, you are exposing yourself to risks including, but not limited to, those identified for your reference below:*

- Rock terrain, which has dangers, obstacles and hazards including: Falls on, from, or onto steep, slippery, and/or uneven terrain resulting into contact with rocks, trees, obstructions, structures, and other participants;
- Falling rocks, rock tool chips produced during rock splitting; and
- Exposure to sinkholes, and locations of heights
- Exposure to extreme weather conditions such as rain, and the effects of heat and strong sunlight
- Exposure to floral and faunal wildlife
- Exposure to optional rope courses which has dangers and obstacles, inherent in its nature

I, the undersigned, being 18 years old or older, in consideration of participating in the Masungi Georeserve Discovery Trail/Legacy Trail/Garden Picnic, hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

In consideration for receiving permission to undergo the Discovery Trail/Legacy Trail/Garden Picnic Experience (herein referred to as the "ACTIVITY"), which is sponsored by the Masungi Georeserve (herein referred to as "SPONSOR"), I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS for any and all purposes the SPONSOR, their respective officers, servants, agents, volunteers, contractors, affiliates or employees (herein collectively referred to as "RELEASEES") from and against any and all liabilities, responsibilities, claims, demands, causes of action or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or others, in any way arising out of or as a result of my participation in such ACTIVITY, or while on the premises owned or leased by RELEASEES or wherever else the Masungi Georeserve, shall deliver the program, including without limitation those acts or omissions which are negligent. Nothing in this form shall be deemed to affect the rights, privileges and immunities afforded the Masungi Georeserve. I acknowledge the ACTIVITY involves physical movement and walking, I know of no medical reason why I should not participate.*

I am fully aware that there are inherent risks involved with ACTIVITY, including but not limited to possible physical injury ranging from a. minor (i.e. scratches, bruises, sprains, animal bites) b. major (i.e. joint or back injuries, concussions, heart attacks) and catastrophic (i.e. paralysis, loss of life) and I choose to voluntarily participate in said ACTIVITY with full knowledge that said ACTIVITY may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me as a result of participating in said ACTIVITY, whether supervised or unsupervised. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the RELEASEES for any loss, liability, judgment, settlement, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees for both the trial and appellate levels that may occur as a result of my participation in said ACTIVITY.*

The ACTIVITY may include, but is not limited to, cooperative warm-ups, walking, and other rigorous physical activity. The Masungi Georeserve Discovery Trail/Legacy Trail/Garden Picnic experiences are designed to be safe, with each activity being explained by staff and safety systems being used whenever and wherever appropriate. However, there are risks to the ACTIVITY. The risks include, but are not limited to, loss or damage to personal property, injury or fatality due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, insect or animal bites, falling objects, or suffering any type of accident or illness on the activity site or while travelling to the activity site. I HAVE A PERSONAL DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO LEARN AND FOLLOW THE SAFETY STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY MY FACILITATORS AND WILL MAKE THEM AWARE AT ANY POINT DURING THE ACTIVITY IN WHICH I QUESTION MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND PROCEDURES OR MY ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE. I will have choices regarding my participation in the ACTIVITY and I will not be required to participate against my wishes. Some of the pathways will have sections covered in mosses, vines, plants, rocks and with the presence of wildlife. I understand that I will be encouraged to participate as part of the group, and I also understand that I can withdraw from any activity at any time without penalty or repercussions of any nature.*

I understand that RELEASEES do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this ACTIVITY or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage.*

I hereby certify that I am at least 18 years of age and am legally competent to sign this release form. If I am under the age of 18, I have had a legal parent/ guardian sign this agreement, along with myself. It is my express intent that this release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines. I

