

Dive into the wilderness

The magic of the jungle has something to offer to everyone.

Whether you are an experienced hiker, a wildlife enthusiast, or just someone looking to get away for a couple hours, Billy Barquedier National Park has something to offer everyone. Day-trippers looking to cool off can take a dip in the Billy Barquedier Falls after a short hike (15-20 minutes). Those seeking a more rigorous experience can trek through the jungle either as a day trip or an overnight stay with primitive camping. The area is a fantastic location for any nature enthusiast, with an abundance of diverse flora and fauna unlike anywhere else in the world.



Come discover a world untouched.

Billy Barquedier National Park entrances are easily accessible from the Hummingbird Highway between miles 19 and 16. Rigorous hiking and camping activities lead by a licensed guide can be found at mile 16.5. A short trip to Billy Barquedier National Park falls begins at the waterfall entrance at mile 17. For more information, or to schedule a guided tour of the park, please **CONTACT** us at:

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Experience the beauty of the rainforest.

Nestled among the mountains of Belize flows a creek of the purest water, tumbling over granite boulders set in fine sand. This creek and the surrounding 1,500 acres are the protected areas of Billy Barquedier National Park, which extends from the Stann Creek Valley Road and Billy Barquedier Waterfalls over the mountains to the Mullins River, approximately 4 miles away. The park was created to protect not only the creek, which serves as a watershed for the people of Steadfast Village, but also the amazing biodiversity of the area.

Billy Barquedier National Park is home to many different species of animals, including Belize's national mammal, the tapir. On a quiet hike through the jungle, one may come across a tapir trail, gibnuts, howler monkeys, or even a jaguar. This area is a haven for birdwatchers as well. With a plethora of native species, the jungle is one of the best places to come observe wildlife in their natural habitat.

Even more of an attraction than its collection of native species is the breathtaking scenery of Billy Barquedier. Mountains covered in lush foliage tower over the lowlands, lending a pleasant shade to the hiking trails. The trails wind through these mountains, periodically crossing the pristine creek that provides drinking water to the village. Even a few hours in the jungle can instill a sense of wonder, but spending an entire day or two in the park will leave you in awe of nature's overwhelming beauty.

Q&A

How rigorous is the terrain in the park?

Trails in Billy Barquedier are well maintained, but very steep and sometimes slippery. Some hiking experience is recommended.

What should I bring to the waterfall?

Visitors should be sure to bring sturdy shoes that they do not mind getting wet along with a towel if they are planning on taking a dip in the waterfall pool.

How much is the park entrance fee?

The general park entrance fee (including waterfall access) is \$4 US. Jungle camping at the 16.5mile entrance is \$20 US per night. Guides and tours are available for an extra fee.

How can I help conserve Billy Barquedier?

By becoming a member of STACA (Steadfast Tourism and Conservation Association) you will be helping conserve areas like Billy Barquedier for future generations as well as enjoying free entry to park areas.