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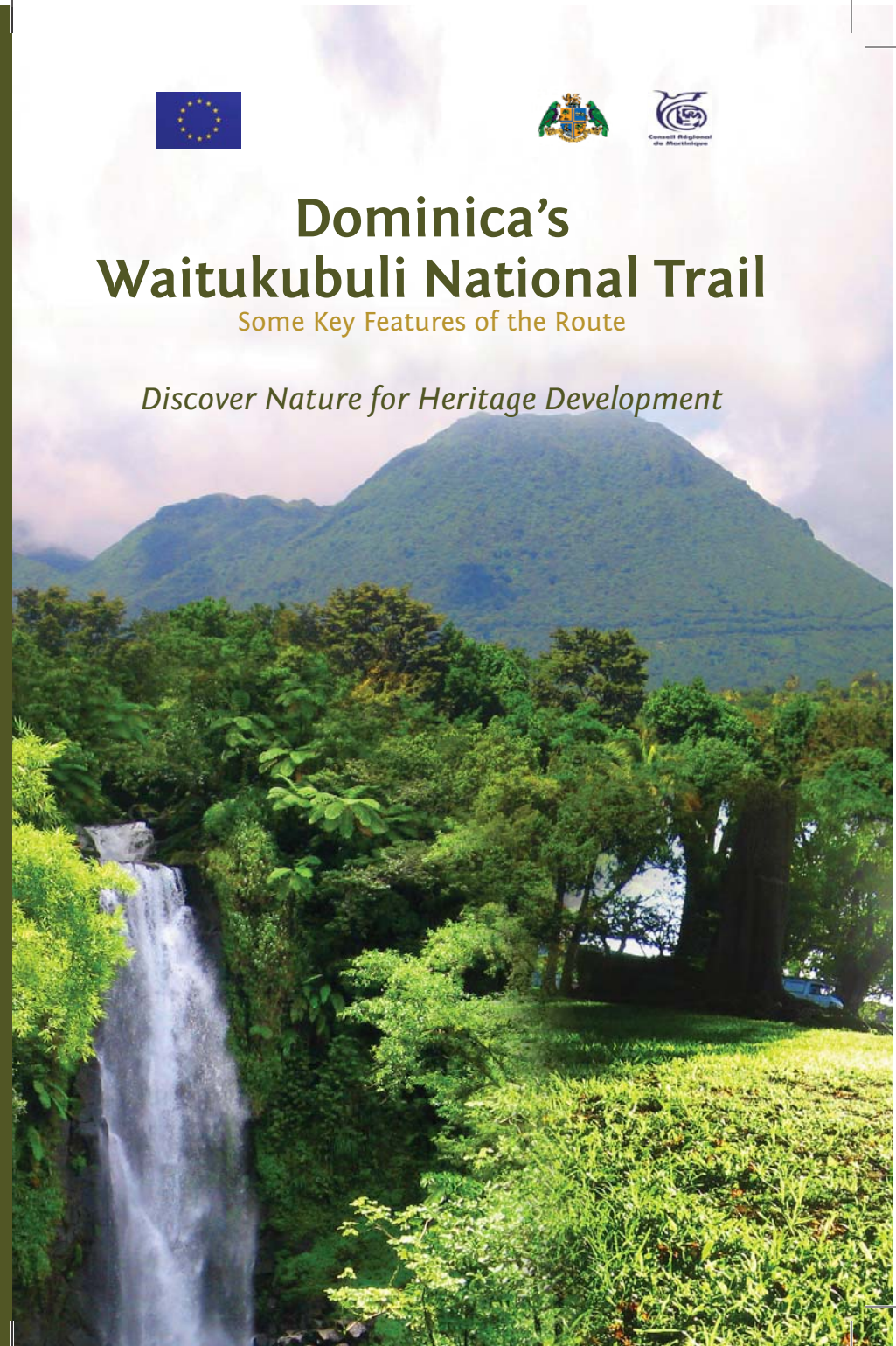
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Dominica's Waitukubuli National Trail

Some Key Features of the Route

Discover Nature for Heritage Development





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Capuchin to Cabrits



Cabrits Twin Peaks



Canna Heritage Park

This trail is a coastal trail which begins and ends within a historical setting from the Canna Heritage Park to the Cabrits Fort Shirley.

Distance (km): 10.8

Estimated walking time (hrs): 5

Type of Hike: moderate hike

Areas of interest:

Connor (Canna) Heritage Park

Stony beach

View of Les Saintes and Guadeloupe

Traditional fishing boats & related activities.

Old church

Rhino Horn

Villages of Clifton, Toucari & Cottage Cliffs

Cabrits National Park & Swamp area

Latanier palms

Bay oil production

Belle Hall Beach

Segment 14 Capuchin to Cabrits National Park



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View of Portsmouth Town and Cabrits from Point on Segment



Tafia Falls

Segment 13 Penville to Capuchin

Penville to Capuchin

This trail offers natural attractions, viewpoints, lush landscapes and historical features.

Distance (km): 8

Estimated walking time (hrs): 3.5

Type of hike: moderate hike

Areas of interest:

View of Marie Galante, The Saints and Guadeloupe

Penville Village

Waterfalls

Hillside farming

Littoral woodlands and Forest Hillside Gardening

Lost Grand Fond Village

Cold Soufriere Springs (optional)

Background Information

The **Waitukubuli National Trail (WNT)** is being developed through a project of the **Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica** implemented in partnership with the **Regional Council of Martinique** and funded by the **European Union**.

The WNT is expected to be a major tourist product in Dominica with linkages to *Health Tourism, Community Tourism, Culture Tourism and Agro-Tourism*. The WNT will meet international standards with required facilities and proper operational guidelines.

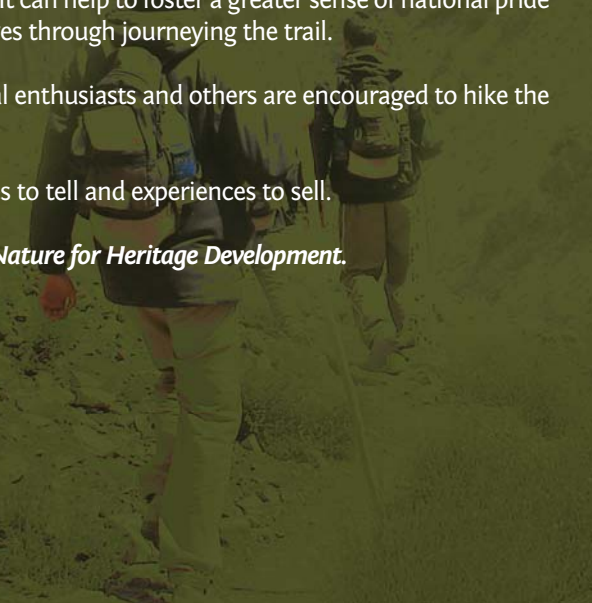
The trail has the potential to expand Dominica's tourist market and significantly contribute to the rural economy. This development initiative also promotes environmental conservation, historical and cultural preservation and sustainable development at all levels.

In addition walking the trail can deepen citizens and visitors appreciation for Dominica as the Nature Isle. It can help to foster a greater sense of national pride as citizens discover themselves through journeying the trail.

Nature lovers, hikers, cultural enthusiasts and others are encouraged to hike the WNT.

For each trail there are stories to tell and experiences to sell.

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Characteristics of the Waitukubuli National Trail

1. Length: Approximately 184km/115 miles and divided into 14 discontinued segments of varying lengths
2. Begins/ends: Soufriere in the South and Cabrits in the North; traverses the entire island
3. Entry and Exit Points of trail segments are mainly within/near rural communities
4. Degree of difficulty: Trail segments vary in levels of difficulty, some easy family hikes, others moderate and a few longer and more challenging
5. Average Walking Time: Hikers may take as little as 2 to 4 hours to walk the shorter trail segments, the longer more difficult trail may take adventurers as much as 8 to 10 hours; average time for entire trail is 2 to 2.5 weeks
6. Physical makeup of Trail Segments: Trail segments vary in type of topography, forest coverage, and natural attractions. Most trails are forest trails with one or two coastal trails
7. A Heritage Trail: WNT features Dominica's natural and cultural heritage; passes through UNESCO World Heritage Site, National parks and forest reserves, historical sites, old routes, Carib/Kalinago paths first cut by indigenous people. It showcases natural attraction sites, look out points and beautiful sceneries

The Waitukubuli National Trail is a unique product that validates the Nature Isle.



View of Top of Morne Diablotin

Segment 12 Borne to Penville

Borne to Penville

Walking this trail, one encounters exhilarating views and beautiful landscapes in a pristine environment

Distance (km): 9.5

Estimated walking time (hrs): 7

Type of hike: difficult & long hike

Areas of interest:

View of Portsmouth and the Cabrits

Morne Aux Diaboles

Moore Park Village

Caribbean Sea & Atlantic Ocean

Vieille Case Village

En Bas

Pirates of the Caribbean location

Old Catholic Church

Littoral woodlands

View of top of Morne Diablotin



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Dubam Falls in Syndicate

Segment 11 Syndicate to Borne

Syndicate to Borne

This lengthy trail takes you through the Morne Diablotin National Park and the most popular spot on island for bird watching.

Distance (km): 10

Estimated Walking time (hrs): 7

Type of hike:

Hard hike/long hike suited to nature lovers

Areas of interest

“Dubam” Falls

Parrot Reserve

Morne Diablotin National Park

Syndicate Nature Trail & Facility

View of French islands

Rain forest

Wild pig holes

View of Moore Park Village

Clump of biggest Bois Rouge on island



14 Segments

Fourteen Segments

1. Scotts Head to Soufriere Estate
2. Soufriere Estate to Bellevue Chopin
3. Bellevue Chopin to Wotten Waven
4. Wotten Waven to Pont Casse
5. Pont Casse to Castle Bruce
6. Castle Bruce to Hatten Garden
7. Hatten Garden to First Camp
8. First Camp to Petite Macoucherie
9. Petite Macoucherie to Colihaut Heights
10. Colihaut Heights to Syndicate
11. Syndicate to Borne
12. Borne to Penville (Delaforde)
13. Penville to Capuchin
14. Capuchin to Cabrits National Parks



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Segment 1 Scotts Head to Soufriere Estate



Old French Quarter



Soufriere-Scotts Head Marine Reserve

Scotts Head to Soufriere Estate

“This trail located in a crater and with evidence of sulphur deposits, helps us to understand the true volcanic nature of Dominica.”

Distance (km): 7

Estimated Walking time (hrs): 5.5

Type of hike: Easy hike, family hike

Areas of interest:

Morne Rouge

Morne Crabier

Old French Quarter

Soufriere Sulphur Springs

Old road to Tete Morne

Sulphur deposit

View of Martinique

Aloe production

Scotts Head Peninsula

Marine Reserve

Optional route to Palmiste Ridge

Bois Cotlette ruins

Segment 10 Colihaut Heights to Syndicate



Morne Turner

Colihaut Heights to Syndicate

While walking this trail, one can learn about our farmers, about our many trees and listen to the merry sound of our birds.

Distance (km): 6.4

Estimated Walking time (hrs): 4

Type of hike: Easy hike, family hike

Areas of interest:

Morne Diablotin

Secondary forest

Agricultural farming

Parrot habitat

Syndicate Nature Trail & Welcome Centre (optional)

Lookout points



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Segment 9 Petite Macoucherie to Colihaut Heights



Largest Gommier Tree in Dominica

Petite Macoucherie to Colihaut Heights

This is a trail that allows for deepened appreciation for our forest reserve, flora and fauna, adventure and continuous agricultural production.

Distance (km): 9.8

Estimated walking time (hrs): 7

Type of hike: hard hike/nature lovers

Areas of interest:

Primary forest

Morne Amery

Agricultural lands

Kachibona Lake

Largest Gommier Tree on island

Parrot habitat

Wild pigs



Maroon Passage
in Heights of Bellevue Chopin

Segment 2 Soufriere Estate to Bellevue Chopin

Soufriere Estate to Bellevue Chopin

This trail with an old slave route, old estates and historic buildings reminds us of Dominica's history of a plantation society and the era of colonization

Distance (km): 10.8

Estimated Walking time (hrs): 6.5

Type of hike: Moderate hike

Areas of interest:

Old slave route

Sulphur springs

Traditional living

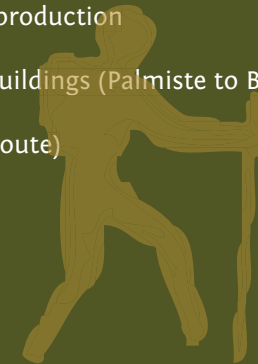
Palmiste Ridge (optional)

Livestock & small agricultural farming

Charcoal production

Historic buildings (Palmiste to Bois

Cotlette Route)



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Segment 3 Bellevue Chopin to Wotten Waven



View of Trafalgar Falls

Bellevue Chopin to Wotten Waven

Journeying this trail, one can enjoy a therapeutic bath in our famous hot springs, our clear waters and the fragrance and beauty of an assortment of flowering plants on arriving in Giraudel

Distance: 14.9

Estimated Walking time (hrs): 7

Type of hike: Moderate hike

Areas of interest:

Sulphur Springs

Main rivers

Small farmers

Giraudel Flower Show & related activities

Rasta community in close proximity

Morne Anglais hike

View of Roseau

View of Trafalgar Falls



Fern



Waterfall

Segment 8 First Camp to Petite Macoucherie

First Camp to Petite Macoucherie

A long and challenging trail from east to west for adventure, hunting, research and discovery

Distance (km): 10

Estimated walking time (hrs): 6

Type of hike: Difficult (strong hikers who are well trained)

Areas of interest:

Primary forest

Parrots

Wild Pigs

Bird watching

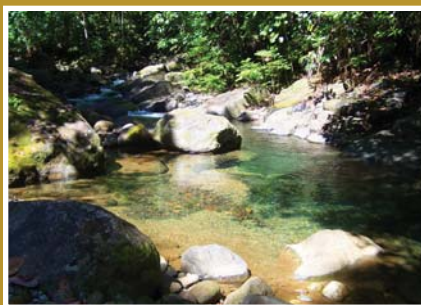
Potential area for researchers in Botany



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River Crossing in Hatten Garden



View of Village from Captain Bruce

Segment 7 Hatten Garden to First Camp

Hatten Garden to First Camp

As many others, this trail emphasizes that Dominica is clean, green and serene, ideal for relaxation and tranquility.

Distance (km): 12.6 km
Estimated Walking time (hrs): 6
Type of hike: Moderate hike/nature lovers

Areas of interest:

- Agricultural lands
- Natural forest
- Melville Hall Airport
- View of Marie Galante River Crossings
- View of Hatten Garden
- Congorie Hole
- River crossings and streams



Middle Ham Falls



Sulphur Springs

Segment 4 Wotten Waven to Pont Casse

Wotten Waven to Pont Casse

This trail offers views of several mountains, encounters of natural attractions and reminds us of Dominica's rugged nature and rich heritage

Distance (km): 11.7
Estimated Walking time (hrs): 6
Type of hike: moderate hike /nature lovers

Areas of interest

- View of - Morne Micotrin
- Morne Watt
- Morne Jaune
- Morne Nichols
- Morne Anglais
- Morne Trois Pitons
- Sulphur Spings (optional)
- Boiling Lake (optional)
- Freshwater Lake (optional)
- Middleham Falls (optional)
- Stinking Hole (optional)
- Chemin Letang Historic Trail (optional)
- Trafalgar Falls (optional)
- Boeri Lake & trail (optional)



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Segment 5 Pont Casse to Castle Bruce



Emerald Pool



View of Mountain Range to Include
Neg Mawon

Pont Casse to Castle Bruce

This trail nestled within the Morne Trois Pitons World Heritage Site, features the long standing contributions of our indigenous people, the struggles of a resilient people and the value of our forest and water resources.

Distance (km): 12.8
Estimated Walking time (hrs): 6
Type of hike: Easy hike, family hike

Areas of interest:

- Old road (Carib trace)
- Emerald Pool & facility
- Castle Bruce Swamp
- Forest station & nursery
- Neg Maron Headquarters
- Savanne David
- Castle Bruce Village
- Jaco Cave
- Morne Turner (Morne Neg Maron)
- Creole Gardens
- Spanny Falls (optional)



Coastal View of Carib Territory



Kalinago Barana Aute

Segment 6 Castle Bruce to Hatten Garden

Castle Bruce to Hatten Garden

The trail offers each a chance to experience the life and history of the indigenous people of Dominica and enjoy a number of picturesque coastal sceneries.

Distance (km): 15
Estimated walking time (hrs): 7
Type of hike: moderate hike

Areas of interest:

- Old Colonial Road
- Carib Territory
- Kalinago Barana Aute (Carib Model Village)
- Old church
- Viewpoints
- Carib arts & craft
- Carib Council
- Horseback ride (optional)



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