

Royal Belum

The pristine Royal Belum is nestled within the protected Belum Valley in Gerik. New species of trees and insects have been discovered in this 117,500-hectare virgin rainforest, which is also one of the few places in Malaysia where you can see the rare Rafflesia. Comprising a complex ecosystem, this state park is situated in the northern part of Lake Temengor and is a haven for mammals like the seladang, Asian Elephant, Malaysian Tiger and the endangered Sumatran Rhinoceros as well as birds such as the hornbills.

Must do: Go for jungle trekking, bird watching and wildlife sightings

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The Institute sits on a 545-ha site adjacent to the Bukit Lagong Forest Reserve, 16 km northwest of Kuala Lumpur. It was gazetted as a 'Natural Heritage Site' on 10 February 2009 under the National Heritage Act 2005, and officially declared as a National Heritage on 10 May 2012.

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