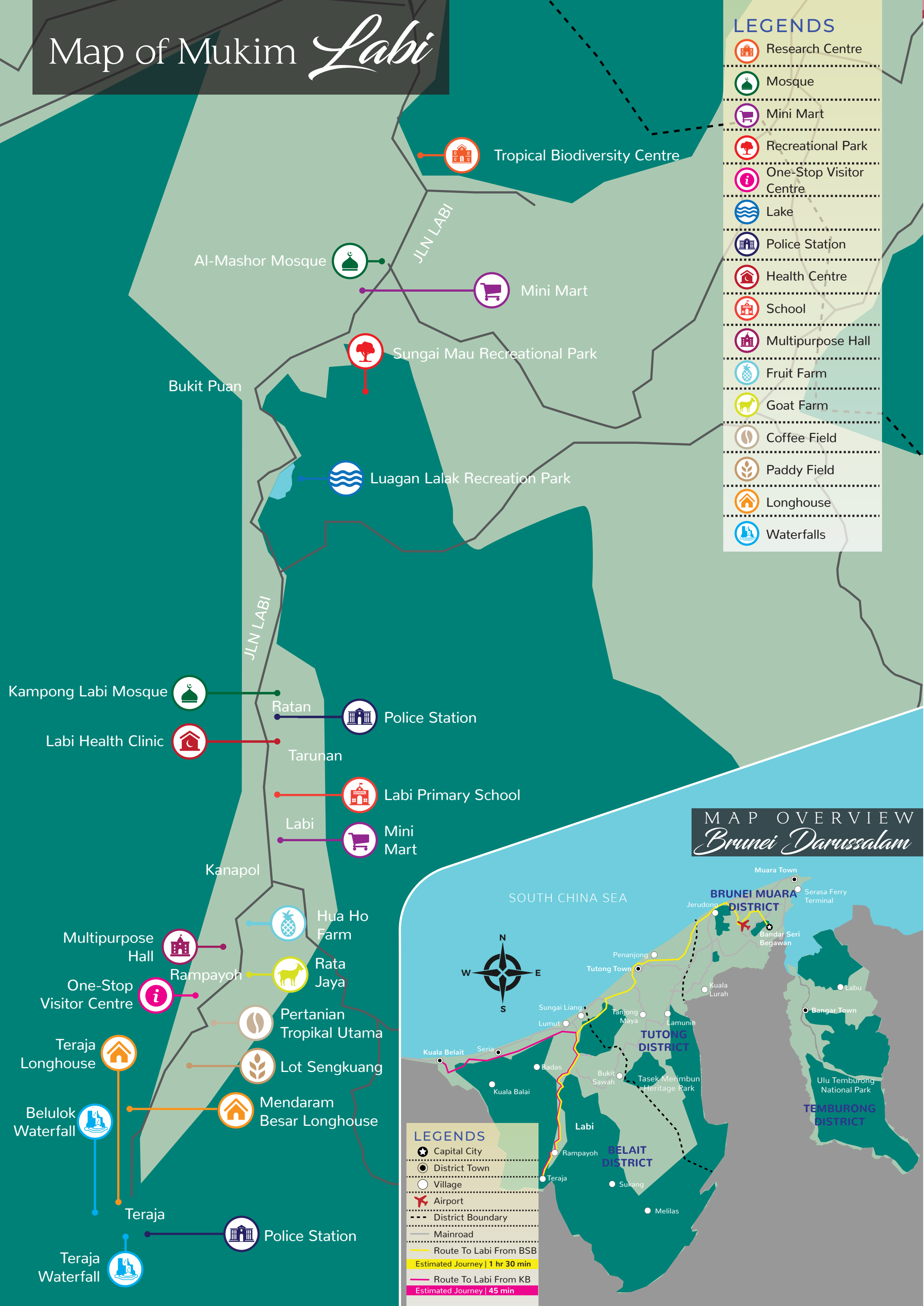


Map of Mukim Labi



LEGENDS

- Research Centre
- Mosque
- Mini Mart
- Recreational Park
- One-Stop Visitor Centre
- Lake
- Police Station
- Health Centre
- School
- Multipurpose Hall
- Fruit Farm
- Goat Farm
- Coffee Field
- Paddy Field
- Longhouse
- Waterfalls

MAP OVERVIEW Brunei Darussalam



LEGENDS

- Capital City
- District Town
- Village
- Airport
- District Boundary
- Mainroad
- Route To Labi From BSB
Estimated Journey | 1 hr 30 min
- Route To Labi From KB
Estimated Journey | 45 min



Demonstrating Ngajat Dance



Woman Weaving Iban Ceremonial Textile

DID YOU KNOW?

The homes of the Iban tribes are also usually opened around this time to allow visitors a glimpse into their daily life and to join in the festivities which can last up to a month.

Labi used to be the main producer of rubber, rice, bees wax and 'jelutong' - a type of soft wood ideal for carving and making patterns.

The 1940s saw the first settlement in Labi by the Iban tribe. They built the first remote longhouse in Teraja by the river and the people lived off the land.

Preparations for Gawai begin on the eve of the festival with various traditional rituals. Families will gather for a feast and usually opened around this time to allow visitors a glimpse into their daily life and to join in the festivities which can last up to a month.

The annual Gawai Festival celebrates the rice harvesting season and to show gratitude to the ancestral spirits for the bountiful harvest.

According to folklore, the name Labi (freshwater turtle) whilst he was in Ah Lam, who spotted a 'lae-lae' came from a Chinese native named. The village about 70 years ago.

Those who are keen to learn about the accumulation of oil and gas in Labi, Belait way of life of the Iban tribe will be able to find it in Labi, where a small community resides.

In 1924, Royal Dutch Shell found some commercialised. The area then turned into a settlement.

Welcome to Labi

One of the country's best kept secrets – Labi is located about an hour and a half from Bandar Seri Begawan and 45 minutes from Kuala Belait.

Come experience and visit the unique settlement of the ethnic Iban tribe at the Teraja and Mendaram Besar Longhouses.

Labi is truly a haven for nature lovers who seek for peace and serenity. Besides the calm waters of Luagan Lalak Recreation Park, Labi is also home to 40 waterfalls and various species of wildlife.



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Explore Labi



Luagan Lalak Forest Recreation Park



Luagan Lalak Forest Recreation Park is one of the best places to experience Brunei's vibrant tropical sunrise. Walk along the freshwater swamp boasting with lush greenery and a unique ecosystem that hosts various types of fish and birds.

Located in the Belait district, this 270-hectare park is part of the Labi Hills Forest Reserve. During drier months, the water in the swamp recedes drastically and the valley is covered by a beautiful field of sedges, locally known as Daun Purun. The plant has long narrow blade-like leaves, which are used by the Iban tribe in their basket weaving.

OPENING HOURS
Everyday
6.00am - 6.00pm



Sungai Mau Recreational Park



Sungai Mau is located along Jalan Labi and used to be an important venue where people would take a temuai, a traditional long boat, to travel to Kuala Belait, which would normally take four to five hours.



Over the weekend, the park can be visited by families and children who wish to spend their time at the playground.

OPENING HOURS
Everyday
6.00am - 6.00pm



Tropical Biodiversity Centre



OPENING HOURS
Monday - Saturday
(Close Friday & Sunday)
7.45am - 4.30pm



The Tropical Biodiversity Centre is located within 2,374 hectares of the Andulau Forest Reserve and offers the public a chance to discover the rich biodiversity that are available in the country. The Centre is equipped with 3 laboratories for scientific research on the flora and fauna of Labi and a wide variety of resources for those who are interested to conduct studies there.



The exhibition features an interactive learning experience for the visitors with over 12 touchscreen kiosks explaining about the centre and biodiversity within the sultanate.

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Wong Kadir Waterfall

The popular recreational park located at Mendaram Kecil is less than a kilometre away from Mendaram Longhouse. It is a popular picnic spot for locals.

Wong Kadir Waterfall offers a scenic view of the natural forest a jungle trekking route. It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the trek. There are facilities such as resting huts and public restrooms.

OPENING HOURS
Everyday
6.00am - 6.00pm



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Origin

The name of the waterfall came from the Chinese word 'wong', which means waterfall and the excursion of Kadir, who discovered the attraction with his dog while he was in the forest looking for jelutong.



Coffee Field



The 19-hectare orchard is also the site of Brunei's first commercial coffee plantation growing two types of coffee, Coffea arabica (Arabica) and Coffea canephora (Robusta). Grown at the hills of Labi, there are currently 10,000 trees taking up half of their farm.

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Paddy Field



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The paddy fields in Labi are one of the main drivers of the agricultural industry besides the vegetable and fruit plantations. The best time to visit is during harvesting season, between February to March, to experience the life of farmers in the area.

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Fruit Farm



The fertile soil in Labi has enabled it to thrive as an agricultural haven. Visitors will be able to see a variety of local fruits in its most natural state on the trees such as bananas, rambutan, jackfruit and even durian!

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Goat Farm



This commercial goat farm in Labi is home to Brunei's very own locally born and bred Boer goats. It is open to visitors, provided that arrangements are made in advance.

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Waterfall Walk



Although there are 40 waterfalls in Labi, not all are accessible to the public. The more popular ones are Wong Kadir Waterfall, Teraja Waterfall and Beluluk Waterfall.

It may take a whole day to visit all waterfalls, and it is recommended to go with a local guide.

Traveler Tips

It is advised to wear light and airy clothing when you plan to venture into Labi. Do not forget to bring insect repellent and a basic first aid kit.

There is also poor mobile phone reception in the dense areas in Labi, so be alert and cautious at all times.

Birdwatching



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Birdwatchers are in for a treat when in Labi, with the variety of birds that can be found in the area namely Tree Babbler, Grey Headed Fish Eagle, Blue-winged Leaf bird and many more.

A popular spot for this activity is Luagan Lalak Forest Recreation Park or Bukit Teraja.

The best time for birdwatching is early in the morning between 6.00am to 10.00am and late afternoon from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

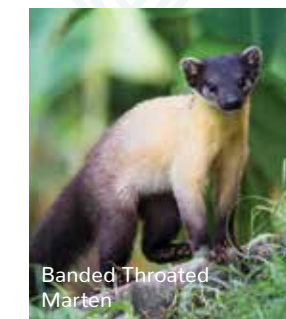
Best Time To Go

The weather is generally hot and humid all year round with the average temperatures between 20°C to 30°C, but try to avoid the wettest months and heavy rainfall from late October to January as it may restrict access to Labi.

Wildlife Watching



Peat Swamp Frog



Banded Throated Marten



Gibbon

Labi's forest offers over 50 species of wildlife varying from amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

The rich and unique biodiversity of Labi's rainforests make it the perfect place for wildlife spotting.

It is home to a vast number of beautiful and exotic wildlife animals, most of which are endemic species, such as the Painted Tree Frog, Malay Lorikeet and over 40 species of spiders!

Trekking & Camping



This is an opportunity not to be missed! Get your digital detox on and immerse yourself in the cool lush scenery amongst the flora and fauna of Labi.

There are currently 2 treks open to visitors. You can choose to start from the Tropical Biodiversity Centre or from the Teraja Forest Reserve where you will come across the waterfall.

Before embarking on any trek, be sure to first get in touch with the Centre or the Teraja Longhouse to guide through the trails.

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Teraja Longhouse



Located at the end of Labi road is the Teraja Longhouse. This vibrant longhouse is home to about 125 people during the weekends, but on weekdays only about 10 people live there.

There is a BND3 visitor's fee to visit the longhouse, which goes towards the conservation of the place. For the more adventurous, visitors also have the option to spend a night at the longhouse with prices starting at BND15 per person.

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First built by the river in the 1940s, the Teraja Longhouse has moved and evolved a few times before finally settling to where it is now.

Mendaram Longhouse



The 12-door, iconic red roofs of Mendaram Besar Longhouse was first built in the 1970s and is now home to about 100 residents. Similar to Teraja, most of the inhabitants do not live in the longhouse during the weekdays, but will come back during the weekends.

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Back then, the house was built with palm leaves. Over the years, there have been various improvements made to the house, such as installation of wooden planks, modern staircases and corrugated roofing.



Ayam Pansuh

A staple for the Labi ethnic communities, ayam pansuh is cooked by funneling seasoned chicken cuts into a bamboo pole and cooked over a fire. To serve, contents are tapped out onto a dish.



Sarang Semut

More popularly known as Kueh Jala, this crispy delicacy almost melts in your mouth at the first bite. Made from sugar, rice flour and water, it is then poured through a mould traditionally made out of a coconut shell, and into a wok of hot oil, resulting in a sweet crispy snack!



Umbut Tuhau

Commonly found in the wild in Labi, the tuhau plant looks like stalks of lemongrass. Umbut refers to the innermost parts of the stalks and usually stir-fried with anchovies and chilli. It is served as a condiment and best eaten with rice.

Dos & Don'ts

- Do get an authorised tour guide to take you through the areas in Labi.
- Do pack extra clothes if you are planning on going jungle trekking.
- Do not venture out alone into the forest if you are not familiar with the place.
- If it looks like it's about to rain, do not embark on any jungle treks as the rain might cause the rivers to overflow.
- Do keep any rubbish with you at all times until you can dispose of it properly.
- Do not take anything from the jungle.