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# Fishing heaven

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**F**ishing is a hobby that can really be addictive. There are people who just cannot go a day without throwing in their fishing line into rivers or the sea, or pools of water, whether they get a bite or not.

And because this hobby is worldwide, there may be tourists who are pining for their fishing rods at home even as they enjoy our beautiful flora and fauna.

Tourist guides and operators need not worry anymore.

There is a perfectly beautiful place to fish in Tungku Lahad Datu. They, meaning fishing enthusiasts, need not look too far, they can go to the place there called Dent Heaven. It is known as "The Fishing Heaven" to enthusiasts. Others call it Hook Point.

Its not too ar from Lahad Datu township,



just 90 kilometres away. That is about one and a half hour leisurely drive.

While you are travelling you can enjoy the scenery; the quaint villages and the greeneries.

The road condition is quite good; although it is still gravelled about four kilometres before Dent Heaven.

There is a village nearby called Kg Sungai Nipah, which is accessible through the Felda Plantation.

However, there are no accommodations near the fishing area. It is therefore commendable if the relevant authorities could talk to the villagers and encourage them to embark on a homestay programme. They can also look into offering tourists bed and breakfast.

Tourists need not worry about security when they visit as there is a General Operation Force (GOF) camp in this area.

So the next time your tourists ask to go fishing, don't hesitate, bring them to Dent Heaven, in Tungku Lahad Datu.- Photographs by Amy Analia V.

