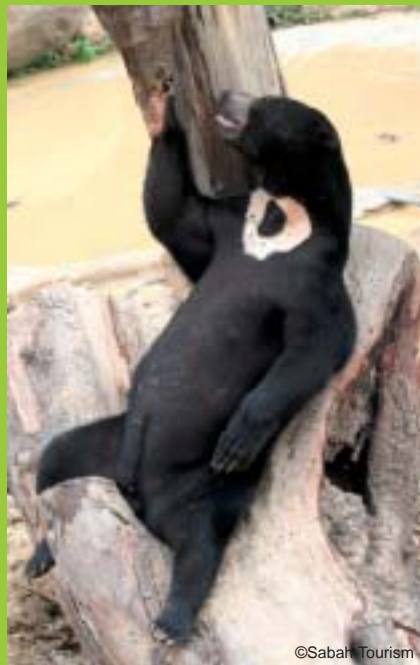




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Lok Kawi Wildlife Park

Tango with the tiger or gaze at the gibbons. Forget Animal Planet, this is the Lok Kawi Wildlife Park. Situated some 25 km southwest of Kota Kinabalu city, a half-hour drive is all it takes to get you and your family to Sabah's first wildlife park.

The Wildlife Park is run by the Sabah Wildlife Department under the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment and is home to more than 100 animal species. The park stretches across 280 acres of land, giving plenty of space for creatures great and small to wander about!

Its inhabitants include a variety of felines such as the clouded leopard and the tiger. Other stars of the park are none other than the darling of Sabah, the Orang Utan and its unmistakable cousin, the Proboscis Monkey! If you're lucky, you might run into a ranger on duty with a baby proboscis monkey clinging fondly to him. The aviary is also a must-visit. Step into a Jurassic Park-like atmosphere where colourful feathered friends of all sizes fly freely around you! Feeding time is an especially exciting time when you can see the birds jostling for fruity snacks from the rangers' bare hands. The Sun Bears are also a hit in the Park with their lovable antics as they balance on tree trunks and wade in their pool. Don't miss the elephants ñ then again, it's quite impossible to! The gentle giants are truly breathtaking especially up close. The little ones will love the Children's Zoo where they can ride on an elephant and pet the animals. Other animals to see are the civets, otters, gibbons, barking deer and mouse deer, just to name a few.

Further inside the park is the Botanical Information Centre. This is where your visit to various gardens begins. Learn more about medicinal and herbal plants, or discover the beauty of Sabah's pitcher plants and ferns. The Park also has a souvenir shop and several resting huts along the way. Don't let a little rain (or sun, for that matter) stop you from enjoying a pleasant stroll in the park ñ bring an umbrella or rent one for only RM1.00 at the entrance. As in other zoos and wildlife parks, visitors are reminded to abide by the rules and the regulations of the Park at all times.

The Lok Kawi Wildlife Park is open daily from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Entrance fees are RM10.00 (MyKad holders 18 years old and above)/RM5.00 (MyKad holders below 18 years old) and RM20.00 (non-MyKad holders 18 years old and above)/ RM10.00 (non-MyKad holders below 18 years old). Entrance is free for senior citizens (60 years and above) and handicapped MyKad holders as well as students below 17 years old in school uniform. **For more information, please call 088-765793 or fax 088-765762.**

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