WELCOME TO

SANTA ELENA
CLOUD FOREST RESERVE
We hope you find this map useful

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The owner of the park

The lands of the park belongs to the government, specific to SINAC our National System of Conservation Areas. BUT we (our community) have an special right to manage the park trough the administrative board of the Technical & Professional Highschool of Santa Elena (Public Highschool).

So all money YOU pay to enter the park will go directly to the Highschool of the community, contributing with education, conservation and protection of the cloud forest, local families and develop of the community.

Our park offers sponsorships for local students to keep at school, environmental education in primary schools and Citizens science programs for Highschool students.

Due COVID-19 emergency most of this programs has been paused, but with your visit we will soon recover the way!
Get a Milkshake! You deserve it!
Restaurant

Our restaurant is open from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm.
Find It behind the front desk of the park, its open to all visitors.

Look carefully for them, they are not big as usual home orchids. Most of them size 1 cm or tiniest.

Watch out for snakes!
Mundo Joven Trail

A Trail for the family!

Aprox. 500 meters on concrete will allow you to explore the forest with a wheelchair or with a baby stroller.

This trail is wonderful for bird watching during the mornings, tons of warblers, tanagers and others join to look for food!

This is the principal entry trail it connects all the paths.
Youth Challenge Trail

You want views?

This trail will lead you to the highest place at or park 1 725 meters.

The flora is great and the views from the observation tower and platform are outstanding (if not cloudy, otherwise enjoy the clouds shower!)

Join our special tours:

Sunrise or Sunset! $25

Show me more!
Del Bajo TRAIL

1.5 hours & 2.6 km

The scenarios provided by the forest are exuberant, this trail didn’t suffer the impact of the last tropical storms, its forest almost intact.

Shinring Yoku project was developed by WPI students.

If want to relax and enjoy the forest, Del Bajo Trail its for you!
Encantado TRAIL

2.5 hours & 3.4 km

One of the most popular trail in the park. Not only for its scenarios but also for the chances to spot Quetzals or Bell Birds, the most famous birds of the area.

These path is magical principle when its cloudy.

Keep your eyes and ears open. Look for fruit (avocado) on the trail to get the best chances for wildlife spots.
Caño Negro TRAIL
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3.5 hours & 4.8 km

Go deep in the jungle explore and enjoy the forest at the heart of the park.

This is the most immerse experience at the reserve, a beautiful forest and a great trail.

Keep in mind that this trail may be muddy.

But don’t let the mud stops you on the way, we have boots to rent.
Why should I get a guide?

Which are the richness of the cloud forest?

Thousands of plants and haven’t seen a single orchid...

I hear a bird with a sound like... but dint know what/where it was...

Where are the Quetzals/Tarantulas?

We are here to help! 😊
Ok, How Much for the guide?

Day Walks

Regular Guided Walk $33
Student Guided Walk $25*
Private Guided Walk $125

Night Walks

Sunrise Walk $25
Sunset & Night Walk $25

*Student ID must be show to apply student price.
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