



# BLUE MOUNTAIN PEAK TRAIL AND PORTLAND GAP RECREATION GUIDE

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## OPEN EVERYDAY

Reservations required  
for cabins and  
campsites

### AVERAGE TEMPERATURES:

Daytime: 22°C

Nighttime: 16°C



At 2256 metres (7401 ft.) above sea level, Jamaica's Blue Mountain Peak is the highest point on the island and offers spectacular views of the hilly interior and coastline. The summit is found within the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mid-way on the peak trail is Portland Gap rest-stop and lodging.

### TRAIL FEE (per person)

Resident - J\$ 200 Non-Resident - US\$ 20

### TRAIL GUIDE

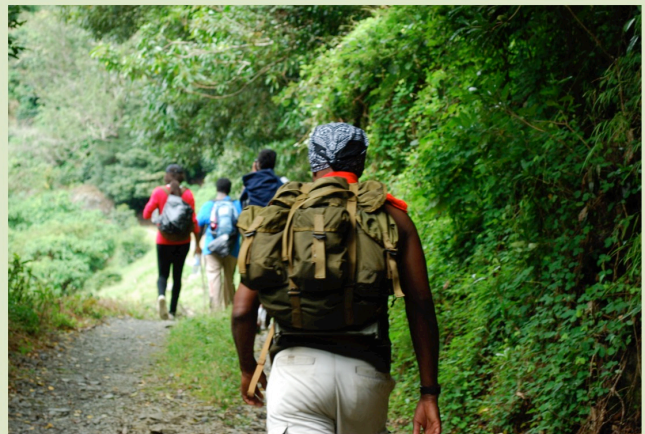
starting at J\$8,000

## THINGS TO DO

The classic hike to the Blue Mountain Peak begins at Penlyne Castle and follows a 12.5 km (7.8 mile) trail to the summit. The roundtrip hike takes approximately 7 hours. The trail takes hikers through Jamaica's pristine primary forest. The route is ideal for observing native plants and over 200 bird species; including all Jamaican endemic birds. There are no large or poisonous animals in the national park.

## OVERNIGHT STAYS

Cabins are available for rent at Portland Gap. There are two cabin buildings offering bunk-bed or floor space sleeping options (Extra floor mattresses are available at an additional cost). Amenities at Portland Gap include piped water, outhouses, showers, fire pits and a kitchen with cookware. Tent sites are also available at Portland Gap. Campers have access to the restrooms and cooking facilities. Overnight guests are responsible for their own supplies; including: tents, blankets, toiletries, towels and flashlights.



### BUNK BED CABIN (12 persons)

J\$9,000 per night

### FLOOR SPACE CABIN (10 persons)

J\$ 6,000 per night

### TENT SITE

J\$200 per person per night

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Warm Outerware

- Raincoat
- Water and Refreshments

# HOW TO GET THERE

## Distance and Recommended Modes of Transportation

Location	Distance	Mode of Travel
Papine to Mavis Bank	17.7km (11 Miles)	Bus, Car, 4WD or Walk
Mavis Bank to Hagley Gap (road)	7km (4.3 Miles)	Bus, Car, 4WD or Walk
Mavis Bank To Penlyne Castle (trail)	4.5km (2.8 Miles)	Walk
Hagley Gap to Penlyne Castle (road)	4km (2.5 Miles)	4WD or Walk
Penlyne Castle to Abbey Green (road)	3.2km (2 Miles)	4WD or Walk
Abbey Green To Portland Gap	3.7km (2.3 Miles)	Walk
Portland Gap to the Peak	5.6km (3.5 Miles)	Walk

The Blue Mountain Peak Trail and Portland Gap is operated by the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCDDT), park managers of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Revenue from cabin rentals and trail fees goes towards conservation in the national park.



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