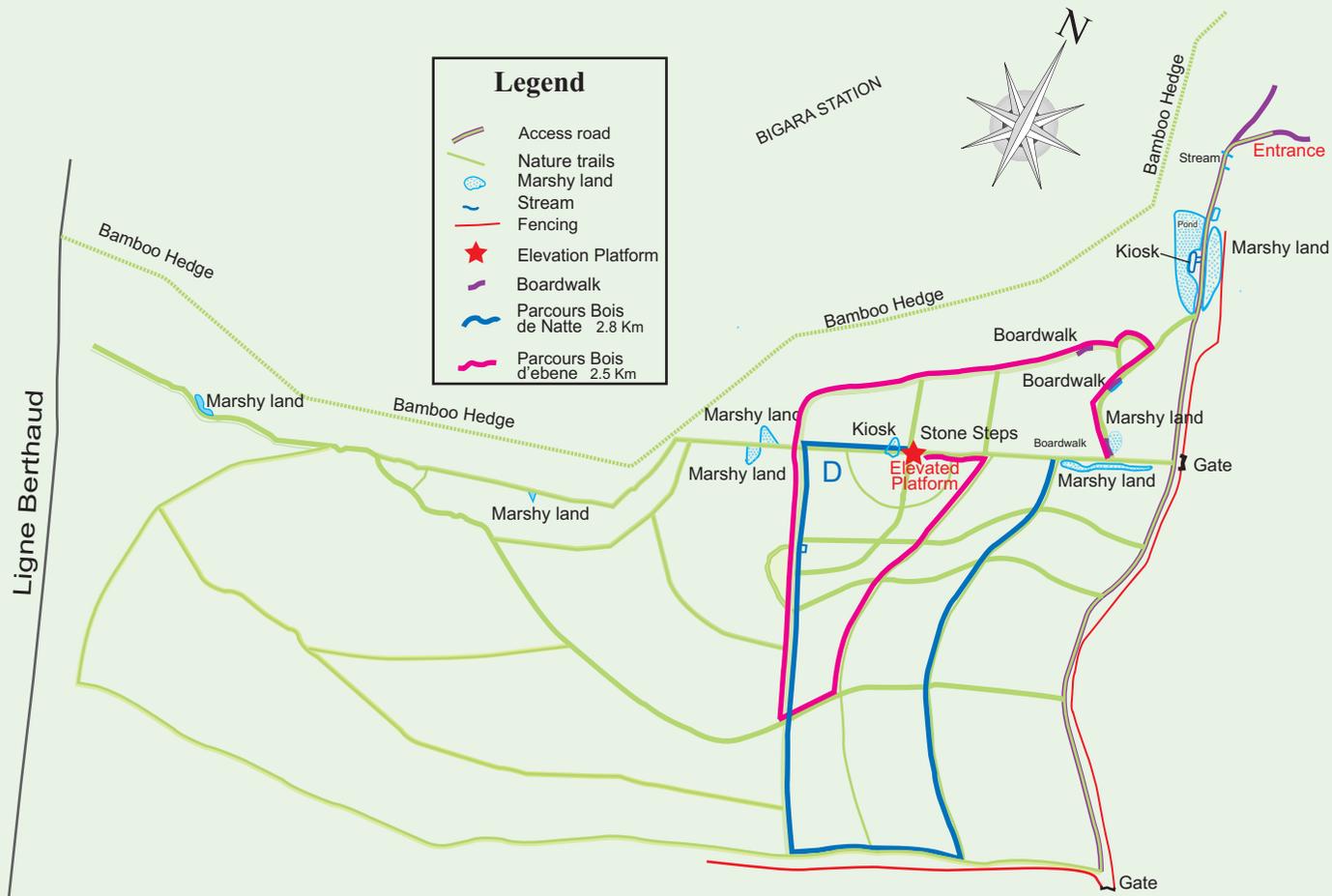


Plan of Monvert Nature Walk



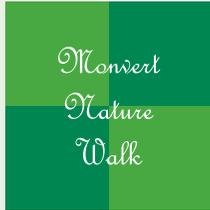
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State Land Monvert is located in the region of Forest Side, some two kilometres from the Curepipe-Nouvelle France main road. It extends over an area of 73Ha. It is the most easily accessible native forest found close to an urban area, about 3km from the town centre of Curepipe. The area derives its name from Chevallier Antoine de Monvert .

It was once covered with dense native forests with Bois de natte, Manglier vert, Bois manioc as the predominant species. In the early 20th century, the whole region was logged for its valuable native timber species. the area was subsequently re-afforested with pine and eucalyptus with the exception of an area of 200 acres which still harbours native indigenous plants.

In view of the richness of the biodiversity, the Forestry Service had earmarked the area for a conservation and recreational project.

The project concept was approved by the Government in 1999 and the Nature Walk Project was initiated in July 2001 and completed in May 2006.

The Nature walk consists of two parts,

- i) the Visitor's interpretation center,
- ii) the Monvert Nature Walk



VISITOR'S INTERPRETATION CENTRE

The **Visitor's Interpretation Centre** houses displays of useful information related

to our native biodiversity, importance of forests and their extent. The visitor gets an overview of the Mauritian flora. Major catchment areas are also displayed.

A **Fernery** has been set-up to display live, our indigenous and endemic ferns and orchids. 250 species of ferns and 86 species of orchids are found in Mauritius. Most of our orchids are very beautiful and have high ornamental value. One should also note that most of these ferns and orchids are critically endangered and needs to be protected.



An **arboretum** containing more than 150 indigenous/endemic plant species. The visitor thus has an opportunity to admire these critically endangered and rare plants.

A special **multipurpose kiosk** has been created to be used as a lecture hall , a place to demonstrate activities like plant propagation techniques and a hall for students to draw and paint..



MONVERT NATURE WALK

Two main trails "Parcours Bois de natte" of 2.8 km

and "Parcours Bois D'ebene" of 2.5 km long have been created. They both start from the main access and end with the elevated platform. Several sites have been developed to enable visitors to admire the natural surroundings.

An elevated platform has been erected at the highest point in the park to enable visitors to have a dominant view of the forest canopy and the surrounding areas.



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