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MARAN - Back to Nature

Visitors to Maran, halfway between Temerloh and Kuantan, can enjoy many adventurous activities in the surrounding forests. Set amongst rolling hills, forests and agricultural estates, the town provides essential facilities and services for those living in the district. It is also a gateway to waterfalls, rivers and forests with many visitors gathering here before heading off on various biking adventures. Visitors can admire town sights like Masjid As-syakirin, a 3-D gallery and Laman Qalbu with its food trucks. The lake and park setting of Taman Tasik Maran appeals to those who enjoy fishing or boating. Travellers can stay in a bungalow beside the lake and participate in activities like biking, walking and jogging or join in all the fun of



the mini waterpark. Galeri Tokoh Museum is a compact facility with exciting and colourful three-dimensional displays. The 18-hole Maran Hills Golf Resort is perched high above the town and its clubhouse restaurant affords excellent views.

Teledas Waterfall is located in a recreation forest, just out of town, making it a much-visited destination for its suspension bridge, shelters, facilities and swimming holes. Pelangi Waterfall is accessible via a long hike, 4x4 vehicle or mountain bike ride with some visitors choosing to camp overnight after their adventurous journey. Berkelah is a seven-tier waterfall with an impressive 50 m drop, while Jerangkang Waterfall near Paya Gelugor is accessible by a 4x4 vehicle that can be arranged by villagers living nearby.

Che Minah Sayang is a favourite riverside retreat among the locals who enjoy relaxing at this recreation reserve in Kuala Sentul. The shallow waters of the river provide a cool venue for family relaxation, and the facilities here include food stalls, changing rooms, toilets and a playground. Lubuk Yu Ecopark is another recreation area located 32 km from Maran and mostly visited by those who love to swim in the gentle flowing Jempul River. Parking, toilets, a café and camping sites are provided while hammock camping gatherings and skybike events across the river are regularly staged. Butterflies like Malaysia's famous Rajah Brooke's Birdwing are often seen here.

Rabbitland, near MARA University of Technology in Bandar Tun Razak (Jengka) offers an opportunity for children

to get close to rabbits, while there are also other animals to see, including camels and birds. Visitors can walk or enjoy a fun ride in carriages pulled by an ATV vehicle. Jengka Wonderland in Bandar Pusat Jengka is a family-friendly waterpark with cool water, sensational slides and glorious glides. Its Middle Eastern architecture is the highlight of the waterpark.

Sri Marathandavar Aalayam Temple is important to Hindus who visit to perform prayers, especially during the Panguni Uthiram Festival. This temple is located in a remote agricultural district and a sacred tree is preserved in the temple's inner sanctum. Panguni Uthiram Festival marks the last month of the Tamil calendar and it attracts over 450,000 worshippers annually.