



DESTINATION: BUNTOT PALOS (a.k.a. HIDDEN FALLS)

LOCATION :	Laguna Province
ELEVATION :	not available
LEVEL :	Minor Climb, Level I, Easy
JUMP OFF POINTS :	Pangil Laguna
AVERAGE DAYS REQUIRED :	2 Days (including travel time from Manila)
MINIMUM DAYS REQUIRED :	1 Day (including travel time from Manila)
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DISTINCT CHARACTERISTICS :	Large and Deep Basin for Swimming
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◆ INFORMATION

Laguna is blessed with a lot of beautiful waterfalls such as the Pagsanjan Falls in Pagsanjan, the Imelda or Taytay Falls in Majayjay, the Twin Falls in Cavinti, the 5 water falls of Famy, the Hidden Valley in Alaminos, and other still unexplored water falls by people other than the local residents. Buntot Palos is one of the lesser known water falls except in the mountaineering community that is why it might have also been called the Hidden Falls.

The place is accessible by a 2-3 hour hike via a trail, which gets too muddy when it rains particularly during the rainy season. That is why some commented that the trek towards the waterfalls is not enjoyable. This accumulation of mud on pot holes are due to the marks left by logs being drawn by carabaos of the local farmers and loggers as well as horses, which is the usual mode of transportation by the locals. More often than that, the dung of the horses and carabaos mixes with the mud. The campsite is also not that ideal being small and significantly inclined. But the basin of the waterfalls is big and deep for swimmers to enjoy, though those who doesn't know how to swim sees it otherwise- having no shallow place to swim and play around. If you are the more adventurous type, you can camp on a shallow cave beneath the cascading waterfalls.

◆ WHEN AND HOW TO GO

The hidden falls is near the Famy waterfalls thereby the way to go here is the same way as going to Famy. From Crossing EDSA Central in Mandaluyong, you can ride jeeps bound for Siniloan Laguna. From Siniloan, you can ask the tricycle drivers to take you to "Buntot Palos" in Barangay Balian, Pangil, Laguna. Most of them know the place since it is also becoming a popular destination. From the jump-off point, the trail can be easily followed to reach the final destination, which is the Buntot Palos waterfall.

◆ SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1

- 07:30 - Assembly Time at 7/11 Crossing Along Shaw Boulevard
- 08:00 - ETD for Balinan Pangil Laguna
- 11:00 - ETA Barangay Balinan
- 11:30 - Packs on Back/ Start Trek/ Lunch on Trail
- 13:30 - ETA at Camp, pitch tent
- 14:30 - Exploration/ Swimming
- 17:00 - Back at Campsite
- 18:00 - Prepare for Dinner
- 19:00 - Dinner Time
- 22:00 - Lights Out

DAY 2

- 06:00 - Wake-up Call
- 07:00 - Breakfast
- 08:00 - Exploration/ Swimming
- 10:00 - Break Camp
- 11:00 - Start Trek Downwards
- 12:00 - ETA Base/ Lunch
- 14:30 - ETD for Crossing
- 16:30 - ETA Crossing Shaw Boulevard

◆ SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN CLIMBING

Water source are available on the waterfalls itself but it is suggested to treat the water if you will be using it as drinking water. No permits are required. Trails are muddy so bring extra clothes or slippers/ socks.

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