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A bridge among the trees

One of Kedah's best-kept travel secrets, this impressive structure is a world record holder.

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HIDDEN among tall trees within a quiet forest in Kedah, Tree Top Walk Sungai Sedim's remoteness means that the venue can sometimes slip from the radar of many travellers. And that can be quite unfortunate, given how this state-of-the-art attraction – at 950m long – holds the record for being the longest canopy walk in the world!

For comparison's sake, the canopy walk at Taman Negara is 530m long while the one at Mulu National Park is 480m.

However, some might challenge Tree Top Walk Sungai Sedim's accolade. This is because the structure is not actually attached to any trees. Instead, it is more of an impressive metallic pedestrian suspension bridge.

But don't let that take away from the fact that Tree Top Walk Sungai Sedim is one of the country's best-kept travel secrets.

Located within the Sungai Sedim Recreation Park, the canopy walk grants visitors the unique experience of walking amid a lowland dipterocarp forest.

You can expect a spectacular bird's eye view of majestic trees and some forest occupants. During our visit, we spotted a snake resting on top a branch while digesting its lunch.

At its highest point, the canopy walk rises to 26.05m from forest level. And despite being built from sturdy material, there are moments where we felt the structure swaying and wobbling. But our unrest was quelled by a thorough pre-walk safety briefing as well as the assurance that daily safety checks are conducted.



Tree Top Walk Sungai Sedim lets visitors walk amid a lush forest in Kedah. — Photos: CHESTER CHIN/The Star

That being said, those with vertigo might not enjoy the walk as much. Folks with a taste of danger, on the other hand, will surely be delighted by those unnerving moments when the structure suddenly "groans" under the weight of its pedestrians!

If you wish to give the canopy walk a pass, there are a number of other activities to check out within the recreational park. These include flying fox, bird watching, jungle walk and a nature obstacle course.

At the nearby river, the white water rafting is not to be missed for a thrilling adventure.

Getting there

Tree Top Walk Sungai Sedim is



Visitors can check out some exhibits that detail the history of the canopy walk's construction at the venue.

located about 30 minutes away from the town of Kulim in Kedah. For those driving from the Klang Valley, it will take about six hours along the North-South Expressway. Travelling from Penang, meanwhile, will take about 1.5 hours of driving. On both routes, look out for signs heading towards Kulim, Karangan or Sedim.

Charters are available within the recreation park grounds for visitors who would like to stay the night.

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