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Lata Kinjang is one the top tourist spots in Tapah, Perak. — Filepic

# The magic of Lata Kinjang

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LATA Kinjang is one of the tallest waterfalls in Malaysia. Located in Chenderiang, Perak, the waterfall is 200m tall, and can be seen from the North-South Expressway.

But what actually makes the waterfall interesting are the myths and legends that surround it, as believed by the Orang Asli and other locals who live there.

According to folklore, a magical “giant” called Sang Kelenbai resides in the area and every so often he would visit Lata Kinjang. It is said that Sang Kelenbai has the power to petrify any living thing, and can even turn them into stone.

Many believe that stones and markers that resemble animals or footprints found in the area are proof of Sang Kelenbai’s existence.

Lata Kinjang also used to be a popular hunting ground for the British, who would hunt for deer

or *kijang*. Apparently, they had problems pronouncing the word correctly, calling it “kinjang” instead. Today, the place is visited mostly by adventure seekers and hikers who need some respite from the city scene.

There’s a suspension bridge located in the upper tier of the waterfall; there’s a trail nearby that leads you to it. The view from the bridge is beautiful so take some time to get up there.

You can hike further up, but make sure you go in a group and have a working GPS tracking app so that you won’t get lost.

Small barbecues are allowed at Lata Kinjang, but do keep the place clean.

Take all rubbish home with you once you’re done with your hike and picnic.

There’s an orchid garden and a bamboo park near the waterfall too, with lots of information on the types of flora and fauna found at Lata Kinjang.

On your way back, be sure to check out the roadside stalls selling vegetables, petai, durians and even handicrafts made by locals.

Lata Kinjang is open from 6am to 7pm daily.

Perak is currently under the recovery movement control order, where tourism activities are allowed. For those living outside of Perak, you can always put this place in your list of destinations to go in the future.

### Getting there

This park is located about 15km away from the main town in Tapah, Perak, or 45km from Ipoh. You can find its exact location in on Waze or Google Maps, or any other location/GPS tracking app.

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