

Rubber Tree Walk

To begin this walk, you can either exit from the front veranda of the original bungalow and turn right down the path, or you can leave Rock Villa or Tea/Pepper rooms and head downhill past the front of the original bungalow to the sharp bend to the right where you can take in the view of the tea fields below and Alagalla Mountain in the distance.

Continue down the tree lined road until you reach the next junction where you will need to take the hairpin bend to your left rather than continuing straight. Meander down the hill with the tea fields above you to your left and the valley to your right for about 200m. The condition of the road will worsen.

Take the first possible turning to the right (almost back on yourself). You should see a 4-foot-high gate which is the start of the path through our rubber plantation. The gate is supported by two concrete pillars on each side. You can walk around the gate on either side of the concrete pillars. If you have reached a set of houses on your right, you have gone too far and you should turn back and walk back up the hill until you see our gate on your left.



Once through the gate you can calmly stroll through the plantation under the cover of the rubber trees. You will eventually reach the bottom of the valley where you will see rice paddies on your left and maybe some local water buffalo. When you can see a stream on your left and tea bushes lined in the slopes to your right, you have made it to the bottom and you should be able to see our Estate Superintendent, Subramaniam's, house.

If he is at home, he will be happy to show you our old rubber store, the 'smoke house' and explain to you about what we grow on the land around his house. You can wander around the stream and small waterfalls before returning to the hotel along the same route back up the hill.

Alternatively, you can take the old stone path which leads straight back up the hill.