

We will connect the Northeast of Puerto Rico!



Imagine! A network of trails by land and sea, connecting places in the Northeast of Puerto Rico, with natural, cultural, recreational, and tourism value! This will be an attraction for both the Puerto Rican community and tourists.

The network of trails can potentially connect:

- ◆ from the coast: the dunes of the Northeastern Corridor, beaches like Seven Seas, the mangroves of the Cabezas de San Juan Reserve.
- ◆ to the interior: El Yunque National Forest (EYNF)
- ◆ following rivers: Espíritu Santo, Mameyes, Sabana, and Fajardo
- ◆ between communities: Fajardo, Luquillo, Rio Grande, and Fortuna
- ◆ tourism areas: Rio Mar and others.

There will be opportunities for:

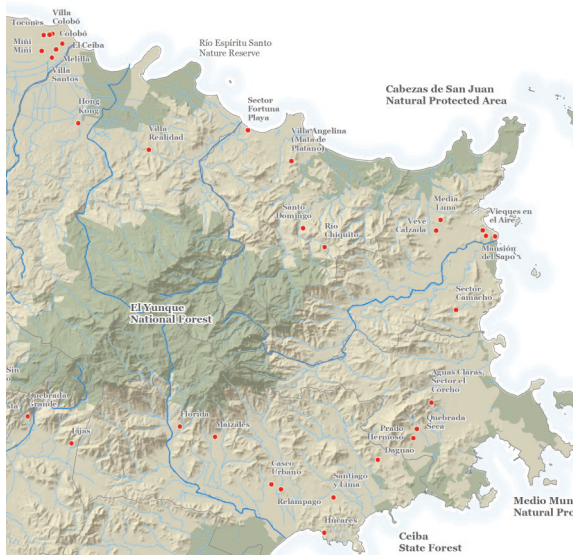
- ◆ exploration on foot, with snorkel, binoculars and camera,
- ◆ experiencing such environments such as rocky and sandy beaches, coral reefs, luminescent bays, mangroves, agricultural scenes, swamps, riverways, waterfalls, mountains, and their tropical flora and fauna.
- ◆ enjoying the ecological, climatic, and geomorphological variation in a relatively short distance
- ◆ cultural exploration
- ◆ ecotourism
- ◆ improving the quality of life of local residents and promote their socioeconomic development through ecotouristic attractions integrated with the communities

Where are we in this process?

The working group includes people from El Yunque National Forest, the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER), Para la Naturaleza, the Coalition for the Northeastern Corridor, the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Puerto Rico Camping Association (ADAPRI), and the Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative, supported by advice from the US National Parks Service.

This project is rooted in long-standing efforts to protect the Northeastern Corridor and the Mameyes River. It is taking form under the process to revise the management plan for El Yunque National Forest which is incorporating much input from stakeholders, and the "Adopt a Trail" plan of DREN.

Our short-term goals include a trail plan beginning with connections for the Northeastern Corridor, and a participatory workshop for the community in 2016. Our long term goal is the Trail Network for the Northeast of Puerto Rico.



**PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR EFFORT!
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