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Decision taken to protect visitors' safety following damage caused by storms

FOREST Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) has closed its popular canopy walkway and Rover Track from Oct 13 until further notice due to the extensive damage to the bridge as well as the trail caused by recent thunderstorms.

The announcement was made via FRIM's Facebook.

FRIM plans to conduct a thorough safety assessment of the Bukit Lagong Forest Reserve where the canopy walkway and Rover Track are located.

"We apologise for any inconvenience and appeal for understanding and cooperation from all visitors especially regular joggers to refrain from using the Rover Track," said FRIM corporate communication head Norhayati Nordin.

She said FRIM's decision to close both the canopy walkway and Rover Trail was made with public safety in mind.

Norhayati explained that FRIM has been experiencing a series of severe thunderstorms resulting in serious damage to some of the facilities.

"The Sungai Kroh picnic area

had seen several incidents of 'head water like' flow down the waterfall, bringing along logs and other forest debris, resulting in damage to the retaining wall of the wading pool and flash flooding of the whole area.

"Trees had been uprooted affecting a neighbouring house and some parts of our concrete fence had also been damaged.

The ground maintenance crew is doing their best to prioritise repair works.

"We would like to appeal to our visitors to stay away from FRIM especially when a thunderstorm is looming. Check the weather forecast before planning your trip to FRIM," she said.

She added: "To our regular visitors, please do not jog or exercise in the rain. It can be dangerous. The '*tidak apa*' attitude towards safety that we have been seeing especially amongst some of the regular joggers is frightening. Please value your own life and keep safe."

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The FRIM canopy walkway that was damaged after a recent thunderstorm.