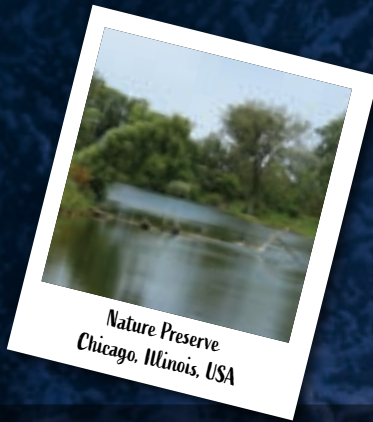


THAT'S MY SPOT...

Discover the cherished nature spots that hold a special place in the hearts of BYUH students, offering tranquility, beauty and cherished memories

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Nature Preserve
Chicago, Illinois, USA

Caleb Maxey

Sophomore, Illinois, psychology major

"My favorite nature spot at home is in a nearby nature preserve. It provides such a great place to separate myself from the outside world."

Above: Nature preserve outside of Chicago.
Photo by John W. Iwanski.



Cricket Field
Laie, Hawaii, USA

Alexander Galeai

Junior, Laie, business management major

"I like this place because it's quiet and blocks out all the noise. I can hear the birds chirping, feel the gentle breeze rustling through the trees and sense the oxygen flowing into my body as I breathe. Here, I can meditate undisturbed and engage in deep self-reflection."

Above: The cricket field in Laie. Photo by Nathan Strain.
Graphics by Forrest Christensen and Sugarmaa Bataa (Kendra).

Right: The waterfront at Zion's Camp.
Photo by Helaman Kennach.

Helaman Kennach

Junior, Washington, Pacific Island Studies major

"Zion's Camp is my favorite spot at home with my family because we would have a good time, and I have made a lot of happy memories there with the people I love."



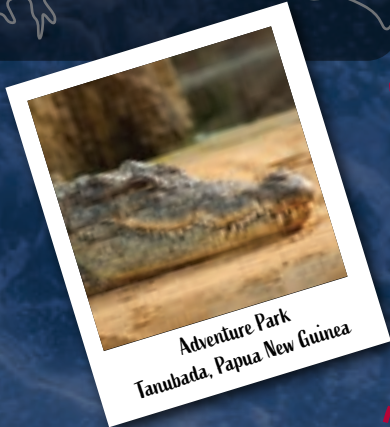
Zion's Camp
Belfare, Washington, USA

Below: A crocodile at the Adventure Park. Photo by Monika.

Josephine Kei

Sophomore, Papua New Guinea, social work major

"I love the Adventure Park for two main reasons: It's a serene countryside location, just 28 minutes from bustling Port Moresby, and it's distinctive attractions like the exotic orchid gardens, Papua New Guinea's iconic bird species, thrilling crocodile feeding shows and exciting water slides. Additionally, the park offers a peaceful retreat into nature, making it a safe and unique destination for visitors to enjoy and appreciate."

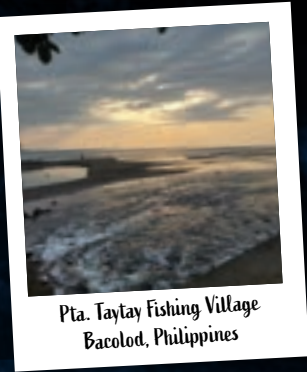


Adventure Park
Tanubada, Papua New Guinea

Jan Aries

Sophomore, Philippines, elementary education major

"The scenic view of the beach gives me peace and the calming sound of the ocean makes me feel safe. This spot is a good place for me as it holds so many memories since I was little that make me happy whenever I feel sad or happy."



Pta. Taytay Fishing Village
Bacolod, Philippines

Above: The waves crash on the Bacolod Coast.
Photo by Jan Aries.



Gun Beach
Tamuning, Guam

Left: The sunset on Gun Beach.
Photo by Selina Walter.

Selina Walter

Sophomore, Chuuk, political science major

"My favorite nature spot growing up is at the beach next to our house. Whenever I want to relax when days are rough, I would always find myself swimming in the ocean, or just sitting on mangrove trees at the beach."



White Sand Beach
Tonga

Left: A sunset in a Samoa neighborhood.
Photo by Esther Key.

Esther Key

Sophomore, Samoa, business management major

"Our chapel is located on a hill where it overlooks one of the villages. It always provides great healing views which makes it my favorite nature spot at home. I love the view because sunsets are a representation of rest, and it reminds me that there is no better place to rest than home."



Maaali Street
Samoa

Tapaze Heitonga

Sophomore, Tonga, psychology & HTM major

"White Sand Beach is my favorite nature spot at home to relax and meditate at because the white sand is very white, which gives great healing to my mind. In addition to that, the view is beautiful, and the water is so clear."

Above: A boat on shore of Tonga.
Photo by Vince Russell.