

HOW TO GET TO LAS CASAS DE LA SELVA

Directions from North to Tropic Ventures Sustainable Forestry Project.

On the Highway 52 head south through Caguas, to Guavate, exit 32, left up the hill on the **Route 184**. Follow 184 through Guavate, through Carite State Forest, heading to Patillas. Long, curvy road all the way up the hill.

Go past Charco Azul. A few curves later on the left, you will see a VIVERO sign red and yellow, and immediately after a yellow sign '**Las Casas de la Selva**', at KM 15.9.

Drive left down the road & through the gate. Follow the drive to the Homestead.

Directions from Fajardo heading south to Patillas and Tropic Ventures Sustainable Forestry Project.

1. Take the Route 3 South to Patillas. This takes you along the coast through the towns of Humacao, Maunabo, and then into Patillas. This is a long, windy route, and you will be on it for a couple of hours.

2. When you enter into the outskirts of Patillas, you will see a restaurant called "La Tranquilidad" on your left. Keep going, and when you get to the first traffic light after the restaurant, turn left (you are still on the Rte 3).

3. Follow this road (you will be going over a bridge that spans a river emptying out into the Caribbean Sea - the view is beautiful) until the end- it will end at a traffic light. Turn right.

4. After turning right, follow this road for approx 2 miles. You will see a gas station to your right, and directly across the street, on the left is the turn off for the **184**. Follow the 184. (you will see a sign that says "Caguas 47 miles).

5. Follow this road all the way up the mountain, and at the top there is a KM 15.9 marker, you will see our sign "Las Casas de la Selva" on the right, and a VIVERO sign directly after, Drive down to the gate and drive up to the homestead. If you reach "Charco Azul", a nearby national forest picnic area, you have gone 1 mile too far. We are the last homestead before the Carite State Forest.

Directions from Ponce to Tropic Ventures Sustainable Forestry Project.

1. On the **Highway 52 head north** from Ponce to Caguas.

2. There will be an exit to Cayey town, don't take that one. Take the next exit: **32 exit to Guavate**, and go right, follow up the hill on the **Route 184**, which is the road you want.

3. Follow 184 through Guavate, through Carite State Forest, heading to Patillas. Long, curvy road all the way up the hill.

4. Go past Charco Azul. A few curves later on the left, you will see a VIVERO sign red and yellow, and immediately after a yellow sign '**Las Casas de la Selva**', at KM 15.9.

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Coming from the AIRPORT from the North to the South on Highway 52 heading to Tropic Ventures Sustainable Forestry Project:

From the Luis Munoz Marin Airport (San Juan) the journey is about 45-50mins: Head out straight from the airport across the long bridge and past the toll.

Carry on straight following signs to Caguas staying on the 17. Don't follow the left lanes to Trujillo Alto.

Go straight on & through a main high street, (Avenida Pinero). Keep your eyes open for the **CAGUAS** signs.

After main intersection traffic lights, go under a bridge, and on the right is an exit that curves to get you onto the **18 South to Caguas**.

Keep in the middle and left lanes. This 18 turns into the **Highway 52** heading South.

Follow signs to Ponce, 35 mins journey. Take **exit 32 to Guavate**. Turn left up the hill from the exit.

Follow the Route 184 through Guavate, through Carite State Forest, past Charco Azul.

No turns. Long windy road all the way up. About 20 mins. You will see the sign that says 'Patillas'. (the region we are in)

At KM 15.9 on the left you will see a VIVERO sign red and yellow, and immediately after a yellow sign '**Las Casas de la Selva**', at KM 15.9.

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