



It's a Capy Celebration: River Wonders Marks Capybara Pup's 100-Day Milestone (Until 3 May 2026)

Description

Singapore's capybara obsession has a fresh excuse to explode. **River Wonders**, the Mandai Wildlife Reserve park dedicated to freshwater ecosystems, has launched **It's a Capy Celebration**• a month-long festival running from **3 April to 3 May 2026** to mark the 100-day milestone of the park's newest capybara pup, born to proud parents Muniek and Luna.

For the uninitiated, capybaras are the world's largest rodents, Peruvian by origin, chill by nature, and internet-famous for the past few years. The new pup whose arrival was announced earlier this year has quickly become one of River Wonders' most-photographed residents. And with just under two weeks left on the celebration calendar, now is the time to catch the festivities before they wrap.

Meet the Capy Crew

The celebration is anchored around the park's full capybara family, affectionately known as the **Capy Crew**. This includes proud parents Muniek and Luna, the newborn pup (whose name will likely be announced during the celebration), and existing adult members **Lester and Dexter**, who have been fan favourites in recent years.

The Capy Crew live across two distinct habitats at River Wonders. The main capybara viewing area offers up-close land observation, while the **Amazon River Quest boat ride** takes visitors past a second semi-aquatic zone where you can watch capybaras doing what they do best — wading, lounging, and occasionally napping on floating logs.

What's On During the Celebration

1. The Capy Crew Trail

Visitors pick up a **Capy Fan Card** at the start and complete checkpoints around the park â?? each station offers a bite-sized fact about capybaras and the conservation work that supports them. Finishing the trail earns a special stamp, and six lucky participants (drawn from completed cards) will win a full **Capybara Zookeeper for a Day** experience and a **Hello from the Wild: Capybara interaction**. If you have a kid in tow, this is the single best reason to make the trip.

2. Enrichment Sessions

During scheduled enrichment sessions, keepers hand the capybaras a series of prepared treats: **ice cakes** (frozen fruit-and-vegetable blocks, perfect for Singaporeâ??s heat) and **woven fire hose reels stuffed with food**, which encourage natural foraging behaviour. Keepers are present throughout to answer questions and explain why enrichment matters for captive animal welfare. It is genuinely educational and a lovely watch.

3. The Once Upon a River Presentation

This is River Wondersâ?? headline keeper-led presentation, and it has been given a capybara-themed refresh for the celebration. Keep an eye out for Lester and Dexter, who make appearances during the show.

4. Photo Points and Merch

Themed photo points are scattered across the celebration route â?? perfect for Instagram and family photos. For mementos, the gift shop is selling a special **capybara plushie complete with a birth certificate** (a genuinely cute touch) and limited-edition **capybara-themed ice cream** available at park kiosks.

Planning Your Visit

Tickets and Timing

Standard River Wonders admission applies â?? the celebration activities are included in your park ticket, with no extra charge. Adult tickets start at SGD42 (non-resident) and SGD35 (Singapore resident); child tickets at SGD30 (non-resident) and SGD25 (resident). Mandai Annual Pass holders enjoy unlimited visits, which is worth calculating if you plan to return for the zoo or Bird Paradise within the next 12 months.

The park opens daily from **10am to 7pm**, with last admission at 6pm. For the celebration, we recommend arriving by **10.30am** to complete the Capy Crew Trail and still make at least one enrichment session before lunch. Weekend mornings are the busiest â?? aim for a weekday if your schedule allows.

Getting There

River Wonders is in the Mandai Wildlife Reserve cluster. The easiest route is by MRT to Khatib (NS14), then the dedicated Mandai Khatib Shuttle to the park. Driving? There is ample paid parking on site. If you plan to combine River Wonders with Singapore Zoo or Bird Paradise in one day (absolutely doable), consider a **multi-park ticket** for better value.

Why Capybaras, Why Now?

Capybaras have been having a sustained cultural moment for a couple of years now — their calm demeanour, willingness to cohabit with almost any species (birds, monkeys, turtles, even crocodiles), and meme-worthy facial expressions have made them social media royalty. River Wonders' celebration is a well-timed move to capitalise on genuine public interest while spotlighting conservation and enrichment work that keepers carry out year-round.

For parents, the celebration is an easy educational win: kids get direct exposure to animal behaviour, feeding biology, and habitat design, all wrapped in an Instagram-friendly, reward-driven trail format. For couples and adult groups, it is a surprisingly wholesome weekend date idea — the capybaras are as calming to watch as they look.

Other Things to Do While You Are There

If you are making the trip to Mandai, it is worth knowing that the broader Mandai Wildlife Reserve cluster — Singapore Zoo, Night Safari, River Wonders, and Bird Paradise — are all within walking or shuttle distance. Bird Paradise (opened in 2023) is especially worth a visit if you have not been. The Mandai Wildlife West walking trails are free and open to the public, offering a nice pre- or post-park stretch.

Final Thoughts

It's a Capy Celebration — is exactly the kind of light, heart-warming event Singapore does well: thoughtful, well-executed, and genuinely worth a half-day. With 100-day celebrations, a new pup, enrichment sessions, capybara ice cream, and a plushie-with-birth-certificate, the programming is dialled perfectly for family visits and couples alike.

With the celebration ending on 3 May 2026, the window is narrowing. Book ahead online for weekend slots, and bring a reusable water bottle — Mandai's humidity is real, even with the leafy tree cover. Most importantly, put your phone down long enough to just watch a capybara do absolutely nothing. Trust us, it works.

Location Details

River Wonders

Address: 80 Mandai Lake Road, Singapore 729826

Opening Hours: Daily, 10am — 7pm (last admission 6pm)

Nearest MRT: Khatib (NS14), then Mandai Khatib Shuttle

Website: mandai.com/en/river-wonders

Google Maps: [Open in Google Maps](#)

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