Jamaican Geographical Society

The Jamaican Geographical Society was founded in 1966 and its principal aim is the advancement of the discipline of geography in Jamaica. Its activities include field trips and hikes, guest lectures, workshops and conferences, and occasional exhibitions and social events. The Society is managed by an elected Council, and its current officers are listed below.

Council Members 2004-2005

President
David Barker

Vice President
Larry Neufville

Secretary
Jessica Fearon

Treasurer
David Miller

Membership Secretary.
David Dodman

Ordinary Members
Ryan Ramsook
Simone McCulloch
Maurice Swaby
Marvette Brown
Karen Thomas
Vileitha Davis- Morrison
Robert Kinlocke
Kevon Rhiney

Co-opted Student members
Stacie-Ann Berry
Erica Campbell

On a recent JGS field trip to the Maroon community of Moore Town in Portland, Stacie-Ann Berry donates two wall maps to the Basic School, received by our host, the maroon Colonel. The overnight excursion included a visit to Nanny Falls, an evening ‘lime’ in the community and a walk to Ginger House. Ryan Ramsook made the arrangements and co-ordinated the main activities of the weekend.
JGS Membership
The membership fee for the Society’s year 2004-2005 is $500. You can renew your membership or join as a new member by contacting the Membership Secretary, David Dodman, at the Department of Geography and Geology.

Membership entitles you, among other things, to discounted prices on JGS field trips and excursions. Your support is appreciated.

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St Mary Hike
A group of intrepid hikers walked from Robin’s Bay to Port Maria on Saturday, 21st February, along the beautiful St Mary coastline. This was the third time in 12 years that the Society has walked the route, but on this occasion the trail was overgrown and disused along its middle section, and was difficult to follow. Aided by three dogs and two fearless undergraduates, the group completed the exhausting adventure as night began to fall.

The photos show a lunch stop in one of the many deserted coves, and a spectacular panorama of the St Mary coastline.
An overnight excursion to the maroon community of Moore Town, Portland, May 8th-9th. Despite torrential rain earlier, the party walks across the suspension bridge over the Rio Grande on the final stages of the trail between Cornwall Barracks and Ginger House. Members have the smell of jerk pork in their nostrils, and hasten the pace of the hike in order to feast.

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**FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENT**

The JGS in conjunction with the UWI Geographical Society is organizing a Geography Trivia Quiz followed by a Barbecue and social event on Thursday, 2nd December, starting at 4.00pm at the Department of Geography and Geology, UWI. The Quiz is a contest between competing teams of geography undergraduates. Meal tickets for the barbecue are on sale at $200 each. Contact one of the Council members for details and purchase of tickets.

Members and guests are welcome.