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Holiday-makers throng city's popular recreational parks

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Holiday-makers took advantage of the National Day holiday today to visit some spots which are becoming more popular in the city.

At 11am, about 1,000 visitors were recorded at the new Desa water theme park in Jalan Danau Desa off Jalan Klang Lama.

Many brought their families to the RM100 million park which covers seven hectares.

The park, which opened at the end of July, features the region's longest uphill water coaster, a tropically-themed water playground with multiple-level platforms and slides, two gigantic water slides, two wave pools and a jacuzzi-like bubble pool.

James Lung, 49, an engineer from Seremban, who found about the park in the newspapers, said his visit to the park was part of his National Day celebrations with his children.

Although he was aware of the other water theme parks such as the Sunway Lagoon and Shah Alam Wet World, Lung said he chose this park because it did not charge extra (besides the entrance fees) for the use of its facilities.

The Kuala Lumpur City Centre Park drew about 5,000 visitors.

Most of them were families who brought their children to the park to enjoy the wide variety of children's playing equipment on the 0.8-hectare playground and wading pool.

The park is ornamented with sculptures, murals and two water fountains.

Vehicles proceeding to the KLCC area created a massive jam along Jalan Sultan Ismail.

The 20ha park which has been attracting city dwellers as well as foreigners since its completion on May 8, was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last Saturday.

Many people also spent the day visiting Zoo Negara in Ulu Klang.

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