

## El Yunque Waterfalls and Hikes

**Catarata Coca**: This is the first El Yunque waterfall you get to and is almost immediately inside the gate on your right. You can see the waterfall from the road and there is a parking lot where you can stop and snap a few photos.

**Juan Diego Falls** (KM 9.6)This is a short hike to several waterfalls where you can swim in the pools. The water is refreshingly cold and the tropical forest. I **Cascade La Mina**: (currently closed) La Mina was unfortunately closed when we visited in 2022, but as this is a great place to visit, I want to include it here. The waterfall is a tall 35-foot drop with a beautiful pool at the bottom where you can cool off after your hike.

**Baño Grande** (km 11.9) This is more of a pool than a waterfall, but I included it here because the pool is man-made with water coming over the dam as you walk up to the pool. It is a very short walk on an easy trail to the large pool.

**Hike to the El Yunque Peak Tower (**km 12) This peak hike takes you to one of the tallest peaks in the El Yunque forest. The trail is about 2.6 miles each way with 1700 feet of elevation gain. The trail gets muddy in places, so be prepared!

**Mount Britton Tower Trail** (km 13) This is a short hike to a stone tower for views across the whole region. The hike is a 1.6 mile trail and gains about 650 feet and is moderate in difficulty.

**Yokahu Tower:** As you drive up 191, you will pass this watch tower on your left. It's worth the short stop to climb up the tower for some beautiful views..

**Angelito Trail:** To get to the Angelito trail, you will need to turn onto 988. The trail is 0.7 miles long that takes you to Las Dams pool on the Mameyes River.

**Las Pailas:** This natural water slide is located close to Luquillo so isn't in El Yunque exactly, but since you can access it either on your way in or out of the forest,