

The Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area is the largest private reserve in Belize, and is home to several habitats as well as playing a key role in bi-national conservation efforts between Belize and neighboring countries of Guatemala and Mexico.

Lying between coordinates 17° and 18° N latitude in the northwest corner of Belize in the Orange Walk District the Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area (RBMCA) covers some 202,000 acres of tropical moist forest, savanna, palm forest and marsh land. The area is managed for conservation, scientific research, sustained-yield timber harvesting, non-timber forest product extraction, ecotourism, and educational purposes by Programme for Belize, a private nonprofit Belizean organization.

Notable Features:

- In addition to the abundant natural history, over 40 Maya sites have been discovered within the RBCMA. The largest center is La Milpa, which is smaller in size only to Caracol and Lamanai.
- Due to its remote location and the elimination of hunting, many endangered species like the Black Howler Monkey, Central American Spider Monkey, Jaguars, Pumas, Ocelots, Margays, Jaguarundis, Tapirs, Pecarries, Ocellated Turkeys and Brocket Deer have found refuge within the RBMCA.
- Orinthologists have recorded over 355 species of birds here.

Visitor Experience:

Programme for Belize manages several visitor facilities within their boundaries for day visitors, educational groups, couples and families. The main facility is the La Milpa Field Station.

