

# LINOW LAKE



Relax and meander along the walkways at 34 hectare Lake Linow to see the sulphur rich water changing between green, blue, and yellow colors. Listen and watch for the indigenous 'belibis' bird and thousands of winged insects, called "sayok" on which these birds thrive. Relax on the wooden terrace of the cafe overlooking the lake and meet the local villagers of nearby Lahendong who farm corn, rice, and spices in this geo-thermal area of North Suawesi

## Accessing Linow Lake

Linow Lake is situated close to the Village of Lahendong, which is  $\pm 7$  km from the city of Tomohon or  $\pm 27$  km from Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi province, Indonesia.

- *By car:* from Tomohon approximately 25 minutes.
- *By public transport:* You can take a “mikrolet” from the Tomohon bus stop to the village of Lahendong Rp 2.000/person. From the village of Lahendong, you can rent a motorcycle to ride to the lake, approx. 5 minutes away, or walk.
- Or, you can take the mini-bus destined for Kawangkoan from the Karombasan bus stop in Manado for Rp 20,000/person. Ask the driver to drop you off at the Village of Lahendong along the way.
- *By foot:* Visitors could walk from the village of Lahendong to the site, about 700 m.

For a satellite map, see <http://www.mapcarta.com/16280208>

Link to Google map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=Danau+Linow,+Tomohon,+Sulawesi+Utara,+Indonesia&hl=en&ll=1.190558,124.858246&spn=0.165789,0.21595&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=35.273162,55.283203&vpsrc=6&hq=Danau+Linow,&hnear=Tomohon,+Minahasa,+North+Sulawesi,+Indonesia&t=m&z=12>

### Activities to enhance your visit to the site

- After entering the site (RP 20,000), walk along the lake path to enjoy the changing colors of the water and catch sight of the indigeous ‘Belibis’ bird.
- Relax on the wooden terrace of the café overlooking the lake and enjoy a drink and snack that is included with your entry fee, or lunch.
- Stroll for 10 minutes from the site to reach an old crater which has a sulfur spring.
- Mix with the local people in the charming nearby Village of Lahendong who farm in the area around the lake.
- In nearby Tomohon, spend a few hours walking around ‘Bukit Doa Mahawu, a forest park and spiritual retreat centre situated at the base of Mahawu volcano’. The synergy between the environment and religion can be seen in this pleasing mix of tropical flowers and trees, the chapel, amphitheatre, eco-lodge, jungle activities, and stations of the cross. Trek from the base of the site at 820 m to 1021 m, in the cooler air (22 C). It is open to the public with entry by donation.

### How you can help us preserve this site and the surrounding community

- Be careful not to disturb the plants along the path to the lake.
- Remove all of your garbage.

- Donate to help to develop facilities on the beach area outside the main site i.e. the construction of a public toilet, a proper sign with rules at , garbage receptacles, and solar lighting.
- Purchase locally grown vegetables, fruit, spices and handicrafts.
- Consider one of the investment opportunities in the area (see below)

## Places to stay

Tomohon has a variety of eco-friendly hotels:

- **Gardenia Hotel**  
 Phone : +62 431 351282, fax: +62 431 351363  
 Email : info@gardeniacountryinn.com  
 Website :www.gardeniacountryinn.com
- **Lokon Boutique Resort**  
 Phone : +62 431 351203, 3158694, 3158793  
 Email : lokon\_resort@yahoo.co.id
- **Onong's Palace**  
 Phone : +62 431 3157090, fax: +62 431 315 7090  
 Email : info@tomohon-onong.com  
 Website : http://tomohon-onong.com/
- **Tomohon Highland Resort**  
 Phone : +62 431 353333, 353888  
 Email : mail@highlandresort.info  
 Website : www.highlandresort.info

## Places to eat:

- Each of the resorts listed above have restaurants.
- Restoran Danau Tondano, along the lake
- Restaurant 'Sineleyan' in Tomohon

## Safety and Tips

- Be careful when walking around the edge of the lake. There are boiling hot mud pools.
- Bring binoculars to see the birds and other fauna around the lake.
- Wear a sun hat and comfortable walking shoes.

### Emergency services:

- Bethesda Hospital: Phone: +62 431 351046  
Talete I Kecamatan Tomohon Tengah Yayasan GMIM Sulawesi Utara
- Police station: Phone: +62 431 3157092
- Address: Jl. Kolongan Tomohon

### To learn more, contact:

- Tourism and Culture Agency of Tomohon  
Kompleks Kantor Walikota – Kakaskasen Tomohon  
c/p: Mr. Sartin , mobile: 081340600479  
email:
- HPI (Indonesian Guides Association) Tomohon  
Limbers Tour & travels – Talete I Tomohon  
c/p: Alex Maerah (Chairman) mob: 0852 40275757  
email:

### Investment opportunities:

The Government of Sulawesi Utara will facilitate and approve the private development of:

- *Plantation model farm* that will allow tourists, students and other visitors to plant, tend, and harvest vegetables for a range of different time periods. The facility must provide accommodation and meals made from locally grown food.
- *Bio tour guide service* that provides knowledgeable information about local birds, plants and farming.
- *Eco-lodge* based in or near Tomohon or Lahendong.

### Additional local attractions

- The area is known for having the largest geothermal electrical power plant in Sulawesi
- Local villagers farm extensively and develop products from local materials. A ±30 minutes walk from the village of Lahendong, you will bring you to the village of Leilem , that produces wood furniture. There is a palm sugar manufacturer ±15 minutes by car from Lahendong. The carpenters of the village of Woloan, produce 'knock down' houses from local wood. Once they are built, and purchased, they are 'knocked down' and shipped to the purchaser.

- Visit the daily Tomohon traditional market in the centre of town

### **More facts on Linow Lake**

This beautiful lake can change its color, depends on which angle you view the lake. In this area, you could also view groups of different kind of birds which categorized as indigeous, it called `belibis` as one of the most attractive things in the lake area. This place also becomes the growing area of geothermal power plant for the province.

### **Related websites:**

Photos of Danau Linow

<http://www.google.com/search?q=danau+linow&hl=en&client=safari&rls=en&prmd=imvns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=ifTFTqjSNYUJrAeDyfiLDg&ved=0CB4QsAQ&biw=1010&bih=605>

<http://www.wisatamelayu.com/id/object.php?a=REhvL05YL1M%3D=&nav=geo>

<http://objekwisatatomohon.blogspot.com/2009/01/danau-linow.html>