Resource Village, embraces its place in the historical development of Jamaica, being the area where the first national hero of Jamaica, Marcus Garvey, began his early work while in Jamaica. Marcus Garvey established one of the first Liberty Halls in this Community. They are used as Community Centres (Liberty Hall was the name given to his organization’s headquarters in each parish). Today, only two remain in Jamaica.
ABOUT RESOURCE VILLAGE

Resource contains a wealth of natural, cultural and archaeological resources, with almost undisturbed natural habitats such as wetlands, dry limestone forest, mineral springs, rivers, mangroves and sand dunes. Many endemic, endangered and protected species, including manatees, crocodiles, sea turtles and numerous birds, inhabit the area.

Significant features of the landscape are Jamaica’s largest remaining stand of endemic thatch palm (“bull thatch”) and the many majestic cotton trees, once used to make canoes, hence the name “Canoe Valley.”

The archaeological resources of the Resource Community include several known Taino sites, including caves with petroglyphs (rock carvings) and burial caves. Very likely there are other sites yet to be discovered. It is believed that the famous “Bird Man” and other wooden Taino carvings were removed from this area in the 1700s and sent to the British Museum.

Resource is one of only four sites in the island where wooden Taino artifact have been found. It also shows evidence of early occupation by runaway slaves from Vere, Clarendon. Their descendants have retained many African customs and rituals such as the ceremonial dance called “Runkus.”

A Marcus Garvey Fair is held each February to commemorate Black History month, highlight the life and work of Marcus Garvey and showcase local culture.

The Cultural/Heritage Community Experience includes:
• Community welcome
• Community entertainment featuring the Resource Runkus Dancers
• Demonstration of Bammy making from cassava, a root vegetable
• Lunch of bammy, ackee and saltfish, Jamaica’s national dish, and fruit.

US$85 per person, including tour experience, lunch, community host guide.

Resource Runkus Drummer and Dancer
Bammy Making
Lunch with Community Family
Bammy with Ackee and Saltfish