

THE RESILIENCE TRAILS



9 exciting
thematic trails



Embark on
Singapore's
historical journey



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The Resilience Trails are a series of 9 thematic trails designed to create a greater understanding and appreciation of Singapore's history and heritage. Commissioned by the Resilience Division of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and the National Heritage Board (NHB), each trail is presented in the form of an educational guided tour.

Participants will undergo a learning journey filled with inspiring stories from major historical events that shaped our nation. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit some of the most scenic sites in Singapore, as well as explore off-the-beaten-track locations.

NHB has appointed two vendors to provide guided tours of the Resilience Trails.

A)

A+B Edu Tours & Travel Pte Ltd will provide the following 4 trails:

- 1) From Humble Beginnings: The Civic District Trail
- 2) The Last Stand: The Southern Resilience Trail
- 3) Of Hardship, Hope and New Beginnings: The Northern Resilience Trail
- 4) From SIT to HIP: The Tiong Bahru Resilience Trail

B)

Singapore History Consultants Pte Ltd will provide the following 5 trails:

- 5) The Temasek Trail — Story of a Nation
- 6) Ridges of Valour — Of Guts, Grit & Glory
- 7) Changi Crossroads — A Trek through Time
- 8) War & Peace — The Kranji Experience
- 9) The Rail Corridor — Our Journey together through the Power of Friendship

The trails comprise of segments on bus and on foot, each varying in duration and length. Please note certain locations and sites are subjected to availability.

To book a tour of the trails, please contact the respective vendors as follow:

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FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The Civic District Trail

- Visit key landmarks that mark the birthplace of our nation on a trail that connects different times, events and personalities with tangible artefacts that tell the story of Singapore's becoming.
- Understand how immigrants from all corners of the world came to Singapore and made a new living.
- Learn how our early pioneers contributed to the growth and the development of Singapore from the colonial days to modern times.

Some highlights of this trail are:

ARTS HOUSE AT OLD PARLIAMENT

The oldest government building in Singapore dating back to 1826, the Arts House at Old Parliament has a colourful and eventful past that reflects the many changes Singapore has undergone since its founding by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819.



THE CENOTAPH



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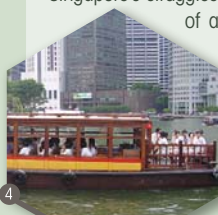
LIM BO SENG MEMORIAL

The Lim Bo Seng Memorial was built from funds raised by the Chinese community in Singapore and overseas; permission was granted by the government to build this memorial at the Esplanade Park.



SINGAPORE RIVER CRUISE

The river narrates not only the story of Singapore's struggles but also the promises of a brighter future; a 20 minutes journey on a 'traditional bumboat' gives participants a unique perspective of Singapore.



THE LAST STAND

The Southern Resilience Trail

- Learn about how the Malay Regiment fought its last battle at Kent Ridge Park during World War 2.
- Visit Reflections at Bukit Chandu to gain an insight into the Malay Regiment, its soldiers and their leaders.
- Understand the evolution of Singapore into one of the busiest and most reliable ports in the world.
- Visit Labrador Park, a nature reserve that also serve as a showcase of creativity and innovations.

Some highlights of this trail are:

KENT RIDGE PARK



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LABRADOR PARK

Labrador Park was part of the coastal defence system during World War 2. Today the park is not only a nature reserve, but also provides a good insight of the progresses Singapore had made through the times.



OF HARDSHIP, HOPE AND NEW BEGINNINGS

The Northern Resilience Trail

- Experience a tour that weaves together historical, political and humanity themes into one unique trail.
- The historical journey starts at the former British naval base and ends at Kranji War Memorial, where thousands of names bear witness to the pain and suffering during World War 2.
- The political theme highlights the British colonial power before World War 2 and how their naval base impacted Singapore's development.
- The human tread casts a spotlight on a minority group that has successfully integrated into the Singapore social fabric.

Some highlights of this trail are:

KRANJI WAR MEMORIAL

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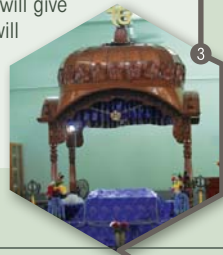
SEMBAWANG HOT SPRING

The use of Sembawang Hot Spring dates back to the early 21st century; during the Japanese Occupation, officers from the Japanese Army remodelled the hot spring into a Japanese style hot bath. Up till today, residents all over Singapore still visit the hot spring for the water's healing and rejuvenating properties.



GURDWARA SAHIB YISHUN

The merger of two old Sikh Temples resulted in the establishment of this Gurdwara. The Sikhs have lived in the Sembawang area since the establishment of the Naval Base. The visit will give an introduction to Sikhism, and participants will learn about how external threats can lead to misunderstandings and near-riots, as well as the importance of understanding other religions and cultures.



FROM SIT TO HIP

The Tiong Bahru Resilience Trail

- Visit Tiong Bahru, a small, charming housing estate that dates back to the 19th century, and learn about the history behind its famous architecture.
- Understand the changes that the Tiong Bahru community underwent during World War 2, and how it adapted to a new life after the war.
- Learn about the early pioneers and philanthropists that cared and acted for the good of the wider populace.
- Admire the unique architectural designs in this estate.

Some highlights of this trail are:

SENG POH GARDEN

An open grassy area used by the residents for morning exercise became a landscaped garden in the early 1970s. A sculpture was also commissioned to add to the beauty of the area.



TIONG BAHRU FLATS

The flats in Tiong Bahru are a collection of both pre-war and post-war units. The blocks built before World War 2 were meant to provide relief to the housing crunch in Chinatown, but eventually became a 'middle-class' estate. The newer flats built after World War 2 were designed by a local architect and town planner — Robert FN Kan; the buildings reflected the clean and simple lines characteristic of the International Style of design.



THE GRAVE OF TAN TOCK SENG

The grave of one of Singapore's earliest pioneers and philanthropists is located in Tiong Bahru. Find out why!



THE TEMASEK TRAIL

Story of a Nation

- Embark on a journey which traces Singapore's history back to the 14th century.
- Learn about different periods of Singapore's history from the time of the ancient Malay kingdoms to the present day.
- Be inspired by the stories of Singapore's strategic responses to national challenges, and its people's foresight and resilience.
- Understand the challenges faced by well-known historical figures and pioneers, and Singapore's first generation of leaders after independence.

Some highlights of this trail are:



FORT CANNING PARK

Fort Canning Park, the most historical part of Singapore, was where the governing powers were located. Known as Bukit Larangan (Forbidden Hill), this was where the royal palace of the ancient Malay rulers was situated. The hill was converted into a fort by the British colonial government in 1860, where it became known as Government Hill.

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TAN KIM SENG FOUNTAIN

A Peranakan philanthropist, Tan Kim Seng, generously contributed towards the building of the waterworks; in 1882 the Municipal Commissioners erected the Tan Kim Seng Fountain to commemorate his contributions.



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Images 2 and 3 courtesy of National Heritage Board

RIDGES OF VALOUR

Of Guts, Grit & Glory

- Walk along the Southern Ridges and learn about the heroism and sacrifices made during the Battle of Bukit Panjang in World War 2.
- Discover how a small community, the Arabs, exerted a huge impact on Singapore through intelligence and hard work.
- Explore a scenic trail that goes all the way to Vivocity Waterfront via HortPark, Henderson Wave and Mount Faber; some of the most scenic upland areas of Singapore.

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HORTPARK

Hortpark is a knowledge hub for plants and gardening, providing gardening ideas and solutions, and offering a platform for the industry to share best practices.



SOUTHERN RIDGES WALKING TRAIL

The Southern Ridges Walking Trail starts at Alexandra Arch and extends all the way to Mount Faber Park. Highlights along this trail include the Forest Walk and the Henderson Waves, from which some of the most scenic views in Singapore can be found.



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CHANGI CROSSROADS

A Trek through Time

- Visit the Changi Museum, which is dedicated to the history of Singapore during the World War 2.
- Be inspired by the comradeship, selflessness and resilient spirit of those who were interned at the Changi area during the Japanese Occupation.
- Explore the scenic view of Changi, and learn about its transformation from a colonial military base to an international modern air hub.

Some highlights of this trail are:



CHANGI MUSEUM

Changi Museum is an educational centre documenting significant events which happened during the Japanese Occupation. A replica of the famed Changi Chapel is located within.



JOHORE BATTERY

A replica of one of the British's monster guns is located at this site; this was one of the coastal artillery sites built by the British to defend Singapore during World War 2.



CHANGI BOARDWALK

A coastal boardwalk that offers a beautiful view of the Changi coastline, Changi Point Coastal Walk is full of rustic charm, with the terrain, flora and fauna well-integrated into its design.



CHANGI BEACH

Visit one of the Sook Ching Massacre sites, where the killing of Chinese civilians were conducted by the Japanese during World War 2.

WAR & PEACE

The Kranji Experience

- Discover a part of Singapore that is rarely explored: Sarimbun beach, where the Japanese landed during the invasion of Singapore in World War 2.
- Uncover the hidden history of this region, and witness how it was transformed into a little corner of invention and innovation in the face of steep constraints.
- Visit the Kranji War Memorial to reflect on the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who defended Malaya and Singapore in World War 2.

Some highlights of this trail are:

SARIMBUN BEACH

This was the first landing site of the Japanese Army during World War 2. This area is made up of mangrove swamp and tropical forest; witness the difficult terrain and understand the challenges faced by the soldiers on both sides.



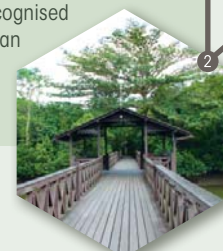
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SUNGEI BULOH WETLAND RESERVE

This wetland nature reserve is a globally recognised stopover point for migratory birds. Listed as an ASEAN Heritage Park, the biodiversity of its mangrove wetlands is an example of resilience and survival against difficult odds.



THE RAIL CORRIDOR

Our Journey Together through the Power of Friendship

- Visit key landmarks along the former Malaysian railway line, now known as the Railway Corridor.
- Understand how the power of friendship between Singapore and Malaysia led to better human relations at personal, community and international levels.
- Enjoy the walk along the historic Railway Corridor, and a privileged opportunity to visit both the former Bukit Timah Railway Station and the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station.

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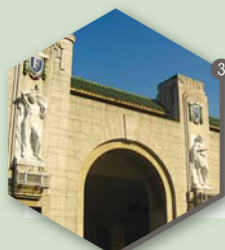
WOODLANDS WATERFRONT

A scenic site where one is able to comprehend the proximity of Johor Bahru, and understand the historical links between Singapore and Malaysia.



FORMER BUKIT TIMAH RAILWAY STATION

This building is constructed in the style of the traditional small town stations that were common in the United Kingdom and Malaya. An endearing local landmark in the appearance of a cosy country cottage.



FORMER TANJONG PAGAR RAILWAY STATION

The former railway station at Tanjong Pagar is an exemplary piece of modern architecture with Neo-Classical and Art Deco influences.

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