

Spot these

Dragon Fly

(Zygoptera phyllis)
A medium-sized dragon fly where both the males and females have a distinctive beautiful bright yellow patch with two iridescent brown patches at the base of the hind wing. It is found in marshy ponds, lakes, drains and reservoirs, including slightly brackish waters. It perches in sunlight and is often seen hovering around grassy areas, hilltops and secondary forest to feed.

Egret

(Ardea purpurea)
The purple heron inhabits mangroves, marshes, ponds, mudflats, estuaries, grasslands, fields and canals. The largest herony in Singapore was in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve with about 100 purple herons. However, it was abandoned in 2000. Since then, only small colonies are observed in Singapore. This includes a new colony at Kranji.



White-throated Kingfisher

(Halcyon smyrnensis)
The white-throated kingfisher is found in all inland open country habitats, ponds, reservoirs, scrubland, gardens and orchard land. It has a dark brown head and belly and a white throat. The back is turquoise with chestnut and black wing-coverts and the bill and feet are dark red in colour. It prefers feeding on large insects rather than fish.

Grey-headed Fish Eagle

(Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus)
It is an inhabitant of forests, reservoirs and open wooded areas and can sometimes be seen near the coast. It fishes from a perch rather than from the air.

Did You Know?

This spectacular bird of prey is a rare resident. It is nationally endangered and threatened by small populations of the white-bellied sea eagle.



Copper-cheeked Frog

(Hylarana raniceps)
The copper-cheeked frog is a forest species, residing only in clean and pristine freshwater streams in the forested areas of Singapore. The adult copper-cheeked frog can grow to a length of about 6 cm.

Did You Know?

The yellow or orange-coloured tadpoles of the copper-cheeked frog have a pair of poison glands, which deter predators from eating them.



Malayan Water Monitor Lizard

(Varanus salvator)
The Malayan water monitor lizard, a good swimmer and climber, is often found near water bodies. The adult Malayan water monitor lizard can grow up to a length of 2.5 m. Even though the adults may grow to a large size, they are not dangerous to man and often flee when approached.



Common Bauhinia

(Bauhinia semibiloba)
The common bauhinia is found along forest margins climbing up tree branches. It is one of the most attractive forest species. It is a woody climber which can grow to several metres long and has a stem with a diameter 15 cm. The young stem bears brown hairs which are shed as they mature. The beautiful stalked leaves are simple, with two lobes like the wings of a butterfly.

Cicada Tree

(Platium alternifolium)
The cicada tree is an evergreen shrub or tree growing to 12 m. The branches are characteristically horizontally placed, with fleshy, shiny leaves that are spirally arranged and stalkless. The pink petals of the flowers are white tipped. The seed capsules split to release the tiny wind-dispersed seeds.

Did You Know?

The plant can be used to make a decoction for a post childbirth tonic. The leaves and roots can be used to make a decoction for stomachache.



Events on Water!

Performances, weddings, corporate or family events. Our reservoirs are available for your use. Feel free to contact us for bookings.

Call 1800 284 6600 or book online at <http://www.pub.gov.sg/enjoy>



How we get our water

PUB is the national water agency that takes care of all our water matters. In Singapore, we get our water from four sources which we call the Four National Taps. These are rainfall that is stored at our reservoirs, imported water from Johor, NEWater and desalinated water (or purified seawater).

Conserving Water

Use water wisely through simple daily acts such as taking shorter showers, washing the car with a pail of water and watering the plants with a watering can instead of using a hose.

Valuing Water

Help keep our drains, canals and rivers clean by not littering or throwing dirty water into them as they channel rainwater to our reservoirs.

Enjoying our Waters

By keeping our water catchment and reservoirs clean, we can have fun in the waters through activities such as kayaking, wakeboarding and sailing. We can also fish at the reservoirs but please do remember to release the fishes back into the water so that the reservoir waters will always be full of life.



Have fun in MacRitchie

Kayaking

Once a primitive mode of transport, kayaking is now a popular sport in Singapore. Grab a paddle and soak up the sun as you kayak around the reservoir



For more information, contact:
Paddle Lodge
www.scf.org.sg

Tel: 63446337
Email: info@scf.org.sg
Opening hours:
Tue - Sun, 9.30am - 4pm

Treetop walk

Get a closer look at the canopy, where all the action takes place in nature. This walkway is a free-standing suspension bridge spanning the two highest points in MacRitchie.

Opening hours:
Tue - Fri, 9am - 5pm
Sat, Sun and Public Holidays, 8.30am - 5pm

Jogging / Strolling

There are plenty of trails to keep your body going. Jogging and strolling are excellent means for improving cardiovascular health, bone density and physical fitness.

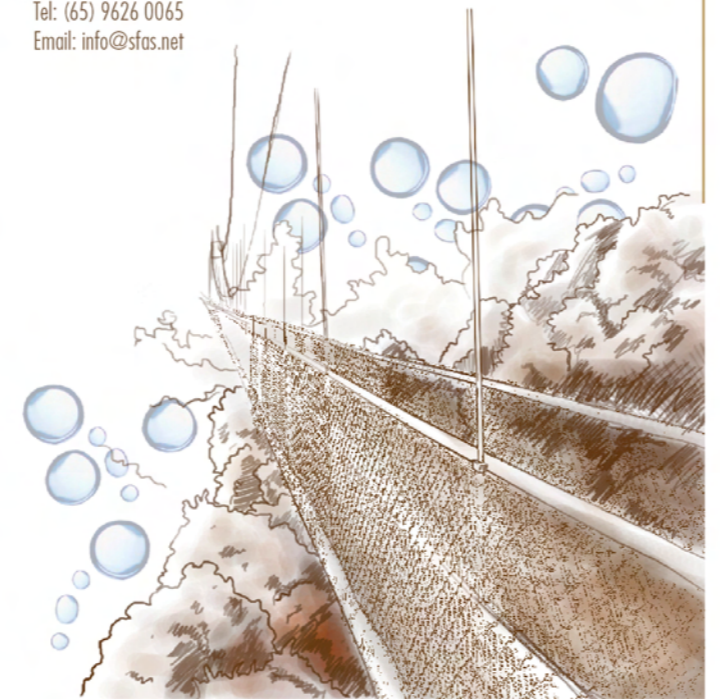
Fishing

Fancy yourself as an angler? Have fun at the MacRitchie Reservoir fishing jetty. Just a few house rules to observe:

- Use only artificial baits to keep the reservoir water clean.
- Practise catch and release to maintain fish stock in the reservoir.
- Use only carbon steel microbarb or barbless hooks and dispose all used hooks, lures and fishing lines properly.
- For the safety of visitors, please cast your lines with care and ensure that children are accompanied by adults.
- Be considerate and ensure your actions do not cause harm to the environment

Join the Interest Group for more activities:
Sport Fishing Association Singapore
<http://www.sfas.net>

Tel: (65) 9626 0065
Email: info@sfas.net



Interesting Facts



1 The reservoir was formed in **1867**

2 The deepest part of the reservoir is **7.5 m**

or approximately **62** drink cans stacked on top of each other.



3 **Green carpark**

The carpark is the **first** to introduce "self-cleansing bioswale" that cleanse the surface runoff.

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The reservoir is a protected catchment, which is largely surrounded by **forested land**.

The rain water collected in the reservoir is naturally filtered by the nearby forest into clean water.

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The reservoir has a perimeter of **17 km** or approximately **970** scooters lined together.

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The widest part of the reservoir is **2.6 km** or approximately the width of **16** Singapore Flyers.



Play Your Part

The reservoir is made up of millions of water droplets that will eventually end up in your homes. To enjoy this water, we should take ownership of our water resources and keep our waterways clean.

- For your safety, swimming in the reservoir is prohibited.
- Dogs should be leashed at the reservoir and they should not enter the water.
- Throw your litter in the nearest dustbin. Any litter that end up in our waterways can make its way to our reservoirs.
- Snub out the cigarette before entering the reservoir park to keep the air fresh.
- Use artificial baits when fishing and keep to the designated fishing area.
- Fishing lines rather than nets should be used for fishing.
- Animals at the reservoir like fishes, monkeys or birds need not be fed. They are capable of finding food for themselves
- Do not release unwanted pets into the reservoir.



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MacRitchie Reservoir

at a glance

Kayak Racing Lanes

Race across the reservoir in the Kayak Racing Lanes

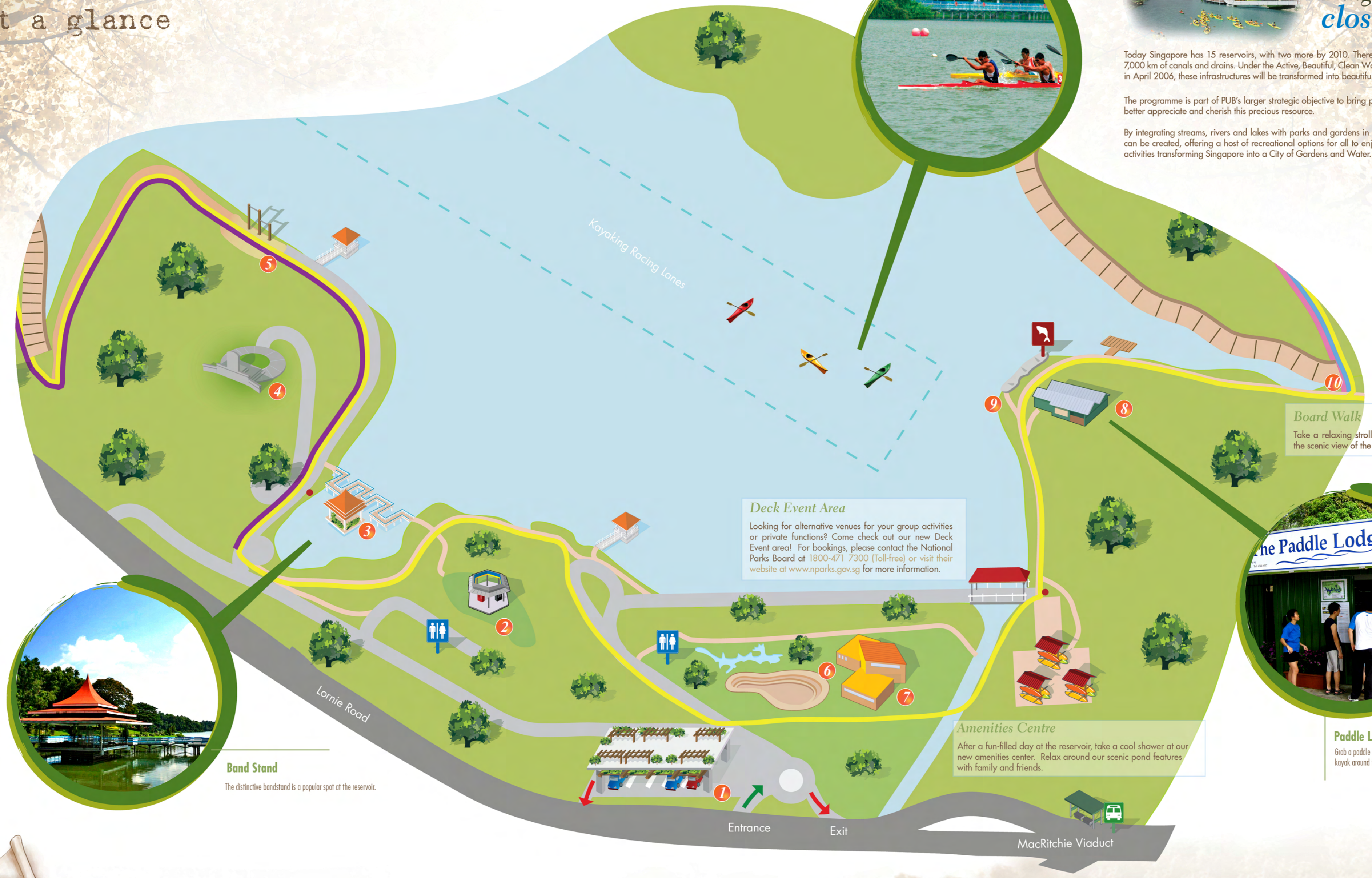


Bringing people closer to water

Today Singapore has 15 reservoirs, with two more by 2010. There are 32 major rivers and more than 7,000 km of canals and drains. Under the Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters Programme which was launched in April 2006, these infrastructures will be transformed into beautiful and clean streams, rivers and lakes.

The programme is part of PUB's larger strategic objective to bring people closer to water so that they can better appreciate and cherish this precious resource.

By integrating streams, rivers and lakes with parks and gardens in a holistic way, new community spaces can be created, offering a host of recreational options for all to enjoy. These will be bustling with life and activities transforming Singapore into a City of Gardens and Water.



Deck Event Area
Looking for alternative venues for your group activities or private functions? Come check out our new Deck Event area! For bookings, please contact the National Parks Board at 1800-471 7300 (Toll-free) or visit their website at www.nparks.gov.sg for more information.

Board Walk
Take a relaxing stroll near the water's edge and enjoy the scenic view of the reservoir.

Amenities Centre
After a fun-filled day at the reservoir, take a cool shower at our new amenities center. Relax around our scenic pond features with family and friends.



Paddle Lodge
Grab a paddle and soak up the sun as you kayak around the reservoir.

Band Stand
The distinctive bandstand is a popular spot at the reservoir.



Sitemap

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How to get to the Reservoir

- 1) If you are travelling by bus, these are the available bus services:

52	74	93	132	156	157	162	165	166
167	605	852	855					
- 2) If you are driving, head for MacRitchie Reservoir via Upper Thomson Road or Lornie Road. Free parking is available.

