

Letâ??s Take A Walk: a free 9km community walk through MacRitchie on 29 November

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Letâ??s Take A Walk, the volunteer-run endurance walk organised by Raleigh Singapore, is holding a free 9km community walk through MacRitchie on Sunday 29 November 2026. It starts at 8am sharp from the MacRitchie Reservoir Amenities Centre and heads north through the nature reserve, past Upper Peirce Reservoir, to finish on the Thomson side, with Casuarina Curry as the end point.

Walkers are asked to report at 7.50am and look out for volunteers in bright pink T-shirts. The walk is scheduled from 8am to 10am. Places are free but limited, and you book them on Peatix, where there is also a separate free ticket for volunteers acting as route experts and navigators.



MacRitchie Reservoir in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. File photo, not from the walk. Photo: NParks

Why there is no big LTAW this year

Letâ??s Take A Walk began in 1997 as a non-profit endurance walking event and is organised entirely by Raleigh Singapore volunteers. The main event is taking a break in 2026 so the team can rest before LTAW 2027, which will be its 30th year. In the meantime the group is keeping its free community walks going, and everyone is welcome.

The route

The organisersâ?? route map flags one junction in particular: keep right and walk straight on, rather than turning left towards the ranger station and the TreeTop Walk. This walk does not cross the suspension bridge.

Parts of the trail are narrow and may need to be walked in single file. Walkers share the paths with cyclists, other hikers and wild animals, so keep food out of sight, take your rubbish home and stay on the path inside the reserve. You can leave the walk at any point.

NParks has closed the Casuarina Entrance and the Cyathea boardwalk trail for maintenance from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027, so stick to the route the volunteers lead on the day.



A boardwalk at the waterâ??s edge in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. File photo, not from the walk. Photo: NParks

What to bring

This is a self-supported walk, so bring everything you need. Pack your own water and snacks, sun and rain protection and insect repellent, plus walking sticks if you use them and an N95 mask. Wear comfortable sports clothing and good walking shoes; an old LTAW T-shirt is encouraged if you have one.

The organisers will follow NEA guidance on wet weather and haze. If anything changes, registered walkers get a Peatix message by 7.15am on the day. Once the walk is under way, whether to carry on in bad weather is your call.

By signing up, you confirm you are in good health with no condition that would put you at risk on the walk, and you agree to stop if a member of the LTAW organising committee asks you to.

Getting to the start

- MRT: Caldecott station is the closest. Walk 850m along Toa Payoh Rise and turn right onto Thomson Road. Marymount station is a 1.5km walk via Marymount Lane and Upper Thomson Road.
- Bus: services 52, 74, 93, 130, 132, 156, 157, 165, 166, 167, 852, 855 and 980 stop at MacRitchie Resvr (stop 51071) on Thomson Road.
- Car: the entrance to the MacRitchie Reservoir Park car park is on Lornie Road.
- Hours and rules: the nature reserve is open from 7am to 7pm daily, and pets are not allowed.

The walk ends at Casuarina Curry, so plan your own way home from Thomson.

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