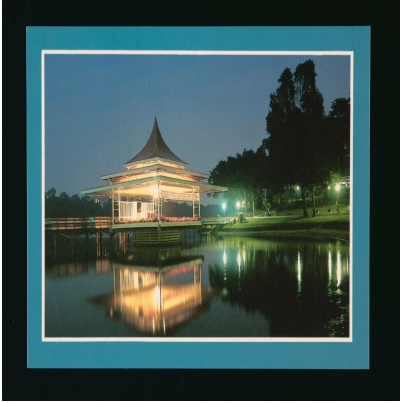




MacRitchie Reservoir: Read Three Dates in Singapore's Water Story

Description

Read MacRitchie Reservoir through three dates: completion of the Thomson Road Reservoir in 1868, renaming for municipal engineer James MacRitchie in 1922, and the public park opening in 1967. Each marks a shift from water infrastructure to a shared civic landscape.

The practical task is to connect the reservoir's water-supply history, renaming and public-park life through observable evidence. A sound decision separates the controlling condition from convenience, then records the evidence before money, travel, work or a deadline makes the choice harder to reverse.

Put the steps in order

1. **Visit is under 45 minutes:** Use the water-edge, historic marker and bandstand as three anchors.
2. **Engineering is the interest:** Track dam, pump-house and water-level clues without entering restricted areas.
3. **Social history is the interest:** Observe how recreation sits on working infrastructure.
4. **Weather or trail conditions are poor:** Keep to safe public paths and shorten the route.

Begin with water need

[Roots MacRitchie Reservoir historic site](#) states the controlling point used here: The reservoir formed part of Singapore's first public water supply and received financial support from merchant Tan Kim Seng. The reservoir answered a public supply problem before it became a leisure setting. Read the marker first

For begin with water need, this becomes consequential when "Visit is under 45 minutes" applies. The next move is to use the water-edge, historic marker and bandstand as three anchors, but only after the underlying condition has been verified and dated.

Place the donation

Tan Kim Seng's S\$13,000 contribution helped move plans forward amid funding shortages. Connect philanthropy to infrastructure

For place the donation, record the result as confirmed, pending or not applicable. If it is still pending, do not let a convenient assumption close the gap; identify the person or service that can resolve it and the last safe time to ask.

Date completion

The Thomson-area reservoir was completed in 1868 after delays. Use the year as the first anchor

For date completion, this becomes consequential when "Social history is the interest" applies. The next move is to observe how recreation sits on working infrastructure, but only after the underlying condition has been verified and dated.

Follow engineering change

[Roots MacRitchie bandstand collection record](#) states the controlling point used here: The record traces the 1857 donation, 1868 completion, 1891 dam expansion, 1922 renaming and 1967 public park opening. James MacRitchie's 1891 dam expansion preceded the 1922 renaming. Look for infrastructure, not only scenery

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Add public recreation

The surrounding park officially opened in 1967. Observe bandstand and gathering space

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Protect the site

Heritage interpretation does not authorise off-trail access. Stay on public routes

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A three-date heritage route linking the historic marker, water infrastructure and bandstand landscape

Start with Begin with water need, then test Place the donation and Date completion. Show the input, the condition applied and the resulting action in separate columns. If a number is calculated, retain the arithmetic; if a route is selected, retain the branch that ruled out the alternative.

Input or condition	Evidence to keep	Decision it changes
Visit is under 45 minutes	Read the marker first	Use the water-edge, historic marker and bandstand as three anchors
Engineering is the interest	Connect philanthropy to infrastructure	Track dam, pump-house and water-level clues without entering restricted areas
Social history is the interest	Use the year as the first anchor	Observe how recreation sits on working infrastructure

A source-backed timeline from 1823 proposal and 1857 donation to 1868 completion, 1891 expansion, 1922 renaming and 1967 park opening

Use Follow engineering change, Add public recreation and Protect the site as the verification pass. Check the live condition, note the time checked and keep the response or document that supports the conclusion. Unknowns remain visible until resolved; they should not be replaced by a guessed price, deadline, eligibility result, service level or operating detail.

Worked example

A visitor starts at the historic marker, looks across the water as infrastructure rather than scenery, then walks towards the bandstand. The three stops turn separate dates into a sequence: a supply problem, an engineering system and a public park layered over the same place.

The example is a calculation or decision model, not a guarantee. Change one material input at a time, preserve the original inputs and recheck the live authority or operator page before relying on the result.

Before you commit

1. Use the water-edge, historic marker and bandstand as three anchors.
2. Track dam, pump-house and water-level clues without entering restricted areas.
3. Observe how recreation sits on working infrastructure.
4. Keep to safe public paths and shorten the route.
5. Save the date and evidence used for every material condition.
6. Stop and ask the controlling authority, operator or qualified professional if a disputed fact changes the outcome.

Keep year, measure, unit, population and source together. A long-run series can show scale and direction, but it cannot explain every change without supporting records and careful limits.

Limits

Some infrastructure is operational or inaccessible. Follow current park notices, weather guidance and trail closures, and do not enter restricted areas.

For an adjacent live guide, see [Rental Deposit Handover: Build Evidence Before Returning Keys](#). If the next decision shifts to a second practical issue, [Short-Term Stays in Singapore Private Homes: What Is Legal?](#) provides the relevant progression without duplicating this primary intent.

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