



NParks Allotment Gardens: Compare 29 Parks Before Balloting

Description

NParks has more than 2,500 allotment plots across 29 parks. Each household may hold one plot at one location; the current fee is S\$65.40 a year for a lease of up to three years, with the next application exercise expected in Q4 2026.

A Singapore household considering an NParks allotment garden plot faces a narrower question than the headline suggests: choose a sustainable park location, budget the commitment and prepare for the Q4 2026 ballot. The table separates the branches that change the answer before the practical checks and worked example.

Choose the branch before acting

Situation	Practical next step
Can visit two or more times weekly	Shortlist the nearest practical park, then assess facilities
Travel is uncertain	Do not choose a prestigious but inconvenient location
Prefer gardening with neighbours	Compare the separate Community in Bloom route
Household already holds a plot	Do not submit for a second location

The real scarce resource is travel time

GardeningSG lists more than 2,500 plots across 29 parks. Because a household may take only one plot at one location, the first filter should be a route that remains realistic during rain, heat and busy weeks. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

Time a door-to-plot trip with tools and supplies, not just a map estimate. Check paths, transport, water points, toilets, lighting and park hours, and decide who can cover watering during travel or illness. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

Know what the plot includes

A standard allotment provides a 2.5m by 1m raised bed with soil and a storage area. The compact footprint rewards crop planning; tall, spreading or perennial plants can crowd out a season's useful space. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

The fee is S\$65.40 per year for a lease of up to three years. Three full years total S\$196.20 before seeds, compost, tools, pest control and travel—an editorial calculation that helps compare the commitment. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

Prepare for the ballot, not a guaranteed allocation

The next application exercise is expected in Q4 2026. Where demand exceeds supply, plots are allocated by ballot; a successful applicant must accept the Letter of Offer within the stated one-month window. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

Shortlist several acceptable locations and save the application details. Do not buy bulky equipment or seedlings for a specific plot until an offer is accepted and the start date is confirmed. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

Compare a community route

Community in Bloom is a separate programme involving more than 2,000 gardening groups and about 48,000 enthusiasts. It may suit someone who values shared work or cannot sustain an individual plot schedule. [Community in Bloom overview](#).

An allotment gives a household defined space and responsibility; a community garden has its own group, site and participation rules. Visit or contact the relevant group before assuming either format is easier. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

Put the numbers or sequence to work

Two parks are 18 and 42 minutes from home. At two visits a week for 50 weeks, the round-trip travel difference is 80 hours a year. That labelled calculation can outweigh the S\$65.40 annual plot fee. The household chooses the closer park, names a backup waterer and keeps two alternative locations for the Q4 ballot.

The example is a planning model, not a quoted price, official calculator result, medical instruction or promised outcome. Replace its assumptions with the issued notice, live service, signed contract, current timetable or professional advice that controls the real decision.

Before you commit

1. Time the route with gardening supplies

2. Check water, storage, paths and opening hours
3. Plan two weekly visits and holiday cover
4. Budget S\$196.20 plus materials for three years
5. Choose several acceptable ballot locations
6. Wait for the Letter of Offer before major purchases
7. Compare a Community in Bloom group

A useful working note combines **a commute-and-watering park scorecard** with **an 80-hour annual travel comparison beside the S\$196.20 three-year fee**. Enter only details that can be tied to a current document or live record.

Missteps that change the answer

- Choosing by reputation instead of travel
- Assuming the ballot guarantees a plot
- Buying equipment before an offer
- Underestimating heat and watering frequency
- Applying for more than one household plot

If one of these conditions appears, pause before payment, submission, travel or implementation and reconcile it through the relevant official service. Save the issued result or acknowledgement; a search snippet or forwarded screenshot cannot establish a current entitlement.

Score the parks before the ballot opens

Give each acceptable park a score for round-trip time, water access, backup help, shade and comfort carrying supplies. Keep the underlying notes rather than selecting on total alone. A slightly lower-scoring park may still be preferable if it has reliable holiday watering or a safer route for the household member who will visit most often.

Related next steps

Once this decision is settled, you may need to [plan another Singapore garden visit](#). The next adjacent check is to [explore a Botanic Gardens forest feature](#).

Common questions

How many locations are there?

GardeningSG lists 29 parks with more than 2,500 plots. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

What does a plot cost?

The current fee is S\$65.40 a year for up to three years. [Community in Bloom overview](#).

When is the next application?

GardeningSG indicates Q4 2026. [GardeningSG Allotment Gardening Scheme](#).

Rules, service details and schedules can change. Reopen the linked official page before acting when the date, eligibility, payment destination, safety instruction or live availability is decisive.

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