

Rifle Range Nature Park guided walks: free NParks tours on 21 November and 19 December, and a S$4 5km walk on 13 December

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Rifle Range Nature Park has three guided walks on the calendar before the year ends. NParks runs a free Nature Guided Walk from the Visitor Pavilion on Saturday 21 November and again on Saturday 19 December, both from 9.30am. In between, Changi Simei Community Club takes a group by bus for a 5km guided walk through the park on Sunday 13 December, at S$4 a person.



Walkers and a guide on a trail at Rifle Range Nature Park. File photo, not from the November or December walks. Photo: National Parks Board

Getting to the park

The 66-hectare park sits on the former Sin Seng Quarry site at 126 Rifle Range Road, with Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Hindhede Nature Park as neighbours. It is open from 7am to 7pm, with six entrances along Rifle Range Road, Upper Bukit Timah Road, Hindhede Drive, Jalan Kampong Chantek and the Rail Corridor. The nearest station is Beauty World MRT on the Downtown Line.

Boardwalks and trails lead to a cliff-top deck and down to the Quarry Wetland, where a nest-like structure called the Waterhen Hide lets you watch wetland birds up close. Look out for the Yellow Bittern and Common Kingfisher, Long-tailed Macaques, and some of the parkâ??s more than 100 insect species, such as the Scarlet Skimmer dragonfly. The Malayan Colugo lives here too, a nocturnal glider that can cover up to 200m.



The cliff-top deck at Rifle Range Nature Park. Photo: National Parks Board

NParksâ?? free walk, 21 November and 19 December

The NParks session is a free, recurring guided tour that starts at the Visitor Pavilion at 9.30am. The November walk runs for an hour, until 10.30am; NParks has not listed an end time for the December one. Check the walkâ??s listing on the NParks events page for sign-up details and group size before you go.



A stepped trail at Rifle Range Nature Park. Photo: National Parks Board

Changi Simei CCâ??s 5km walk, 13 December

The community club walk is the longer outing. Participants meet at the Civic Plaza of Changi Simei CC, on Simei Street 2, and travel to the park by bus. The event runs from 7.45am to 12pm and covers an estimated 5km on foot, so allow for a morning out rather than a quick loop.

Registration is through OnePA, or at go.gov.sg/cscsnwalk, and stays open until 13 December. The fee is S$4 per participant, though extra fees or discounts may apply at checkout. For questions, Changi Simei CC is on 6781 6058.

The organisers ask walkers to bring their own water bottle and a poncho or umbrella in case of rain.



The Quarry Wetland, on the site of the former Sin Seng Quarry. Photo: National Parks Board

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- Pets, fishing, cycling and motorised mobility devices are not allowed in the park.
- A 700m barrier-free route runs between the Visitor Pavilion and the Quarry Wetland for wheelchair users.
- Parking: 68 car lots plus two for visitors with disabilities, and 13 motorcycle lots. There are 10 bicycle lots at the Senapang Entrance on Rifle Range Road.
- Organising your own group of more than 30 people? NParks asks for a permit application at least one month in advance.

If your plans might change, ask Changi Simei CC about cancellations before you pay.

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