

Trees Create Forests At Singapore Botanic Gardens Shows How Trees Build Worlds

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Another free Botanic Gardens stop is worth adding to a Gallop Extension visit. Trees Create Forests is on at the Forest Discovery Centre @ OCBC Arboretum, with NParks positioning the show around the â??super-powersâ?• of trees.

For readers building a Singapore nature day out, the exhibition works as a short educational pause between outdoor paths, heritage buildings and the arboretum.

What It Explains

The exhibition looks at how trees shape forests through weather-making, food-producing and world-building roles. Rather than presenting trees as background greenery, it shows them as active systems that support habitats, climate regulation and life cycles.


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Effect of the Ancients

Forest Discovery Centre display for Trees Create Forests. Image: NParks / Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Visitor Details

- Started: 26 March 2026.
- Hours: 9am to 6pm.
- Closed: last Monday of every month.
- Venue: Level 2, Forest Discovery Centre @ OCBC Arboretum, Gallop Extension.
- Admission: Free.
- Building note: the centre is housed in Gallop House No. 5, also known as Atbara, built in 1898.

Best Way To Visit

Make it part of a Gallop Extension route rather than a standalone trip. The Forest Discovery Centre pairs naturally with the OCBC Arboretum and the broader Singapore Botanic Gardens walk, especially if you want an indoor stop during a hot afternoon.

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Why It Pairs Well With Gallop Extension

Gallop Extension has enough outdoor walking to make an indoor interpretive stop valuable, especially on hot afternoons. Trees Create Forests gives context for what visitors see outside, including why individual trees matter to wider forest systems. That makes the route more than a scenic stroll. Start with the exhibition if you want the concepts first, or end with it if you prefer to cool down after the arboretum walk and connect the displays back to what you just saw.

Location Notes

- Forest Discovery Centre @ OCBC Arboretum

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