

A DIY Guide to The Southern Ridges

Faber Walk



At the end of Marang Trail lies Faber Walk. If you wish to give Marang Trail a miss and head straight for Faber Walk, you can get your transport to drop you off at Mount Faber Road. You can also park at one of the car parks at Mount Faber Park.

Faber Walk, of which many parts are sheltered, meanders through Mount Faber Park and ends at the start of Henderson Waves. The slopes of this 56-hectare park are covered by dense secondary rain forest, and are home to an amazing array of flora and fauna.

The trail, which takes you on a loop around the peak of Mount Faber Hill, offers spectacular views of the southern part of Singapore and the Southern Islands. For a close-up view, pay S\$1 to use one of several telescopes situated at Palm Plaza and along some parts of the trail. You can catch sight of passing ocean liners and cruise ships in the far distance. This trail will also take you to small landmarks at Mount Faber including the Merlion Sculpture and the Danish Seaman's Church.

In the day, tour buses pull into the coach bays at regular intervals, dropping off scores of tourists eagerly anticipating bird-eye views of Singapore's horizon. At night, the park is one of the more popular romantic spots on the island. Join several couples and families in enjoying breathtaking sights of the city's twinkling lights.

Highlights

- Bird's eye view from Mount Faber
- Merlion Sculpture
- Jewel Box

The naming of Mount Faber

In 1823, Sir Stamford Raffles gave orders for the removal of the former Chief of the Island, Temenggong Abdul Rahman, a prince of the House of Johore. Together with his followers, he was moved "lock, stock and barrel" to Telok Blangah.

The Temenggong and his entourage were allotted space along the beach from Tanjong Pagar to Telok Blangah covering an estimated 200 acres of ground.

At the same time, one of the first western merchants, a native of Scotland named Alexandra Guthrie, acquired a piece of land behind Telok Blangah Hill.

Prior to this the site was known as Telok Blangah Hill.

The park was renamed after Captain Charles Edward Faber, a British engineer who cut a road up to the summit in 1845 to set up a signal post. This ship to shore communication post was constructed to direct ships through the water channels. This Signal Post was eventually demolished during the redevelopment in 1994 due to the unstable condition of the structure.

(Extracted from the Oral History Department)

Difficulty level : Easy
Distance : 0.8km
Walking time : 15min

