

A DIY Guide to The Southern Ridges

Forest Walk

From Hilltop Walk, you can proceed to Forest Walk either by walking along the main road or through the Terrace Garden at Hilltop Walk. If you wish to begin your Southern Ridges Walk at Forest Walk, you can park at Carpark 3 on Telok Blangah Hill Park. There are two trails on the Forest Walk (just cross over from Carpark 3 to get on either trail) – the Elevated Walkway and the Earth trail.

The Elevated Walkway, accessed by the metal bridge, offers you the experience of walking through the secondary forest of Telok Blangah Hill at eye-level with the forest canopy.

On the right of Carpark 3, steps going down lead you to the Earth trail. If you prefer a more rugged experience and hanker after a closer experience with wildlife in the area, this is the trail for you. Steps have been built at some parts of the trail in view of the steep terrain. The trail can be a little slippery at times, so be careful not to slip on the stones and pebbles on the pathway.

The dense secondary forest found here, the Adinandra Belukar, is home to Singapore's rich biodiversity. The Dillenia, also referred to as the "rojak" tree, is one of several native trees that are prominent here. The leaves of this tree were commonly used in the past to wrap rojak and tempeh.

Highlights

- Elevated Walkway
- High biodiversity of flora and fauna



The triangular metal gratings on the floor of the elevated walkway were an inspiration from the triangular-shaped leaves of the fast-growing "Mile-a-Minute" plant that grows freely in the forest. These gratings have closer gaps to prevent wheels of baby prams and wheelchairs from getting stuck.

The Elevated Walkway is an excellent platform for spotting birds, dragonflies and butterflies.

Look out for the pink-necked green pigeon, yellow-vented bulbul, common iora, brown-throated sunbird, black-naped oriole, spotted dove and straw-headed bulbul.

Difficulty level : Easy (Elevated walkway), moderate (Earth trail)

Distance : 0.8km

Walking time : 15min

