

Your Guide to Lakeside Garden

Lakeside Garden is the 53-hectare western section of Jurong Lake Gardens, Singapore's third National Garden, and the first in the heartlands. During its development, great care was taken to conserve the existing natural biodiversity while incorporating elements of community and play for visitors.

Consisting of a matrix of ecological habitats such as a freshwater swamp forest and grasslands, Lakeside Garden is home to a diverse collection of flora and fauna. Alongside efforts made to conserve its original biodiversity, other species have been specially curated for visitors to appreciate nature's beauty. For example, the Rosy Trumpet trees and Pink Mempat trees that line the Northern Spine of Lakeside Garden bloom in a spectacular trail of pink!

As a people's garden, there are plenty of community spaces for events and gatherings. Nature-themed play areas like Forest Ramble and Clusia Cove are also popular with families looking for a fun day out. Visitors can also enjoy recreational activities, such as cycling and fishing, at designated locations.

How to get here:

- By Car or Taxi
 - Turn in at Chinese Garden Road into North Carpark OR
 - Turn in at Japanese Garden Road into South Carpark
- By MRT
 - Nearest MRT station: Lakeside
 - From Lakeside MRT station, take Exit A. Walk along the sheltered pathway to the North Entrance of Lakeside Garden
- By Bus
 - Bus services: 49, 154, 154B, 240, 246 (Stop along Yuan Ching Road)

Trail highlights

- Walking along restored freshwater swamp forest habitats
- Strolling through a grassland habitat
- Birdwatching at various popular spots along the trail
- Appreciating the rich biodiversity found at Lakeside Garden

Tips for a safe and enjoyable trip

- Dress comfortably and wear suitable footwear
- Wear a hat, put on sunglasses and apply sunscreen to shield yourself from the sun
- Spray on insect repellent if you are prone to insect bites
- If you intend to let your children play at the water playground, bring extra clothing and towels
- Drink ample fluids to stay hydrated
- Walk along the designated paths to protect the park's natural environment
- Dispose of rubbish at the nearest bin
- Activities such as poaching, releasing and feeding of animals, damaging and removal of plants, and those that cause pollution are strictly prohibited
- Keep your pets leashed and clean up after them

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Banyan Trail

Distance: 3.3 km

Estimated time: 60 minutes

Terrain: Mostly level ground. Alstonia Island, Allotment Garden and Grasslands consist of gravel trails which might not be wheelchair friendly.



The Oval



Dog Run



Logs Trail



Allotment Gardens



Gardenhouse



Alstonia Island



Rasau Walk



Grasslands



Neram Streams



ActiveSG Park



Southern Promenade

Legend

- Information
- Drop-off point
- F&B
- Vending Machine (Drinks/Hot Food/Retail)
- Drinking Fountain
- Shelter
- Toilet
- Nursing Room
- Fitness Corner
- BBQ Pits
- Gate
- MRT
- Bicycle Parking
- Coach Parking
- Public Bus Stop
- Carpark
- Building / Facilities
- Automated External Defibrillator





2. Dog Run



4. Allotment Garden



6. Alstonia Island



Butterfly Pea



3. Logs Trail



5. Gardenhouse



7. Rasau Walk



Smooth-coated Otter



Grey Heron

▶ 1 The Oval

Together with the larger Lakeside Field, this 1.2-hectare multi-purpose lawn is another community space for visitors to gather and enjoy the outdoors. Since its opening, a number of recreational events such as concerts and performances have been hosted here.

For booking enquiries, visit: <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/juronglakegardens/connect-with-us/venue-hire/the-oval>

▶ 2 Dog Run

This wide and open 2,200 sqm field is where dogs can run freely. The grass mounds provide natural obstacles for the animals to get their daily dose of exercise. The abundant shade from nearby trees ensures that dogs and owners alike have a pleasant time here.

▶ 3 Logs Trail

Located within the Butterfly Field, the Logs Trail is made up of recycled wood from fallen trees. The logs here also provide a great habitat for various types of fungi to thrive.

▶ 4 Allotment Garden

Consisting of 300 plots, the Allotment Gardens at Lakeside Garden is Singapore's largest of its kind. Here, you can find a diverse array of plants that the gardening community has chosen to grow. It includes the **Butterfly Pea** (*Clitoria ternatea*), whose flowers are used to produce a blue dye in several traditional Malay dishes. You may also find common vegetables and herbs such as **Thai Basil** (*Ocimum basilicum*) and **Kai Lan** (*Brassica oleracea* cv.).

These herbs and vegetables are the hard work of the allotment gardeners and they are best admired at a distance.

▶ 5 Gardenhouse

Gardenhouse is another community space usually bustling with activities like gardening workshops and nature talks. During the monthly Bazaar in the Garden, Gardenhouse serves as the hub for activities. Be sure to visit then!

Visit <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/juronglakegardens> for more information on our latest events

▶ 6 Alstonia Island

Prior to the development of Jurong, swamp forests and wetlands were the original habitats. Alstonia Island is a restored freshwater swamp habitat designed to reflect the natural history of the land. This island is predominantly planted with **Marsh Pulai** (*Alstonia spatulata*). Just like a wetland habitat, the conditions on this island vary according to the water level of Jurong Lake. Sometimes herons can be spotted visiting Alstonia Island.

While Alstonia Island is not open for public access, you can view it from several designated viewing spots.

▶ 7 Rasau Walk

Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the water's edge on this meandering boardwalk. You will be taken through a restored freshwater swamp forest habitat, consisting of various semi-aquatic palm species like **Salak** (*Salacca zaluca*) and **Screw Pine** (*Pandanus tectorius*). Try to spot the **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), or the **Striated Heron** (*Butorides striata*) along the edges of the lake. The **Smooth-coated Otter** (*Lutrogale perspicillata*) has also been observed foraging for food here.



8. Grasslands



9. Neram Streams



10. Southern Promenade



Collared Kingfisher



Savannah Nightjar



Yellow-barred Flutterer



Spotted Wood Owl



11. ActiveSG Park

► 8 Grasslands

The vast expanse of the Grasslands is a striking contrast to the typical landscape of a garden, making it a popular spot for wedding and graduation photos. The Grasslands is dominated by tall grasses, such as **Purple Fountain Grass** (*Pennisetum setaceum*). This makes it a key habitat for small bird species that feed on seeds and seek shelter in the grass. Look for birds like the **Zitting cisticola** (*Cisticola juncidis*) and **Savannah Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus affinis*). This is also home to a few species of Munias, such as the **Scaly-breasted Munia** (*Lonchura punctulata*). With three custom-built hides, the Grasslands is a favourite location among avid birdwatchers.

► 9 Neram Streams

Originally a 300 m long concrete drain, this area has been redeveloped into 1.3 km of naturalised waterways. Stormwater run-off is cleansed by the tree species along the banks and channelled into Jurong Lake. These include species native to tropical riverine habitats like the **Neram Tree** (*Dipterocarpus oblongifolius*) from which the streams get their name. Nestled with the stream is a 0.2-hectare dragonfly habitat, constructed in partnership with Temasek Foundation. Plants found here include the **Grey Sedge**

(*Lepironia articulata*) whose leaves provide dragonflies with great perching spots. Try spotting the **Blue Dasher** (*Pachydiplax longipennis*) with its vibrant blue body. See if you can catch a glimpse of the **Yellow-barred Flutterer** (*Rhyothemis phyllis*) too! Notice how its flight pattern is different from other dragonflies.

► 10 Southern Promenade

This is where you can enjoy nature in all its tranquillity. Conserved as a key habitat for wildlife, this 8-hectare area is perfect for spotting the great diversity of flora and fauna that call Lakeside Garden home.

Marvel at the mature **Malayan Banyan** (*Ficus microcarpa*) and how its aerial roots grow into pillar roots alongside its main trunk. The **Rain Tree** (*Samanea saman*) and its broad, umbrella-shaped crown is found here too. These trees are home for a variety of native birds. The **Spotted Wood Owl** (*Strix seloputo*), the largest owl in Singapore, has been known to roost here. The **Collared Kingfisher** (*Todiramphus chloris*) has bright blue feathers making it relatively easier to spot.

► 11 ActiveSG Park

ActiveSG Park @ Jurong Lake Gardens is the first sports facility nested within our gardens. This integration of sports and nature is unique to Jurong Lake Gardens. Visitors can enjoy a spacious indoor gym, outdoor fitness areas and multiple swimming pools to meet both training and recreational needs.

For opening hours, visit: <https://activesg-park-jurong-lake-gardens.business.site/>



Banyan Tree

We hope you have enjoyed your walk on this trail. If you wish to explore more of Lakeside Garden, do consider embarking on the Mempat Trail.

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Blue Dasher



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