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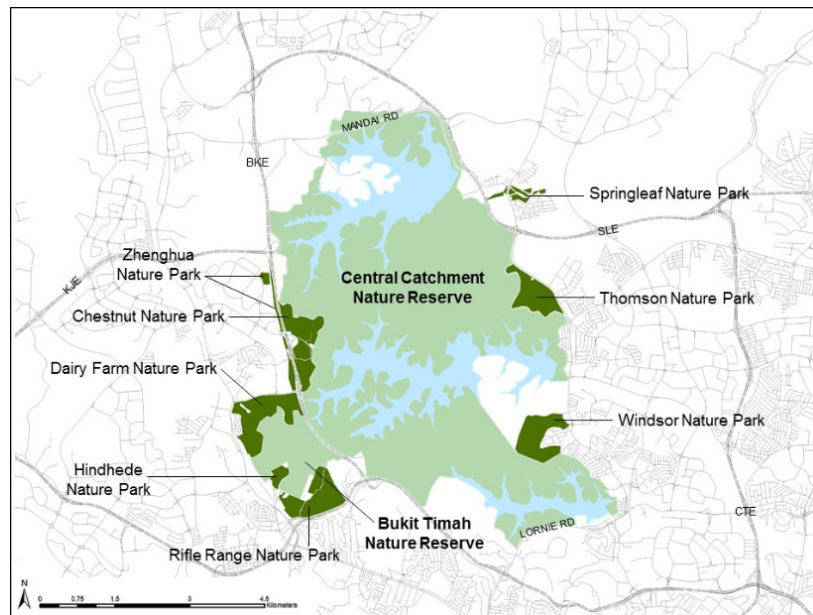
Nature Parks as Buffer Parks

Nature reserves are protected areas of rich biodiversity that are representative sites of key indigenous ecosystems. To safeguard the native flora and fauna in these areas, there are special restrictions on the activities that can be carried out.

As part of a holistic conservation approach, some nature parks have been established on the margins of the Nature Reserves to act as green buffers. NParks enhances the habitats within these buffers so that they remain rustic and forested, and at the same time provide an alternative venue for the public to enjoy recreational activities. Nature parks also buffer the Nature Reserves against developments that abut the Reserves. The 31-hectare Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve extension buffers the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve.

There are currently six nature parks in Singapore, covering more than 250 hectares. These nature parks buffer the nature reserves in Singapore.

Buffer to	Nature Park	Size of Nature Park	Year of Opening
Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Hindhede	9.5 ha	Aug 2001
	Dairy Farm	63 ha	Sep 2009
	Rifle Range	67 ha	2020
Central Catchment Nature Reserve	Springleaf	6 ha	Nov 2014
	Zhenghua	13.5 ha	Jun 2002
		3.8 ha (Extension) 17.3 ha (Total)	Nov 2015 (Extension)
	Chestnut	81 ha	Apr 2016 (South) Feb 2017 (North)
	Windsor	75 ha	April 2017
	Thomson	50 ha	By first quarter of 2019



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