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## General

1. What is an allotment garden?

Allotment gardens are plots of land available for lease for growing your own plants.

Following the initial success of the pilot scheme at HortPark, new allotment gardening plots have been introduced in 10 more parks islandwide. As of 2019, more than 1,000 allotment garden plots have been made available to the community.

Each allotment gardening plot consists of a 2.5 m x 1 m raised planter bed, and can be leased for three years at a charge of \$57 /year (excluding GST). There are mainly 2 heights for the raised beds – knee-height (~0.50m) and waist-height (~0.85m) in all parks except Sengkang Riverside Park which has only knee-height plots.

2. Will the allotment garden be fenced up?

The allotment garden will not be fenced so as to allow the general public to visit the garden..

3. Where are/will be the locations of the allotment gardens within the parks?

The indicative locations are indicated by the red pin in the maps below:

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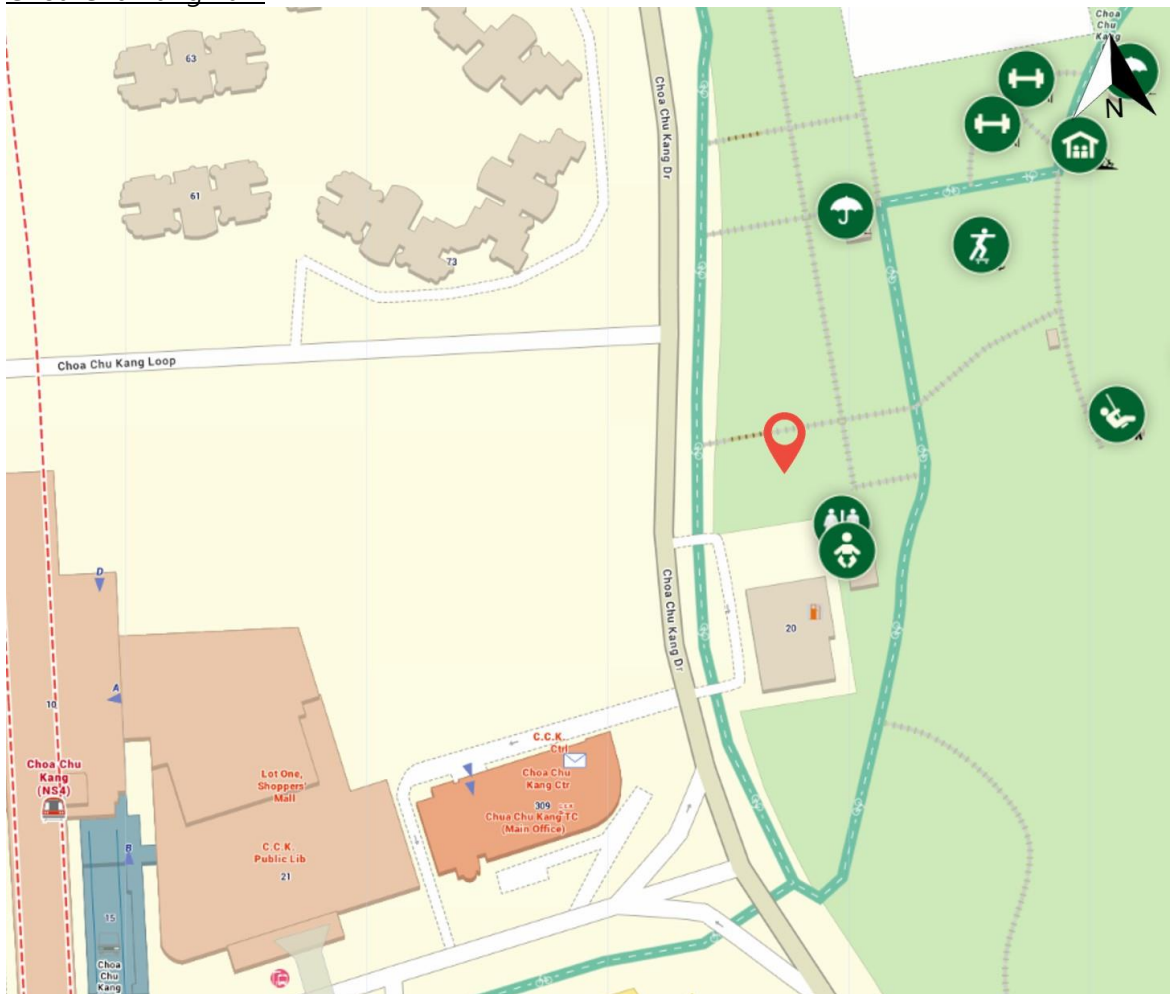
### Bedok Town Park



### Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park



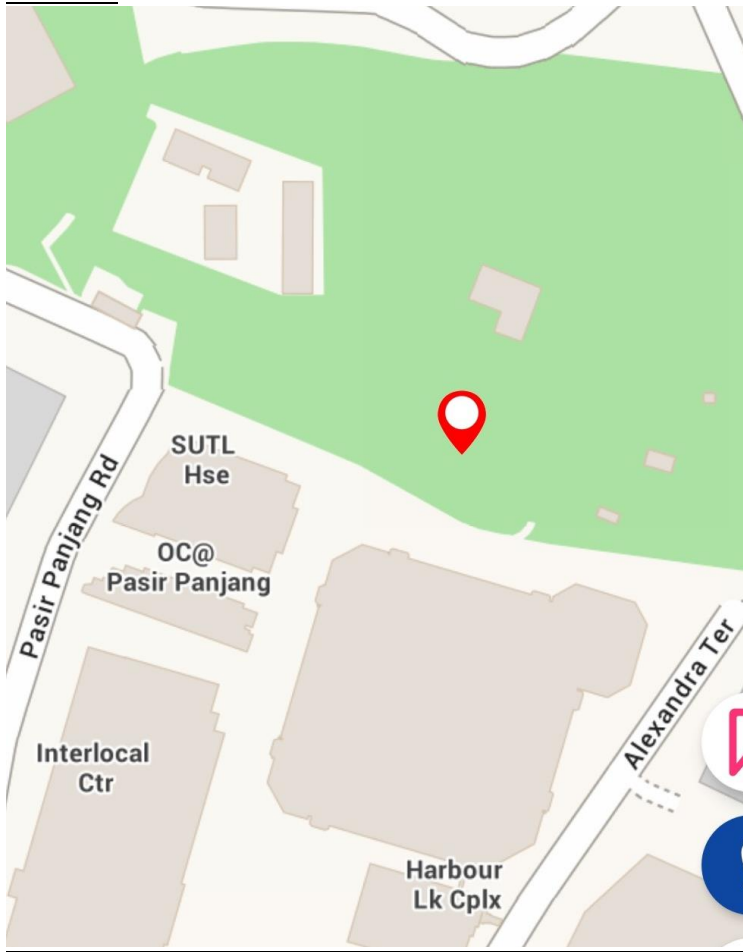
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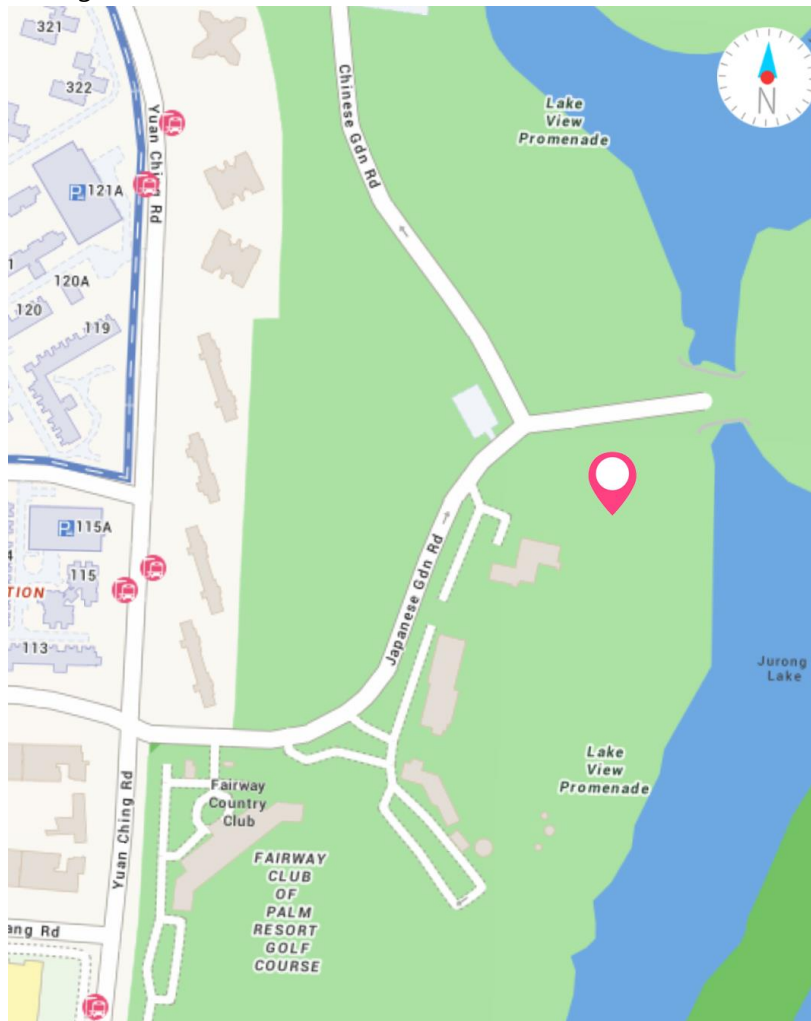
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HortPark

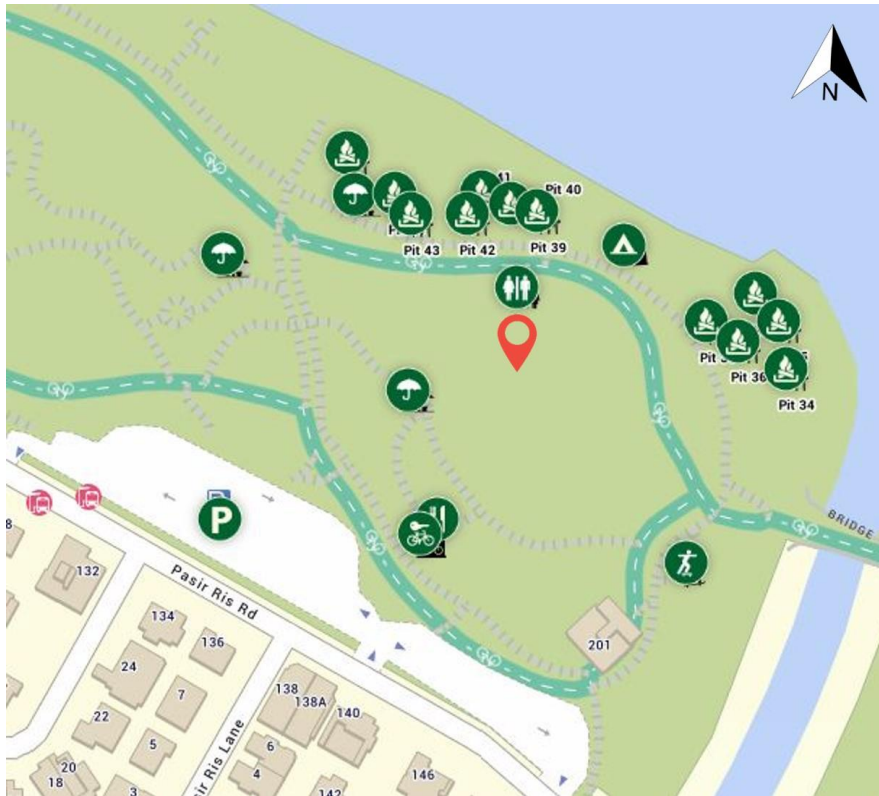


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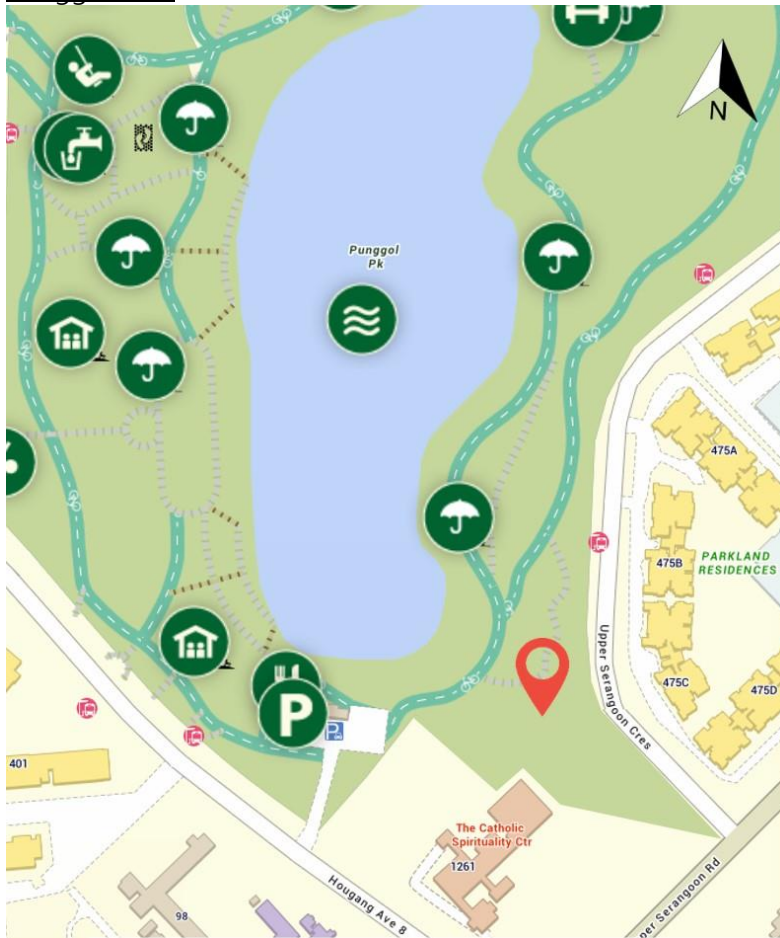


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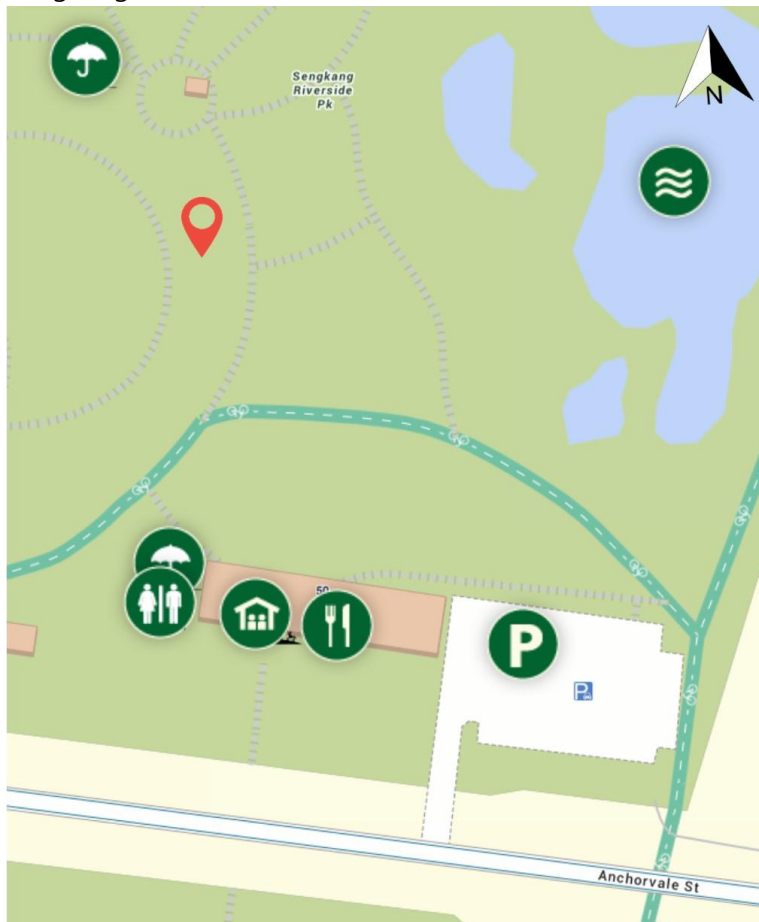




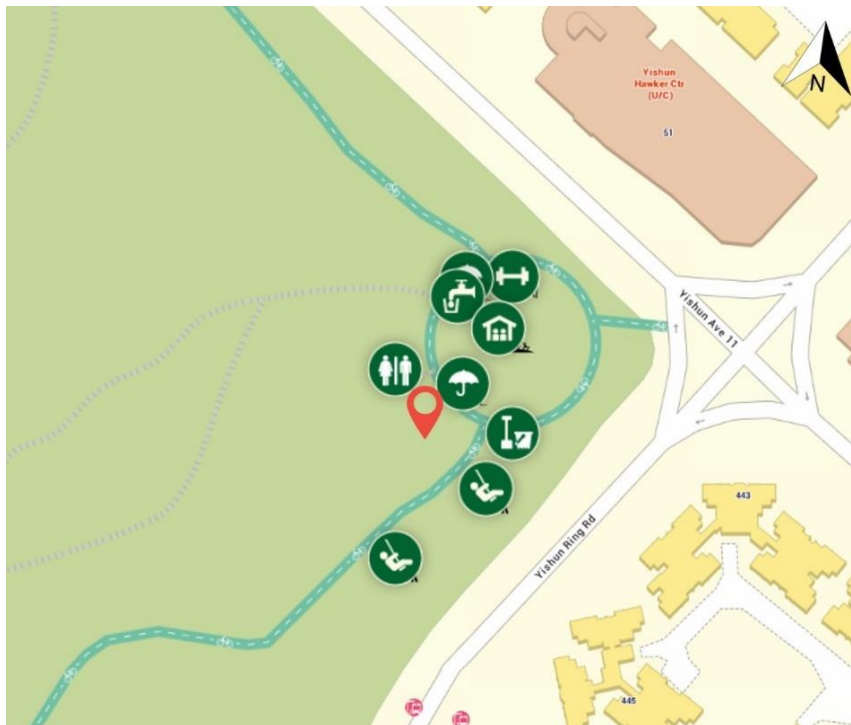
Punggol Park



Sengkang Riverside Park



Yishun Park





4. Can I plant anything that I like?

All gardening structures should not exceed 1.5 metres in standing height (measured from soil level). Poisonous plants or plants unpermitted by law are not allowed to be planted in the allotment gardening plot as these plants can cause discomfort and are harmful to the public. Planting of trees should be avoided.

5. Can I use pesticides at the allotment gardening plot?

Chemical pesticides, herbicides and fungicides are not allowed to be used at the allotment gardening plot as they may kill insects, such as bees and wasps, which play an important role in the pollination process of flowering plants. Such chemicals may also spread to other plots, and may cause adverse reactions to gardeners tending to other plots or public who visit the plots.

6. Where can I store my tools and will there be a CCTV to monitor the allotment garden?

A storage box will be provided at the allotment gardening plot where tools must be kept when not in use (a separate storage area will be provided for Sengkang Riverside Park instead due to site constraints).

As the individual leasing the plot, you are responsible for the security of items kept within the storage box or brought into the allotment gardening plot. NParks will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any items including all produce from the allotment gardening plots. There will not be any CCTVs installed to monitor the area.

7. Will water and electricity be provided?

Shared water points are available for use at the allotment garden. No electricity will be provided.

8. Will NParks or their contractors help me to maintain the allotment gardening plot if I am unable to do so?

You are required at all times and at your own expense, to maintain the allotment gardening plot and its immediate surroundings in a good and presentable condition, including trimming overgrown shrubs, removing weeds, pest-infested plants, dead and damaged plants/products.

NParks will also not be responsible for any instances of mosquito breeding detected by the National Environment Agency (NEA) at the allotment gardening plots. You are responsible

for taking all precautions and measures to prevent breeding of mosquitoes at the allotment gardening plot.

9. What if I am unable to maintain my plot for a period of time?

If you fail to maintain the allotment gardening plot, and within the time stipulated by NParks, we reserve the right to terminate the lease.

## Application

10. How many plots can I lease?

Each household is allowed to lease 1 allotment gardening plot at any one time, regardless of the number of persons in the household.

11. Can I choose the plot to lease?

Plots (waist- or knee- height) are assigned through a balloting system.

12. When can I expect to start gardening after applying for a plot?

The Licence start date will be approximately 2–3 months after applications are closed. We will send you a Letter of Offer if your application is successful within a month. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.

13. Who can I approach when there is a beehive or rodents in my plot?

You may contact NParks at [www.nparks.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.nparks.gov.sg/feedback) to seek for assistance.

14. Can you call me back when the allotment plots in the park I am interested in are open for application?

Please check our NParks Allotment Gardens webpage for an indicative timeline on when applications will be open and for updates on allotment gardening plots in our parks.

15. I am a foreigner, can I apply for an allotment gardening plot?

Yes, but Singaporeans and Permanent Residents will be given priority.

16. What is the minimum age to apply for an allotment gardening plot?

The minimum age to apply for a plot is 18 years old at the time of application.

## Payment

17. Can I just pay the fee for 1 year?

No, the allotment gardening plot is leased on a 3-year basis.

18. Will I get a refund if I need to end the lease before the third year?

No refund will be given if you decide to terminate the Licence before the lease expires.

19. When must I pay for the plot and what is the payment mode?

A Letter of Offer will be sent to all successful applicants. Payment will be by bank transfer to an NParks bank account or or by scanning the unique PayNow QR code provided. The details will be provided in the Letter of Offer.