

Sights and Activities in **Changi Beach Park**

Changi Beach Park is one of the oldest coastal parks and is popular with locals for its tranquillity and relaxed ambience. Approximately 3.3km long, this linear park has stretches of pristine white beaches dotted with coconut palms and barbecue pits. The park is in the vicinity of Changi Village, a vibrant corner of the island where good food, bargains and various facilities await.

The kampong ambience has been carefully retained while a jogging track and other amenities were added. Visitors can jog or cycle along the winding tracks to Changi Ferry Terminal.

Also found within the district are places of interest, which are part of Singapore's natural and historical heritage. Aside from the Changi Museum and Chapel, you can find designated heritage trees, Pulau Ubin and Chek Jawa (a bumboat ride away). Changi Beach Park promises to offer visitors a fun-filled recreational experience.

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.
- Drink ample fluids to stay hydrated.
- Walk along the designated paths to protect the natural environment of the park.
- 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.
- Clean up after your pets and keep them leashed.
- A barbecue pit permit is required if you would like to barbecue in the park. Apply for the permit on www.axs.com.sg or at any AXS machine.
- Camping is not allowed.



Difficulty level: Easy

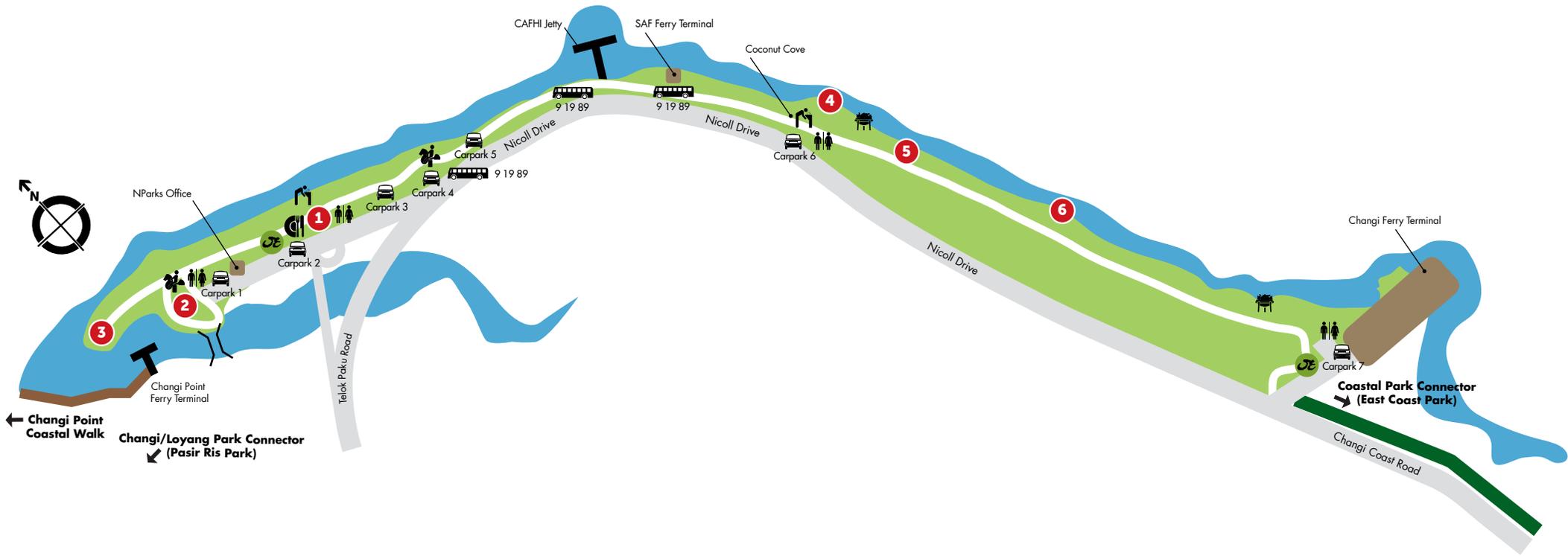


Distance: 3.3km



Walking time: 2hr • Cycling time: 1hr





1 PCN Pitstop



2 Playground



3 Promontory



4 Casuarina Walk



5 Dining in the Park



6 Coastline Fishing

Legend

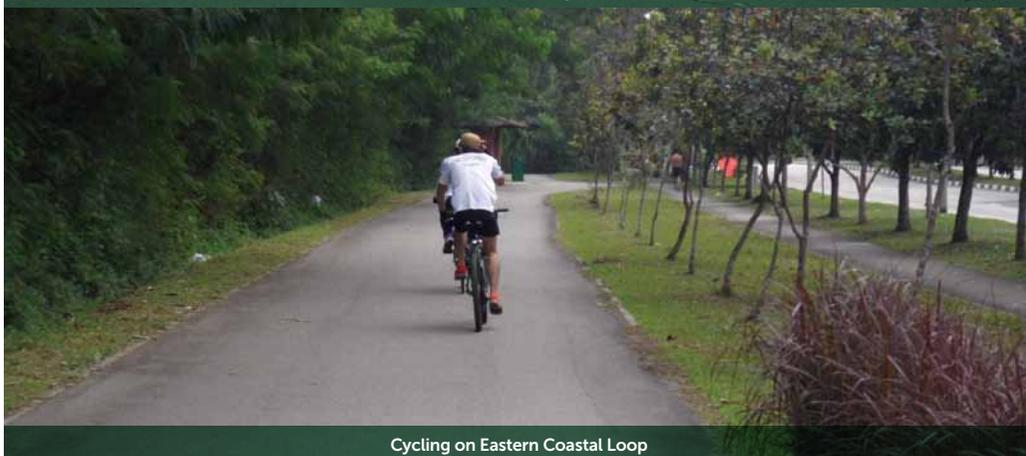
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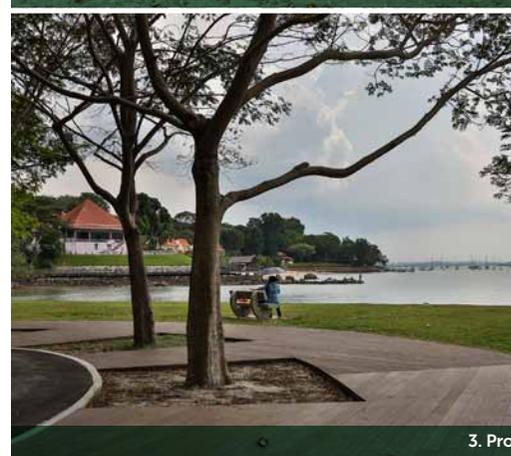
1. PCN Pitstop



2. Sea-themed Playground



Cycling on Eastern Coastal Loop



3. Promontory



History of Changi

The area was known as Tanjung Rusa in the 1600s, and was then renamed as Tanjung Changi in the 1800s. It was said that the name 'Changi' was derived from the name of a plant once abundant in the area.

In the 1920s, the plantations and coastal cliffs of Changi were cleared for military barracks and administrative quarters of the British, who built an airbase, a prison and a hospital for military personnel. These places are still standing today.

Changi was also a site rich in World War II history. Changi Prison, built in 1936, was where 7,000 to 8,000 prisoners of war were kept. The current site of the popular Changi Beach Park was the first of the killing sites of the Sook Ching massacre. On 20 February 1942, 66 Chinese males were lined up along the edge of the sea and shot by the Japanese military police.

▶ 1 PCN Pitstop

You can explore Changi Beach Park at your own leisurely pace by renting a bicycle at this pitstop. If you are looking for a challenge, try covering all 42km of the entire Eastern Coastal Loop! Enjoy views of the untouched greenery as well as the cooling breeze.

Made it through but do not want to backtrack to return your bicycle? Fret not; you can return your bicycle to any of the pitstops below:

Changi Beach Carpark 1:

9am – 7pm (Mon – Thu) and 9am – 8pm (Fri, weekends and public holidays)

Changi Beach Carpark 7:

10am – 7pm (Weekdays) and 9am – 7pm (Weekends and public holidays)

▶ 2 Sea-themed Playground

Rediscover the child in you as you immerse yourself in some playground fun here. The sea-themed playsets, with its own wobble raft, guarantee hours of laughter for the young and young at heart.

▶ 3 Promontory

The promontory is a scenic open space where you can enjoy the sea breeze and look out to the sea overlooking Pulau Ubin. Unwind to the sounds of the waves rolling onto the white sandy beach, and be soothed by the gentle sways of the coconut palms.



Low tide fun at the sandy beach

Plane watching at the park

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4. Casuarina Walk



Casuarina Trees



6. Coastline Fishing



5. Dining in the Park



Casuarina Seeds

Kicar Leaves

Sepetir Seed Pods

Petai Laut Flowers

► 4 Casuarina Walk

Escape the hustle and bustle of the concrete jungle with a slow walk through the rows of **Casuarina trees** (*Casuarina equisetifolia*). Try looking out for native trees such as the evergreen **Kicar** (*Rapanea porteri*). It is once commonly found in the mangrove and coastal areas; however, due to increasing urbanisation, much of its habitat is lost, thus making it vulnerable in Singapore. Another native tree in the area is the small **Petai Laut** (*Dendrolobium umbellatum*); see if you can spot its white flowers and brown seed pods. In traditional medicine, a decoction of the leaves is drunk as a general tonic. Also, be awed by the dipterocarp

giant, the **Sepetir** (*Sindora wallichii*), another native tree which can grow up to 30m in height. Its hardy wood is used to make furniture and for construction.

► 5 Dining in the Park

Demonstrate your culinary skills and wow your friends and family with a barbecue lunch in a tranquil setting. A barbecue offers more than just good food; discover the simple joys and fun it brings! If you prefer to have your food cooked for you, head back to 1, where you can experience seafront dining at Bistro@Changi.

► 6 Coastline Fishing

If you prefer a less crowded fishing spot, Changi Beach Park is the ideal destination. Prop up your fishing rod, relax on the bench and just watch planes take off and land. It will not be long before you see the fruits of your labour.

We hope you have enjoyed exploring Changi Beach Park. For another experience in a park near the coast, embark on the trail at Changi Point Coastal Walk.

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