

## Your Guide to North Eastern Riverine Loop

Discover less-travelled areas of Singapore on the 26km North Eastern Riverine Loop that links four parks, runs through the heartlands of Buangkok, Sengkang and Punggol, and continues into the rustic landscapes of Punggol Beach, Punggol Promenade and Lorong Halus Wetland.

Riding on the distinct character-filled environment of the Punggol district, the loop is indisputably one of Singapore's most scenic park connectors. The route will have you travelling alongside gleaming reservoirs and waterways, and bring you to the open waters of Sungei Dekar and the Johor Straits. With its stretches of coastline, canals and wetlands, the loop has a colourful variety of birds and a unique range of plant life for you to discover.



Difficulty level: Easy



Distance: 16km



Walking time: 3-4hr • Cycling time: 2hr

### Tips for a safe and enjoyable trip

#### For all users

- Hydrate before any physical activity.
- Bring along your handphone, in case of emergency.
- Follow all traffic rules and observe traffic signals.
- Look out for other cyclists and pedestrians.
- Keep to the left side of the track if you intend to stop.
- Clean up after your pets and keep them leashed.

#### For cyclists

- Wear helmets that fit well.
- Switch on your front and rear lights when it is dark or visibility is poor.
- Keep within the speed limit of 15km/h.
- Dismount and push your bicycle where necessary.
- Do not brake or swerve your bicycle suddenly.
- Give way to pedestrians.

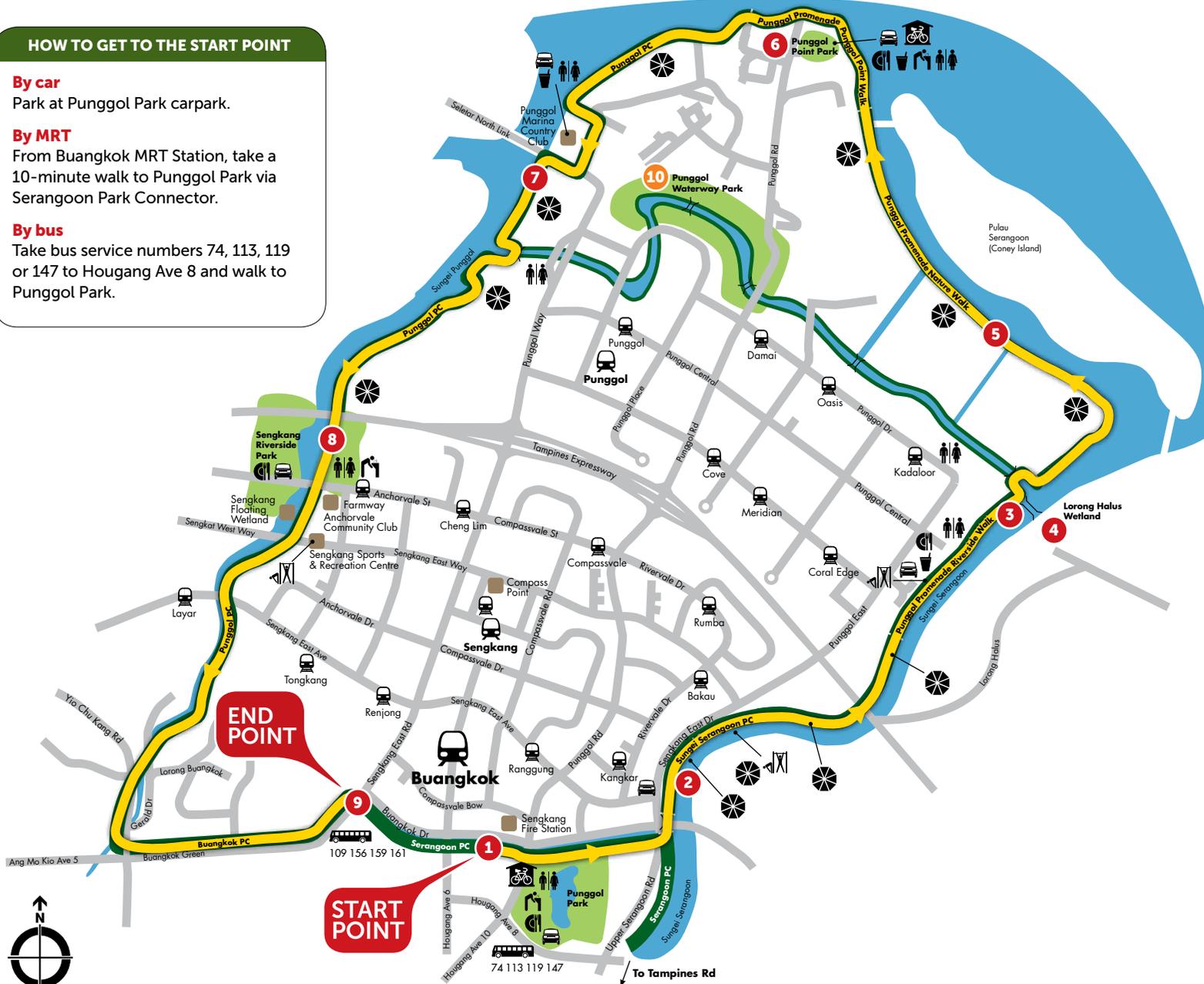


**HOW TO GET TO THE START POINT**

**By car**  
Park at Punggol Park carpark.

**By MRT**  
From Buangkok MRT Station, take a 10-minute walk via Serangoon Park Connector.

**By bus**  
Take bus service numbers 74, 113, 119 or 147 to Hougang Ave 8 and walk to Punggol Park.



**1**  
Punggol Park via Serangoon Park Connector



**2**  
Sungei Serangoon Park Connector



**3**  
Punggol Promenade Riverside Walk



**4**  
Lorong Halus Wetland



**5**  
Punggol Promenade Nature Walk



**6**  
Punggol Promenade Punggol Point Walk



**7**  
Punggol Park Connector



**8**  
Sengkang Riverside Park



**9**  
Buangkok Park Connector



**10**  
Punggol Waterway Park

**Legend**

- Shelter
- Fitness Corner
- Water Point
- Toilet
- Food & Beverage
- Vending Machine
- Carpark
- Bus Stop
- Bicycle Rental
- MRT Station
- LRT Station
- Building
- Road
- Recommended Route
- Park Connector
- Waterway / Reservoir

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1. Punggol Park



2. Sungei Serangoon Park Connector



1. Serangoon Park Connector



Coral Plant

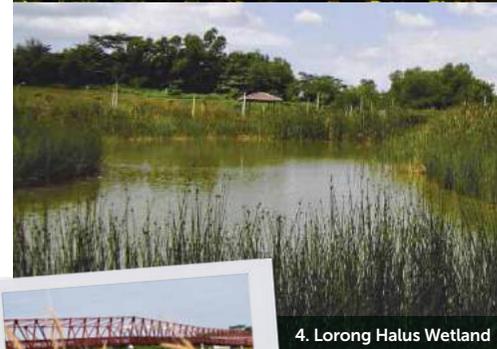
Purple Fountain Grass



3. Punggol Promenade Riverside Walk



Night Scene at Punggol Promenade Riverside Walk



4. Lorong Halus Wetland



Lorong Halus Bridge

## START POINT

### ► 1 Punggol Park via Serangoon Park Connector

Begin your journey along Serangoon Park Connector and explore Punggol Park's serene 5-hectare lake. A familiar place of recreation for families in Hougang, this park houses a number of facilities that cater to both the young and old, including play and fitness equipment and even a plaza for tai chi sessions. Here, a bicycle kiosk is available where you can rent a bicycle for your cycling adventure.

Adjacent to Punggol Park is Sungei Pinang, a tributary of the longer 8km Serangoon Reservoir in northeastern Singapore. Sungei Pinang is more than just a canal lined with concrete banks. Many waterside birds can be seen fishing here when the water levels is low.

### ► 2 Sungei Serangoon Park Connector

Cross the Sungei Pinang footbridge and take in picturesque views of Serangoon Reservoir as you travel along this greenway. The landscape around Sungei Serangoon Park Connector holds a bioswale – a natural, chemical-free filtration system for cleansing rainwater. Blending beautifully into the greenery, these shallow troughs of vegetation help control floods by slowing down surface runoff.

Look out for vibrant plant life in the bioswale such as the Coral Plant (*Russelia equisetiformis*), which has an explosive display of scarlet flowers growing in clusters all year round, hence its other common name Firecracker Plant. Also keep a lookout for a particular plant with purplish, feathery stalks that can reach a height of 1.2m. The distinctive Purple Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) is used in many parts of the world as an ornamental plant for horticulture and landscaping.

### ► 3 Punggol Promenade Riverside Walk

The lookout points along Punggol Promenade Riverside Walk allow visitors to get closer to the adjacent Serangoon Reservoir. Distinctive design features that make use of fibre optics light up the reservoir edge at night.

Linking Punggol Point to Punggol East, Punggol Promenade is a waterfront recreational destination for residents in this region and provides access to the rustic northeastern coastline. Consisting of three thematic zones – Riverside Walk, Nature Walk and Punggol Point Walk – every segment of the Punggol Promenade is unique and offers a variety of recreational experiences.

There's even a cluster of food and beverage outlets at Tebing Lane, located adjacent to the riverside walk.

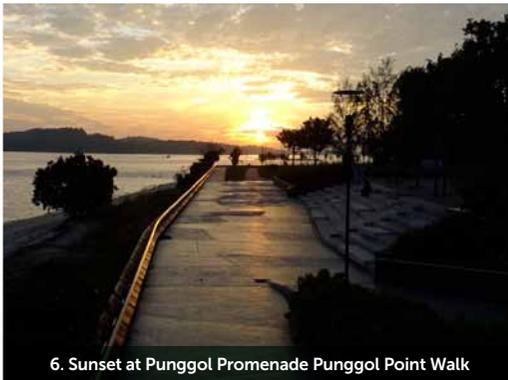
### ► 4 Lorong Halus Wetland

Located along the eastern bank of Serangoon Reservoir, Lorong Halus Wetland was once a landfill that has now been transformed into a wetland spanning an area of 18 football fields. The red and elegant Lorong Halus Bridge resembles an old, steel railway bridge and greets visitors entering the wetland from Punggol Promenade.

Learn how the wetland collects and treats rainwater passing through this former dumping ground, before it reaches the adjacent reservoir. Discover how cattails growing throughout the wetland are actually part of an innovative bio-remediation system – a natural means of absorbing harmful substances from the environment.



5. Punggol Promenade Nature Walk



6. Sunset at Punggol Promenade Punggol Point Walk



8. Sengkang Riverside Park (Photo credit: Jensen Chua)



6. Punggol Promenade Punggol Point Walk



7. Punggol Park Connector



8. Sengkang Floating Wetland



Common Lantana

► **5 Punggol Promenade Nature Walk**

Take a stroll on the Punggol Promenade Nature Walk – the middle section of Punggol Promenade. This meandering trail dotted with fishing platforms and rest shelters offers respite for nature lovers seeking out the area’s abundant flora and fauna.

► **6 Punggol Promenade Punggol Point Walk**

Begin your seaside stroll at Punggol Point Park. Once a popular seafood haunt, the site adjacent to Punggol Jetty has now been transformed into an idyllic waterfront destination.

While much of the Punggol coastline used to be inaccessible to the public, today’s Punggol Promenade Punggol Point Walk allows you to enjoy the greenery and biodiversity flourishing along the sea. With lookout decks, a sand-filled playground and an event plaza, the park allows you to soak in the laidback coastal atmosphere and take in views of Pulau Ubin and the Johor Straits on a ship-inspired, elevated viewing deck.

You can also dine at the various food and beverage outlets near Punggol Point Park.

► **7 Punggol Park Connector**

Running parallel to Punggol Reservoir, the Punggol Park Connector links to Punggol Waterway, passes by Sengkang Floating Wetland, and ends at Gerald Drive. The stretch boasts of a rich blend of coastal and mangrove trees lining both sides of the track.

Butterfly-attracting plants, including the brightly coloured Common Lantana (*Lantana camara*) and unassuming Blue Snakeweed (*Stachytarpheta indica*), are found along various stretches, making the journey delightful with the numerous butterflies fluttering around the area.

► **8 Sengkang Riverside Park**

Sengkang Riverside Park is home to a unique wetland that was constructed to collect and filter rainwater naturally through its aquatic plants. Sengkang Floating Wetland (built and maintained by PUB) is separate from Sengkang Riverside Park.

Running along the perimeter of the wetland is a Fruit Tree Trail that features 16 types of fruit trees ranging from the familiar mangosteen, pomelo, mango, lime and starfruit, to the more exotic Pond Apple, Island Lychee, Sweetsop, Java Olive and Custard Apple.



Starfruits

Sweetsop



9. Buangkok Park Connector

► **9 Buangkok Park Connector**

This busy park connector serves a variety of users, from commuters to jogging enthusiasts. It runs along residential estates and connects to Punggol Park via Serangoon Park Connector. You may catch a ride home from Buangkok MRT Station, which is just a short distance away.



Heartwave Wall



Punggol Waterway Park



Kelong Bridge

If you have the time, you may wish to visit the following attraction.

#### ► 10 Punggol Waterway Park

Take a detour to the 'Venice of Punggol'. Integrated within a 4.2km waterway, this beautiful park is a milestone in the transformation of Punggol Town into a waterfront town of the 21st century.

Take a history lesson from the heritage panels and Heartwave Wall, where a series of bronze plates recounts Punggol's development from a plantation area to what you see today.

Admire a sunset on **Jewel Bridge**, whose design was inspired by a jewel atop a ring. Walk across the steel **Adventure Bridge**, designed to look like

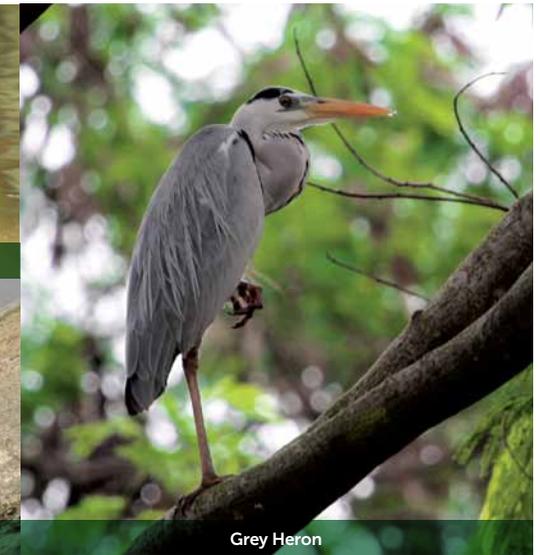
a wooden suspension bridge that blends in with the park's natural setting. Experience the idyllic atmosphere of old Punggol on **Kelong Bridge**. Its design incorporates visual elements of a *kelong*, a traditional offshore platform built on stilts and posts, to reflect Punggol's heritage as a fishing village. The design of **Wave Bridge** reflects the undulating terrain of the vicinity. Finally, marking the eastern end of the waterway, the elevated **Sunrise Bridge** conveys the rustic flavour of its surroundings with a modern twist. Get on this structure to enjoy a good view of the sunrise.



White-breasted Waterhen (Photo credit: Cai Yixong)



Little Heron



Grey Heron



White-throated Kingfisher



Collared Kingfisher



Little Egret



Olive-backed Sunbird

#### Common Birds of the Loop

Teeming with biodiversity, the loop sees many waterside birds fishing here when water levels are low. Here are some common ones that you might see.

Identify the **Collared Kingfisher** (*Todiramphus chloris*) with its recognisable loud, laughing call. The striated **Little Heron** (*Butorides striatus*) might be seen hunched in an egg-like shape, looking intently for prey at the water's edge.

Catch glimpses of the elegant resident **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), the migratory **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*) standing on one foot, and the **White-breasted Waterhen** (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*). The **White-throated Kingfisher** (*Halcyon smyrnensis*) makes its presence known with its loud calls and striking blue plumage.

Move in to observe the bold **Olive-backed Sunbird** (*Nectarinia jugularis*) sipping nectar from flowering plants; just remember to keep still and be quiet!

*We hope you have enjoyed the waterfront views of North Eastern Riverine Loop. For another adventure along the Park Connector Network, embark on the Northern Explorer Loop.*

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