

## MEDIA FACTSHEET

### Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve Extension

The 31-hectare Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve extension will be open to the public on 6 December 2014. Highlights of the extension include the Mud Experience, Mid-canopy Walk and coastal boardwalk, as well as the mangrove gallery at the Visitor Centre. Other amenities include viewing pods and a network of three new nature trails totalling 1.75km.

#### Mud Experience

Visitors can step onto the mudflats during low tide at the Mud Experience — a dedicated area to get up close with creatures living in the mud. It features a balancing bridge which lowers visitors down to a platform near the bottom of the mudflats. Interpretive panels showcase information on the mudflat habitat.



#### Mid-canopy Walk

The Mid-canopy Walk immerses visitors in the understory of a secondary forest through an elevated, 150m-long boardwalk, where they can spot birds (like *Pied Fantails*) and insects (like *Cicadas*) that forage and reside in the mid-canopy region and forest floor



### Coastal boardwalk

The coastal boardwalk offers a scenic and unhindered view of the Kranji waterfront with a lookout point where visitors can spot the fish and crabs that forage and hide amongst the roots when the tide is out.



### Pods

Five pods have been constructed at various locations around the SBWR extension, providing visitors with unobstructed views of the reserve and the sea. An exception is the Dragonfly Pod, which is located inland and overlooks a freshwater pond, where one can catch glimpses of dragonflies and damselflies.



(Dragonfly pod)

### Trails

There are network of three new nature trails at the SBWR extension totalling 1.75km. They are the Coastal Trail (1.3km), Forest Trail (300m), Mid-canopy Walk (150m). Visitors can experience the sights and sounds of the reserve up close, and learn more about the plants and wildlife which are unique to SBWR.



(Forest Trail)

### Junior Adventure Trail

Young visitors will get to experience what it's like to be a crab or mudskipper in the mangroves. Activities include ducking under prop roots, leaping amongst pencil roots and crossing the mangrove river on a pulley boat. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied and supervised by adults while exploring the trail.



(Junior Adventure Trail)

### Little Heron Deck

Located beside the Visitor Centre, the Little Heron Deck features adorable sculptures of Mudskippers and serves as a lookout point over the sea.



### Visitor Centre

The new Visitor Centre houses facilities including toilets, a rest shelter, two multi-purpose rooms, and a mangrove gallery, which features interactive educational tools such as multimedia games, a live camera feed that transmits and screens live scenes from various areas of the Reserve, and static displays featuring information on the mangrove habitat.



The SBWR extension was kindly sponsored by the Singapore Tote Board.

## **Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve**

Located on the northwestern end of Singapore, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve contains brackish and fresh-water ponds, mangrove mudflats, estuaries and swamps. It is the first ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Heritage Park in Singapore and one of the two Nature Reserves to be gazetted (Labrador Nature Reserve is the other) after Singapore's independence in 1965.

A diverse range of wildlife can be spotted at the reserve, such as mudskippers, spiders, water snakes, tree-climbing crabs, monitor lizards, otters and crocodiles. The approximately 130-hectare wetland reserve also allows visitors to view the 33 species (85% of Singapore's total) of native mangrove flora without getting their feet wet.

The reserve is also an excellent site for bird watching. Visitors will be able to spot resident birds like herons, kingfishers, coucals and fish eagles. Between September and March, they can also expect to witness the arrival of migratory birds from as far as Siberia. 223 species (about 61% of Singapore's total) have been recorded here. Keen explorers can walk along the mangrove boardwalk and trails, which will take anything between half an hour to up to five hours to cover.

### Fun facts

- The approximately 130-hectare Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve was once a rich place to harvest for prawn and fish farmers.
- Sungei Buloh is pronounced as "Soong-eye" "Bull-low".

### **Visitor information**

#### Getting there

Sungei Buloh Wetland Centre (Neo Tiew entrance)

Take a taxi, or a bus (Take Service 925 from Kranji MRT Station. On Sundays and Public Holidays, alight at the entrance of the Reserve [bus stop 49209]; on other days, alight at Kranji Reservoir car park B [bus stop 49199], follow the signs and take a leisurely 15-minute walk).

Sungei Buloh Visitor Centre (Kranji entrance)

Take a taxi, or a bus (Take Service 925 from Kranji MRT Station. On Sundays and Public Holidays, alight at PUB Quarter [bus stop 49211]. On other days, alight at Kranji Reservoir car park B [bus stop 49199]).

#### Opening hours

Mondays to Fridays: 7.30am to 7pm

Weekends and Public Holidays: 7am to 7pm

Entry is free

