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Getting off the beaten track: The primary focus of my travel guides is ADVENTURE TRAVEL (and activities) to locations which are non-mainstream tourist destinations. As an example, there is no information for mainstream tourist locations (except as transit hub's before heading off to a more remote location) listed in this travel guide. As such, the information in this guide is directed towards travelers (not tourists) who are keen for a bit of adventure - caving, climbing, jungle trekking, kayaking - in an off the beaten track location, of South East Asia. If these types of activities aren't to your liking, then this travel guide won't be much use to you. There's no information in here about the party towns in South East Asia.

Budget travel: Knowing the importance of making the most of your hard-earned currency, my travel links (12GO ASIA) and accommodation links (AGODA) are predominantly budget oriented. They provide a range of options for getting to a central hub, or base, from which you can make your daily explorations.

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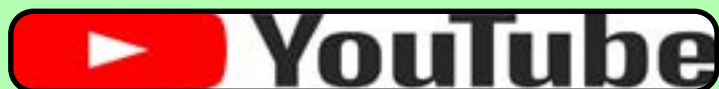


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Google Maps Links: These provide a route from a designated location (e.g., a hotel) to a particular sightseeing attraction:



Information Links: These links take you to information sites, such as Wikipedia or Wiki-voyage, to provide more in-depth info on a particular subject or location:



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It's Time To Get Off The Beaten Track



SINGAPORE: GENERAL INFORMATION

About: Singapore, also known as the Lion City, is probably one of the most expensive places in Southeast to take a vacation. Due to its size and density of population, it's not a place one might envisage getting off the beaten track. For most visitors it's mainly about shopping, eating, and staying in luxury standard hotels along Orchard Road. The traditional sightseeing attractions such as the SINGAPORE ZOO and SENTOSA ISLAND are definite draw cards, to be sure.

Off the Beaten Track: It's probably the last place you might think of going for a jungle hike or seeing animals in the wild. And yet, it's there, just a few kilometers away from the shopping malls of Orchard Road. Additionally, there's also some interesting HISTORICAL SITES which are well worth a few hours of your time. If you've got few days to spare, there's some great OFF THE BEATEN TRACK LOCATIONS to check out.

MRT System: A good recommendation is to stay somewhere near one of the MRT terminals, so you can make use of the public transport which runs to just about all points on the Island.

Accommodation: Hotel prices in Singapore are expensive at the best of times. Being there when something is happening (formula one or a Taylor Swift concert) sees prices double, or even treble. To avoid these inflated prices, do a search on Google for public holidays and events in Singapore, before booking your hotel stay.



Holiday Inn Atrium

Great Location: Accommodation choices in Singapore are endless and will cater to all budget ranges. An excellent accommodation option, if it's within your budget range, is the HOLIDAY INN ATRIUM, on Havelock Road. This hotel is reasonably priced for a five-star establishment and is only 200 meters from the HAVELOCK MRT terminal, Thompson East Coast Line. **Click the following AGODA link for booking inquiries:**



MRT: Excellent Budget Transportation

SINGAPORE: GENERAL INFORMATION

Transportation: As mentioned, the cheapest and most efficient way of traveling around Singapore is by using the MRT (underground) system. Multi-day tickets can be purchased at any of the terminal ticket vending machines and the credit normally lasts for a few months. If you need to take a taxi, then the GRAB (Asian Uber) service is a good option which is normally less expensive than standard taxis. Download the GRAB APP from the [GOOGLE PLAY STORE](#) or the [APPLE APP STORE](#).

Dining: There's plenty of food courts for cheap eats in Singapore. These are places you can go to, in the basement of many shopping malls, which offer good standard, inexpensive Asian food. However, if you want to eat something a bit more substantial (such as a decent steak dinner) then it's not so cheap. An excellent spot for a good NZ RIB EYE (SGD 32) is OLLIES KITCHEN & BAR in the CENTRE POINT Shopping Mall on Orchard Road. They also serve up a great cheeseburger and fries. Click the following Google Maps link for the location:

[OLLIES KITCHEN](#)

Where to drink: Beer prices in Singapore tend to be on the expensive side. HARRY'S is a chain with bars, at several locations around Singapore, which offers a happy hour deal of two mugs of TIGER DRAFT for SGD 24.



Ollies Kitchen & Bar

Harry's also serve excellent pub food (Steaks, Burgers, Fries). Click the following Google Maps links for Harry's Bar locations:

[ANGULIA PARK](#)

[HOLLAND VILLAGE](#)

[CLARK QUAY](#)

[CUPPAGE](#)



Harry's Cuppage

SINGAPORE SIGHTSEEING: GENERAL INFORMATION

Sightseeing: There are the usual bucket list sightseeing attractions in Singapore, such as the Singapore Zoo and Marina Bay. However, if you want something which is a bit off the beaten track, then the hiking trails around the MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR are well worth checking out. These trails run through some dense jungle areas where wildlife (monkeys and birds) can be seen. There's also a TREE TOP TRAIL which is part of a 12 km hike around the Reservoir. For a trip into Singapore's past, check out the BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY TRAIL.

In no particular order, the following locations are great OFF THE BEATEN TRACK adventures in Singapore:

- **The Macritchie Tree Top Trail:** Starting at the Thompson Nature Reserve.
- **The Macritchie Reservoir Hike:** Starting at the Macritchie Amenities Center.
- **The Bukit Brown Cemetery Trail:** Starting at Khaem Hock Park.
- **The Bukit Timah Summit Hike:** Starting at the Nature Reserve HQ.
- **The Dairy Farm Trail:** Which includes the Wallace Nature Trail.
- **The Singapore Rail Corridor:** The old Singapore Rail Line which is now an historical hiking trail.



The Tree Top Trail



Marina Bay: Mainstream Tourism

MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR: GENERAL INFO

About: The MacRitchie Reservoir is a large body water formed by a man made lake in the center of Singapore island. The lake is surrounded by a large swathe of jungle with several excellent hiking trails running through it. Note: The MacRitchie Reservoir is at the southern end of a broader catchment area which also includes the Pierce Reservoir, to the north. The trails in both areas have been developed with directional signage, stairways, and boarded trails to provide a safe hiking experience.

Hiking around the MacRitchie Reservoir: To do a complete circuit around the MacRitchie Reservoir you can start at either the MacRitchie Amenities Centre, or the MacRitchie Tree Top Trail Head. If you start and finish at the Amenities Centre, it's a complete 12 km loop around the reservoir. This loop includes the highlight of the hike, the TREE TOP SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

Starting from the Amenities Centre: This is a building at the southern end of the MacRitchie Reservoir. It has changing rooms, showers, and toilets and a large parking area to the front. From the amenities building there is signage to take you to the start of the trail. **Click the following GOOGLE MAPS link to see the full loop circuit - starting and finishing at the Amenities Centre:**

MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR HIKE



MacRitchie Nature Trail

The MacRitchie Nature Trail: The trail initially skirts the dam for the first few hundred meters. It then veers away from the dam and rises to forested high ground which eventually meets the trail coming across from the Tree Top Walk Trail Head (the Drongo Trail).

Note: There is an alternative track (via Petai Hut) which takes you around the edge of the reservoir and then rejoins the main trail. Keep in mind this will add a few hundred meters to the hike to the Rangers Station. Once you hit the T-Junction at the DRONGO TRAIL, turn left and follow the signage to the RANGERS STATION.



The MacRitchie Reservoir

MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR: TREE TOP TRAILHEAD

From the Tree Top Trail Head: If you start from the Tree Top Trail Head, the distance back to the Amenities center is 9.4 km. The Tree Top Trail head start point is at the Northeastern side of the MacRitchie Reservoir. This area is known as the WINDSOR NATURE PARK and it has several trails which lead to the Tree Top Bridge. Click the following [GOOGLE MAPS](#) link for the full route from the Tree Top Trail Head:

MACRITCHIE TREE TOP TRAIL

Windsor Nature Park: The start point is near-by the car park, and you have the option of taking the VENUS LINK or the SQUIRREL TRAIL. The Squirrel Trail is a boarded walkway which branches off from the Venus Link, approximately 300 meters from the start point. It's the most popular route as it provides the opportunity to see the local wildlife (Squirrels) scampering between trees. The boarded walkway eventually reconnects at the junction of the Venus Link, the DRONGO TRAIL, and the Tree Top Trail.

Note: The Venus Link and the Drongo Trail are both dirt tracks. The Tree Top Trail is an elevated, boarded walkway which eventually reconnects with the Drongo Trail.



The T-Junction: This is the main intersection formed by the Drongo Trail - coming from the Tree Top Trail head - and the MACRITCHIE NATURE TRAIL, coming from the AQMENITIES CENTER. At the T-Junction there's signage for the direction and distance to the TREE TOP BRIDGE as well as the distance back to the amenities center. From this T-Junction it's approximately 800 meters to the RANGERS STATION.

Note: Approximately 200 meters further on from the T-Junction a dirt track, called the TER-ENTANG TRAIL, branches off on the left.



MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR: THE TREE TOP TRAIL

Terentang Trail: This is a dirt trail which branches off the main cement pathway, which does a loop through the jungle before rejoining the main trail to the Park Rangers Building. The only thing of significance along this trail is an unmarked jungle track which branches off to the left. This jungle track apparently leads to the JAPANESE WW2 HISTORICAL SITE known as SYONAN JINJA.

Note: This trail is a difficult hike and only suited to experienced hikers. There are fallen trees across the trail and barbed vines hanging down from the foliage. The trail isn't clearly marked and without a local guide, there's a high probability of getting lost. Click the following [GOOGLE MAPS](#) link for the location of the Syonan Jinja site:



The Rangers Station: This is the park HQ Building and it's a good place to have a water break before starting the hike up to the TREE TOP BRIDGE. It's a nice shady location and there are restrooms which are clean and well maintained. From the Rangers Station it's a 500 meter walk (mostly uphill) on a cement pathway, to the start point of the Tree Top Bridge.

Take a Break: If you're not in a hurry, it's a good idea to take a decent break (toilet, drinks, and rest period) before starting the ascent to the Tree Top Trail. **Note:** MACAQUE MONKEYS are often seen in the vicinity of the Rangers Station.



Plenty of Directional Signage



Terentang Trail



The Rangers Station

MACRITCHIE TREE TOP SUSPENSION BRIDGE



Click the link to the right to see video highlights of MACRITCHIE TREE TOP TRAIL:



PETALING BOARDWALK & JELUTONG TOWER

The Tree Top Bridge: The suspension bridge is on the high point of this trail and is suspended between two ridges. The bridge is 250 meters in length and provides splendid views of the jungle terrain below. **Note:** The bridge has been set up so it can only be crossed in one direction (from the Rangers Station End). This has been done to stop congestion on the narrow pathway. There is signage in place at the western end warning hikers not to cross from the wrong direction. Once you've crossed the bridge, there's a long stairway down to ground level.

The Return Leg: From TAMPINES HUT the trail heads south towards the eastern edge of the MacRitchie Reservoir. There's plenty of signage along the way to keep you going in right direction.

Note: There are some smaller trails branching from the main trail but there's no issues about taking a wrong turn as the main trail is clearly signposted all the way. On the way there are some nice features, such as the PETALING BOARDWALK and JELUTONG TOWER.

Petaling Boardwalk: This is a raised walkway which runs for a couple of hundred meters across swampy ground downhill from the Tree Top Bridge. The walkway runs through dense jungle before arriving at a broader dirt pathway, called the Sime Track.



Jelutong Tower: This is a lookout, located approximately 500 meters along the trail from the Petaling Boardwalk, which provides fantastic views over the surrounding landscape. The tower is constructed of steel and timber planks, is around 20 meters in height, and has a circular stairway to the top level. Even if you're feeling a bit fatigued from the hike, try to make the climb to the top as panorama is splendid. **Click the following GOOGLE MAPS link for the location of Jelutong Tower:**



MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR: THE GOLF LINK TRAIL

The Golf Link Trail: Continuing from Jelutong Tower, this is the trail which leads back to the edge of the reservoir. It's an easy flat walk but a lot of the trail is out in the open as it's next to the golf course. At the ZOHAN PUMP ROOM, walk down to the water's edge to get a closer view of the remnants of the bridge built by the Japanese occupying forces in 1942. This bridge provided access to the SYONAN JINJA SHRINE. Click the following **GOOGLE MAPS** Link for the Location:



Syonan Jinja: This is a World War Two historical site, marked on Google Maps, hidden deep in the jungle. It was a SHINTO SHRINE, built by the Japanese occupying forces (AND POW'S) in 1942, but destroyed before the allied forces reclaimed Singapore. The ruins (mainly the cement footings) can still be seen but the site is difficult to access as it's now overgrown with trees. Nearby the Zohan Pump Room Site is the concrete remains of a bridge which spanned this section of the reservoir and led to a stairway up to the Shin-to Shrine. Click the following **Wikipedia** link for more information about the site:



Near the Zohan Pump Room



The Syonan Jinja Location



Syonan Jinja Bridge remnants

MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR: JERING BOARDWALK

Continuing the Golf Link Trail: From the Zohan Pump Room, the trail skirts the edge of the nearby golf course for approximately two km before arriving at the Junction of the JERING BOARDWALK and the Lornie Trail. En-route, the golf course becomes more visible as the trees lining the trail begin to thin out. About half-way along there are some picturesque water fountains in one of the golf course waterways. Click the following **GOOGLE MAPS** Link for the location of the Golf Course water fountains:



The Jering Boardwalk: For a more enjoyable sightseeing experience, take the Jering Boardwalk which runs around the edge of the MacRitchie Reservoir. **Note:** The distance from the junction to the amenities center is approximately 4 km. At regular interval along the Jering Boardwalk there are information placards about the vegetation and wildlife one can expect to see along the way.

Turtles: Look closely in the shallow areas of the reservoir (near the seated rest stops) as there's a high probability of seeing turtles. The Jering Boardwalk, although quite long, is an easy and relaxing hike due to the nearness of the waterway.



The Golf Course Fountains



Local Wildlife



On the Jering Boardwalk

MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR: THE PARK & PROMENADE

The last kilometer: The trail eventually leads to the final sightseeing attractions, just a few hundred meters from the amenities center. There are a couple of interesting attractions within an area called the MACRITCHIE RESERVOIR PARK.

Lim Bo Seng Tomb: This is a commemorative grave site honoring the memory of LIM BO SENG, a SINGAPOREAN RESISTANCE LEADER against the Japanese forces, in World War two. The tomb is at the top of a small hill, just to the right of the MACRITCHIE PIER. A short flight of stairs takes you up to the tomb site and another flight, on the opposite side, takes you back to the pathway. Click the following Wikipedia link for further information:



Lim Bo Seng Tomb

The MacRitchie Promenade: This is the final attraction before arriving at the amenities center and is the primary reason for the existence of the MacRitchie Reservoir. The promenade (pathway) runs across the top of the dam is approximately 200 meters in length. From the midpoint there are excellent views up the waterway. Click the following Wikipedia link for more information:

WIKIPEDIA

The Zig-Zag Walkway: This attraction is just beyond the Lim Bo Seng Tomb (heading towards the amenities center) and is part of the pathway leading to the dam. This wooden walkway is on piles above the water and is similar to an extended boat jetty. Click the following GOOGLE MAPS link for the location:

8 ZIG ZAG WALKWAY

WIKIPEDIA



The Zig Zag Walkway

BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY TRAIL: GENERAL INFO

About: The BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY TRAIL is an interesting OFF THE BEATEN TRACK HIKE over a jungle covered hill in the NOVENA AREA, of Singapore. The trail takes in some unusual attractions, the most notable being a very large CHINESE CEMETERY which, in many places is overgrown with heavy foliage. The trail, from START to FINISH is approximately 4.3 km long. Much of it is through a heavily forested area.

Location: In a bushland area between LORNIE ROAD and the PIE Expressway. This area can be accessed from KHAEM HOCK ROAD.

Getting There: For public transport, take the MRT to BOTANIC GARDENS TERMINAL.

- Then take the OVERHEAD WALKWAY across Bukit Timah Road, and Dunearn Road.
- Once across the walkway, turn RIGHT and head to UNIVERSITY ROAD.
- Turn LEFT onto University Road.
- Walk to the end of UNIVERSITY ROAD, until arriving at the KHAEM HOCK PARK & TUNNEL.
- Take the PATHWAY through the tunnel to the other side. T
- The start point for the ABANDONED CAR TRAIL is on the right, immediately after exiting the tunnel. Look for the SHRINE.

Trail Length: According to the ALL TRAILS WEBSITE, this trail, which also includes the AVA-



At The Start Point

TAR TREES and the BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY, is a circuit of 4.3 km in length.

- First stop is the ABANDONED CARS.
- Second stop is the AVATAR TREES.
- Third stop is BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY.

Start point: The trail start point is next to KHAEM HOCK ROAD TUNNEL, on the right hand side. Look for a small shrine with several Buddha Statues. To the right of this is the trail. **Click the following GOOGLE MAPS link for the Start Point Location:**



The Abandoned Car Trail

GETTING TO THE ABANDONED CARS

Forest Trail: From the FOREST ENTRANCE the trail meanders along the edge of PIE EXPRESSWAY. After approximately 10 minutes of steady walking you will arrive at a FORK, indicated by a YELLOW SIGN with CHINESE LETTERS. Take the LEFT HAND trail (down the steps) to get to the ABANDONED CARS site. **Note:** From the YELLOW SIGN, there's no directional markers. The trail meanders through shrubbery and GRAVE SITES, which are overgrown with THICK FOLIAGE.

Getting to The Abandoned Cars: A few meters beyond the YELLOW SIGN, the trail branches to the LEFT and down a slope. It then levels out and passes through several grave sites. The ABANDONED CARS are located approximately 150 METERS from the Yellow Sign. From the Grave Sites the trail drops into a gully and then leads uphill to eventually arrive at the Abandoned Cars.

Mystery: There are THREE OLD CAR BODIES here which provide a bit of MYSTERY how they actually got there. At some point in the past, there was possibly a road which led into the area. Evidence of the history of the area is now overgrown. **Note:** There is no Google Maps Marker for the EXACT Abandoned Cars Site.

Continuing On: To get to the next site, the AVATAR TREES, follow the trail back to the YELLOW SIGN.



The Yellow Sign



The Old Cemetery



One of Three Car Bodies

GETTING TO THE AVATAR TREES

About: The AVATAR TREES site has a stand of OLD GROWTH TREES which resemble something seen in the AVATAR MOVIE. **Note:** According to online information, this area is a great spot for seeing local wildlife, including RARE BIRD species. Click the following **GOOGLE MAPS** link for the location of the Avatar trees:



Getting There: Once you arrive back at the yellow sign, take the RIGHT HAND trail. Follow a well-defined pathway, with the PIE EXPRESSWAY on the right. You'll eventually come to a down slope to a small stream. Note: DON'T CROSS THE STREAM. At the bottom of the slope, take the left side pathway. Follow along next to the stream for approximately 200 METERS before ducking under heavy foliage and coming to the clearing in the middle of the forest. There are several trees completely covered in LEAFY VINES, which give the appearance of trees in the AVATAR MOVIE.

The easier Option: If you only want to see the Avatar Trees, and NOT the ABANDONED CARS, it's much easier to come in from the OPPOSITE side. Take the SMALL ROAD which branches RIGHT off KHAEM HOCK ROAD.



Closer: If you come from this direction, you'll be able to park about 100 METERS from the Avatar Trees. From this parking spot, there's an easy, flat pathway to the AVATAR TREES location.



GETTING TO BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY

Significant: Bukit Brown Cemetery is believed to be the **LARGEST** Chinese cemetery **OUTSIDE** of **CHINA** and is the burial **LOCATION** of many of Singapore's **EARLIEST PIONEERS**. Preservation **ADVOCATES** support **MAINTAINING** Bukit Brown and other **NEARBY CEMETERIES** for their **VEGETATION**, **WILDLIFE**, and **HERITAGE** displayed by the **GRAVES**.

Continuing on From the Avatar Trees: The walking **DISTANCE** from the Avatar Trees to the Bukit Brown Cemetery **GATES** is approximately **1.6 KM**. **Note:** if you only want to see the cemetery, you can go **DIRECTLY** to it from **KHAEM HOCK ROAD**. Click the following **GOOGLE MAPS** link for the walking **ROUTE** from the Avatar Trees to the cemetery entrance:



Scenic walk: The **WALKING ROUTE**, from the Avatar Trees to the **ENTRANCE GATE** of Bukit Brown Cemetery is a beautiful scenic traverse through a **PICTURESQUE** tropical landscape. The old lane way, which leads back to Khaem Hock Road, is a serene, tranquil walk along a **JUNGLE ENSHROUDED** pathway. It's a step **BACK** in time to a **LESS DEVELOPED** era of Singapore.



Along the Roadside

The only **VISIBLE SIGNS** of human intrusion are the old **GRAVE SITES** along the roadside. Take a seat for a few minutes to enjoy the **NATURAL SURROUNDINGS**, and the peaceful **SOUNDS** of **BIRD LIFE**.



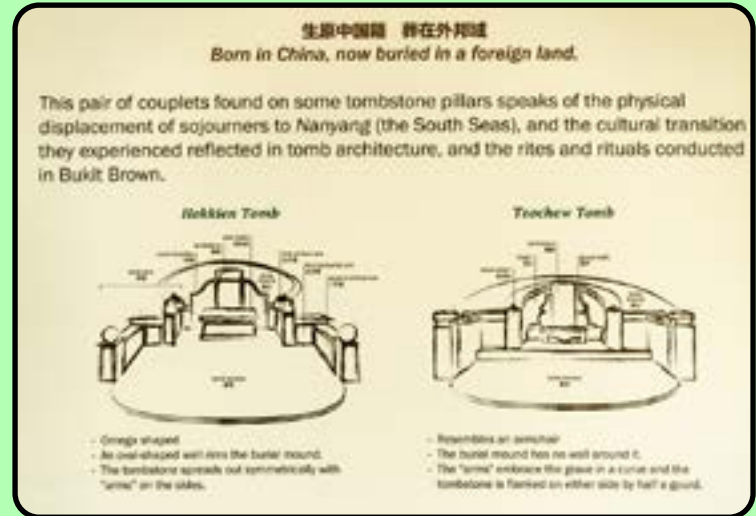
A Picturesque Landscape

BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY: GENERAL INFO

About: Bukit Brown Cemetery, also known as the BUKIT BROWN MUNICIPAL CEMETERY or the BUKIT BROWN CHINESE CEMETERY, is a cemetery located in NOVENA in the Central Region of Singapore. The site of the cemetery was **ORIGINALLY** owned by **GEORGE HENRY BROWN**, a British merchant. It became known as **BROWNS HILL** for its hilly terrain, which was translated into **MALAY** as **BUKIT BROWN** (Bukit is the Malay word for hill). **Click the following [GOOGLE MAPS](#) link for the location of Bukit Brown cemetery:**



History: Brown's original site was eventually **GIVEN** to **SEH ONG KONGSI**, who opened a **PRIVATE CLAN CEMETERY** there in the 1870s. Beginning in the 1880s, **CEMETERIES** in Singapore **GREW RAPIDLY** leading the Legislative Council to pass a bill that **LIMITED** the **CREATION** of cemeteries, particularly **CHINESE** cemeteries. Due to this **BILL**, the Chinese community's **OPTIONS** for **BURYING** their dead were **RESTRICTED** leading to calls for the **CREATION** of a **MUNICIPAL CEMETERY**. Notable **SUPPORTERS** of the municipal cemetery included **TAN KHAEM HOCK** and **LIM BOON KENG**.



The Municipal Commission began looking for **SUITABLE SITES** and settled on the **Seh Ong Kongsi's** land, **ACQUIRING** the site in 1919 through compulsory acquisition.

Opening: Three years later, in 1922, the Commission opened **BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY**. Although initially **UNPOPULAR** with the **CHINESE** community, after some **MODIFICATIONS**, forty percent of **CHINESE DEATHS** in Singapore were **BURIED** at Bukit Brown Cemetery by 1929. The cemetery was **FULLY RESERVED** for burials in 1944 and eventually **CLOSED** in 1973 with about 100,000 **GRAVES**.



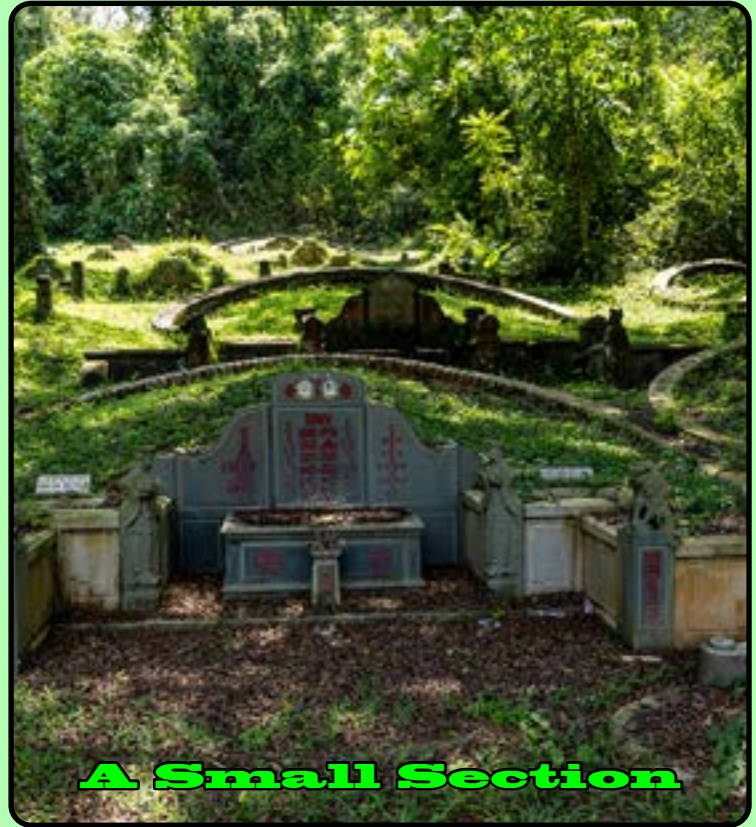
One of 100,00 Tomb Sites

BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY GROUNDS

Getting to Bukit Brown Cemetery: From the Avatar Trees, continue moving forward on the trail (don't back track) until you eventually come back to KHAEM HOCK ROAD. Turn right and follow along until you see the sign for LORONG HALWA CEMETERY ACCESS. Turn right and follow the pathway until you arrive at the BUKIT BROWN CEMETERY MAIN GATE. **Note:** The main gate is locked at 17:30, Mon - Sat. The cemetery is CLOSED on Sundays.

Recent History: In 2011, the SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT designated the area for RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, leading to PROTESTS from activists who believed the CEMETERY should be PRESERVED. The following year, 3,700 GRAVES were EXHUMED to build an eight-lane HIGHWAY. The cemetery has since APPEARED on the 2014 WORLD MONUMENTS WATCH and has been considered for NATIONAL MONUMENT STATUS.

Getting Back to Botanical Gardens: From the cemetery, head back out to LORNIE HWY (go to the left) and take a bus (#165) down ADAM ROAD, for two stops. Get off and go to ADAM FOOD COURT for lunch. From Adam Food Court, walk back to BOTANIC GARDENS MRT via the footbridge over BUKIT TIMAH ROAD.



A Small Section

Click the following YOUTUBE LINK to see a highlights video of the complete Abandoned Car trail:



The Cemetery Gates

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