

COUNTING THE MILES

The earliest mention of milestones in newspapers here dates back to 1843. According to map consultant Mok Ly Yng, the system has its roots in the Roman Empire. Roads in Singapore were traditionally divided into miles and marked by milestones that had numbers carved onto their surfaces. The starting point was the General Post Office – present-day Fullerton Hotel.

The junction between Woodlands and Choa Chu Kang Road is where the mall Junction 10 is located today. It was formerly known as Ten Mile Junction. A station on the Bukit Panjang LRT Line is named after it.

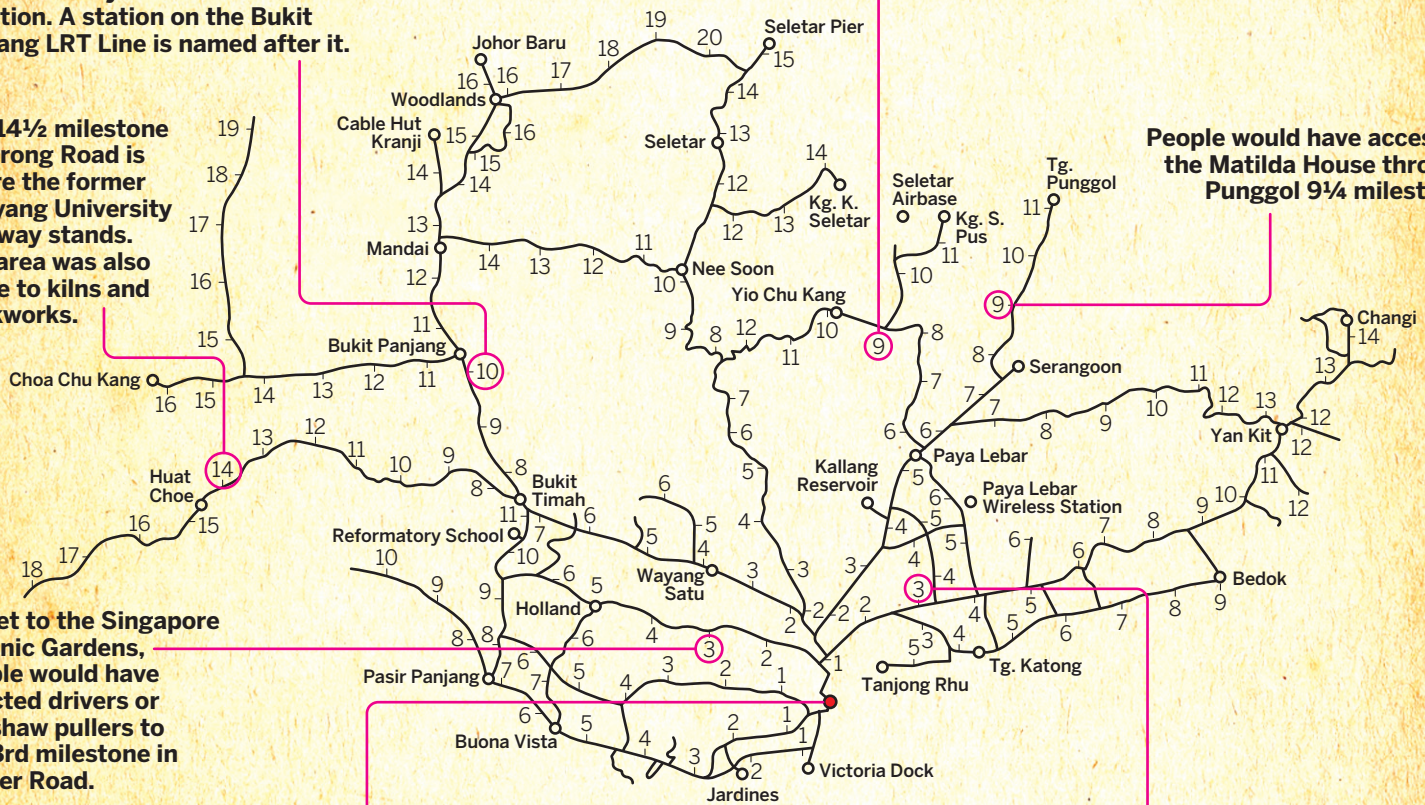
The 14½ milestone in Jurong Road is where the former Nanyang University archway stands. The area was also home to kilns and brickworks.

To get to the Singapore Botanic Gardens, people would have directed drivers or rickshaw pullers to the 3rd milestone in Napier Road.

All roads led to the General Post Office.

To get to Seletar Airbase, people would have given the address as Yio Chu Kang Milestone 9.

People would have accessed the Matilda House through Punggol 9¼ milestone.



Last year, a heritage enthusiast discovered what is likely to have been the last standing milestone in Singapore between Geylang Lorong 6 and 8.

