Singapore's sentinels

The Civic District's majestic and historic trees are part of a new tree trail to be rolled out by NParks from May 1. It features 20 stops.

CHJIMES

VORTH BRUGE ROAD

Raffles'

Landing Site

Civic

District

Tree Trail

National Gallery • Singapore

Empress

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Singapore

River

Place

Cathav entrance

School

of the

PRINSEP

STREET

Stamford Road/

Queen Street

iunction

Arts

Bras Basah Road/

National Museum

Fort

Canning

Park

of Singapore

Prinsep Street

iunction

The School of the Arts building was

built around a 25m-tall angsana tree

which is approximately 40 years old.

widespread and droopy crown.

BRAS BASAH ROAD

Raffles

Hotel

War

Memorial

Park

STAMFORD ROAD

Esplanade

FULLERTON ROAD

Waterboat House

Marina

Reservoir

Park

Esplanade

station

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Singapore Management University

Bras Basah station

Singapore Art Museum

Cathedral of

the Good Shepherd

City Hall

station

St Andrew's

Cathedra

Padang

Cavenagh

Bridge

station

Raffles Place

The tree has a dense, dome-shaped,

Dhoby Ghaut MRT/

Plaza Singapura

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Park

PENANG ROAD





- The Indian rubber tree was once an economically important plant in the region as its latex was tapped and processed into a type of rubber.
- The tree at the National Museum can be traced back to 1955.



• Rain tree saplings have been present along this site, then known as New Esplanade Road. since the 1880s. • The umbrella-shaped

• To create a European garden setting, about 10 of these

tamalan or black rosewood trees were planted at Chijmes.

• Its wood is used to make furniture. It also produces

purplish-white flowers in small clusters.

crowns of the rain trees have created a green tunnel effect over time. Twenty-two of these rain trees have been given the status of heritage trees.



 NParks and the Urban **Redevelopment Authority** transplanted five angsana trees from Upper Serangoon Road to Esplanade Park late last year to recreate an iconic area familiar to dating couples between the 1960s and 1980s. • The original trees, known as

"Gor Zhang Chiu Kar", which means "under the shade of five trees", were removed after they were affected by fungus. The angsana tree can grow up to 40m in height.



• The meninjau or belinjau tropical tree species, which is native to Singapore, has a narrow conical crown. • The shape of these trees complements the structure of the War Memorial.



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