Marvels of the Botanic Gardens' new Learning Forest

Once filled with dense terrain, the restored and curated attraction is now accessible to the public and has been divided into five sections.
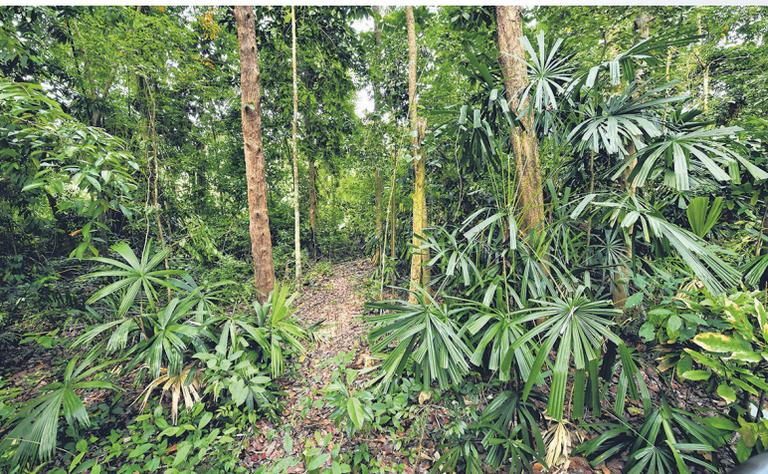
Access to the Learning Forest, which is behind the National Orchid Garden, is free. It opens from 5am to midnight daily, although certain areas will be closed from 7pm to 7am to maintain a conducive habitat for wildlife. Guided tours will take place every Saturday at 9am starting April 8.
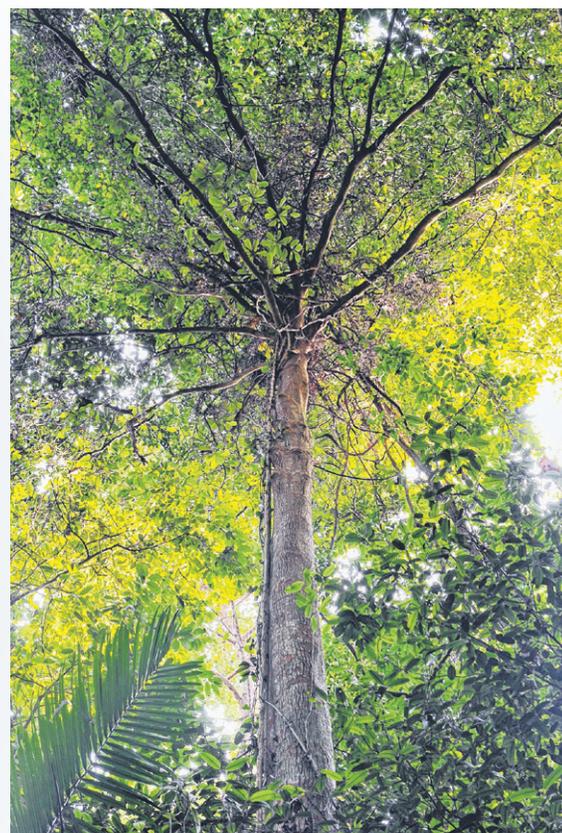

The asam gelugor is a native fruit tree that can grow up to 30m in height and is critically endangered in Singapore. Its fruits are round and span up to 10cm in diameter.

Wild Fruit Tree Arboretum

Bambusetum

This section is home to multiple species of bamboo, including the sacred Bali bamboo, which has bright yellow stems and is widely used for ornamental purposes.

The marsh pulai is commonly found in freshwater swamp forests. It grows up to 25m in height and has a trunk that is fluted at the base.

Keppel Discovery Wetlands

Holttum's hybrid orchid at the Botanists' Boardwalk is named after former Gardens director Eric Holttum. Holttum pioneered the orchid breeding programme at the Gardens.

SPH Walk of Giants

This slow-growing ferruginea fan palm takes about 10 years to get to its current size. Its size at the Learning Forest today is testament to how well the forest is regenerating.

Tyersall Gate

Durian Theory

TYERSALL AVENUE

Bark of Trees

Products of the Forest

To Ginger Garden/ Tanglin Gate

Visitor Services Counter

To Tanglin Gate

Swan Lake

Lowland Rainforest

The white gutta tree can grow up to a height of 45m. It has been described as a tree that changed the world, for its latex enabled the insulation of underwater telegraph cables, which made long-distance instant communication possible.

HOLLAND ROAD

The map

BUKIT TIMAH ROAD

Botanic Gardens station

UNESCO World Heritage Site

Nassim Gate

Gallop Extension

Tyersall Gate

TYERSALL AVENUE

Tanglin Gate

Learning Forest

HOLLAND ROAD

The Learning Forest in numbers

There are more than

120,000

plants of which there are over

300 species of rainforest trees

50 species of wild fruit trees

30 species of bamboo

30 species of forest climbers

25 species of native orchids

It is also home to

100 species of birds

20 species of amphibians

19 species of butterflies

7 species of mammals