

The Great Singapore Drive

Who says Singapore is too small for a good road trip? Follow Straits Times assistant news editor Toh Yong Chuan on a 200km drive around the island to discover little-known spots and special lookout points.







8 Old Upper Thomson **Road Grand Prix circuit** 1961-1973

- Between 1961 and 1973, this was the street circuit for the Malaysian Grand Prix
- and Singapore Grand Prix. • The 4.8km circuit has catchy names like Thomson Mile and Devil's Bend.
- A 3km stretch is now a one-way street to accommodate a park connector.

9 Casuarina tree at **Upper Seletar Reservoir**

• This lone casuarina tree at Upper Seletar Reservoir is one of Singapore's most iconic trees. It is flanked by benches and is a favourite spot for bridal photography

KRANJI ROAD

WOODLANDS

Upper Seletar

DUNEARN ROAD -

RIFLE RANGE

CLEMENTI ROAD

MacRitchie

START

MANDAI

YISHUN

Lower Seletar

Reservoir

UPPER

LORNIE HIGHWAY

SHENTON WAY

SFI FTAR

SHEARES

AFROSPACE

TAMPINES ROAD

EAST COAST PARKWAY

Kranji Dam

UPPER BUKIT

NANYANG

AYER RAJAH EXPRESSWAY



10 Soek Seng 1954 Bicycle Cafe Diners can enjoy views of the Seletar Airport runway and parked

planes from the eatery. Opened in 2016, the cafe is named after the motor workshop set up in 1954 by the owner's father.



NICOLL DRIV

AVIATION

CHANGI

COAST ROAD

TANAH MERAH COAST ROAD

Cafe & Restaurant

LOYANG

TAMPINES

Tuas Mega Port

The prominent

The Tuas Mega Port will be the world's largest fully automated terminal when completed in 2040.

 The route to the construction site takes drivers through the Jurong industrial estate that has powered Singapore's economic growth since independence.



- The 2.5km road is a "spare runway". Since 1986, the RSAF has turned it into a temporary aircraft runway seven times for fighter jets to take off and land.
- The long and wide road is favoured by street racers for illegal car and motorbike racing.



5 Bahtera track leading to Sarimbun Beach Landing Site

TUAS SOUTH

 The 1km-long Bahtera track is possibly Singapore's last unpaved and unlit road.

PIONEER

LIM CHU KANG

• The gravel track leads to Sarimbun beach, which is the site of the first phase of the Japanese attack on Singapore in February 1942 during World War II.



Late afternoon drive UFOs in Tampines Road • The "UFOs" or "giant spinning Scenic Tampines and Changi tops" are storage tanks to hold Newater, which is recycled from waste and made potable. • These tanks are part of PUB's Newater Service Reservoir facilities in Tampines.

12 Tanah Merah **Coast Road**

- The road, built on reclaimed land, is the only public road where cyclists get their own 10km-long on-road cycling lane.
- There are multiple cameras to catch motorists going above the 70kmh limit.



Night drive

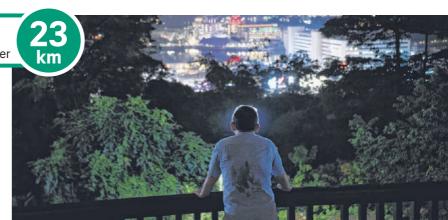
City sights and Mount Faber

END POINT

13 Mount Faber

- Mount Faber is one of Singapore's oldest parks.
- The hill top offers a panoramic view of Sentosa and it is one of the stops along the

cable car line.



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