

## WALKING TRAIL THROUGH WINDSOR NATURE PARK



Distance: 6km

Walking time: Three hours

Level of difficulty: Moderate

- The start of the trail is beside the carpark in Venus Drive. Walk along Venus Link through Windsor Nature Park.
- Eventually, the path will become Sime Track. Continue on this trail, which ends when you reach the Petaling Hut, at which point you can make a U-turn and walk back the same way you came from.
- Visitors on this trail could previously visit the TreeTop Walk\*, a 250m-long free-standing suspension bridge.

NOTE: \*The TreeTop Walk, Peirce Track and part of the Petaling boardwalk are currently closed for maintenance works, which are expected to be completed in May 2021.



### WHAT TO SEE

- Long-tailed macaque (left), greater racket-tailed drongo, crimson sunbird (right), heliconia, coconut palms
- Remember to wear proper footwear, such as track shoes or sneakers, when tackling this route. The terrain is undulating with steep slopes at some points, so here might be a good place to jog if you want to train with some incline.
- Do not walk while looking at your phone. Forgetting this for a moment, I try using Google Maps while walking and end up stubbing my toe on a large rock. Thankfully, I do not trip.
- Along this trail, there are a number of small sheltered huts where one can stop to rest as well as toilets at a nearby ranger station.



## CHEMPERAI TRAIL AND JERING TRAIL



Distance: 4.8km

Walking time: Two hours

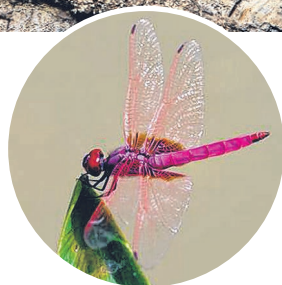
Level of difficulty: Easy

- Begin from the exercise station at MacRitchie Reservoir Park.
- Walk on the Chemperai boardwalk (below) skirting the edge of the reservoir. You will walk past Jering Hut after which you can continue on the Jering boardwalk along the water.

- You will eventually reach the edge of the nature reserve. Here, you can turn left and continue on Lornie Trail, which will take you back to the exercise station.

### WHAT TO SEE

- Dragonfly (bottom), monitor lizard, sun skink (below), sea apple tree, wild ixora



- This relaxing route is suitable for families with young children. The views are gorgeous, with the reservoir's calm surface reflecting the clouds that go by, all set against a soothing backdrop of dense rainforest.
- If you look closely, you can even see fish and other creatures in the water. I spot a monitor lizard taking a dip in the reservoir's placid waters.
- The signs along the trail offer delightful bits of trivia. One teaches me how to differentiate between butterflies and moths – butterflies usually rest with their wings closed, while moths usually do so with their wings open – while another explains that the reservoir might appear greenish because of the presence of algae and phytoplankton.