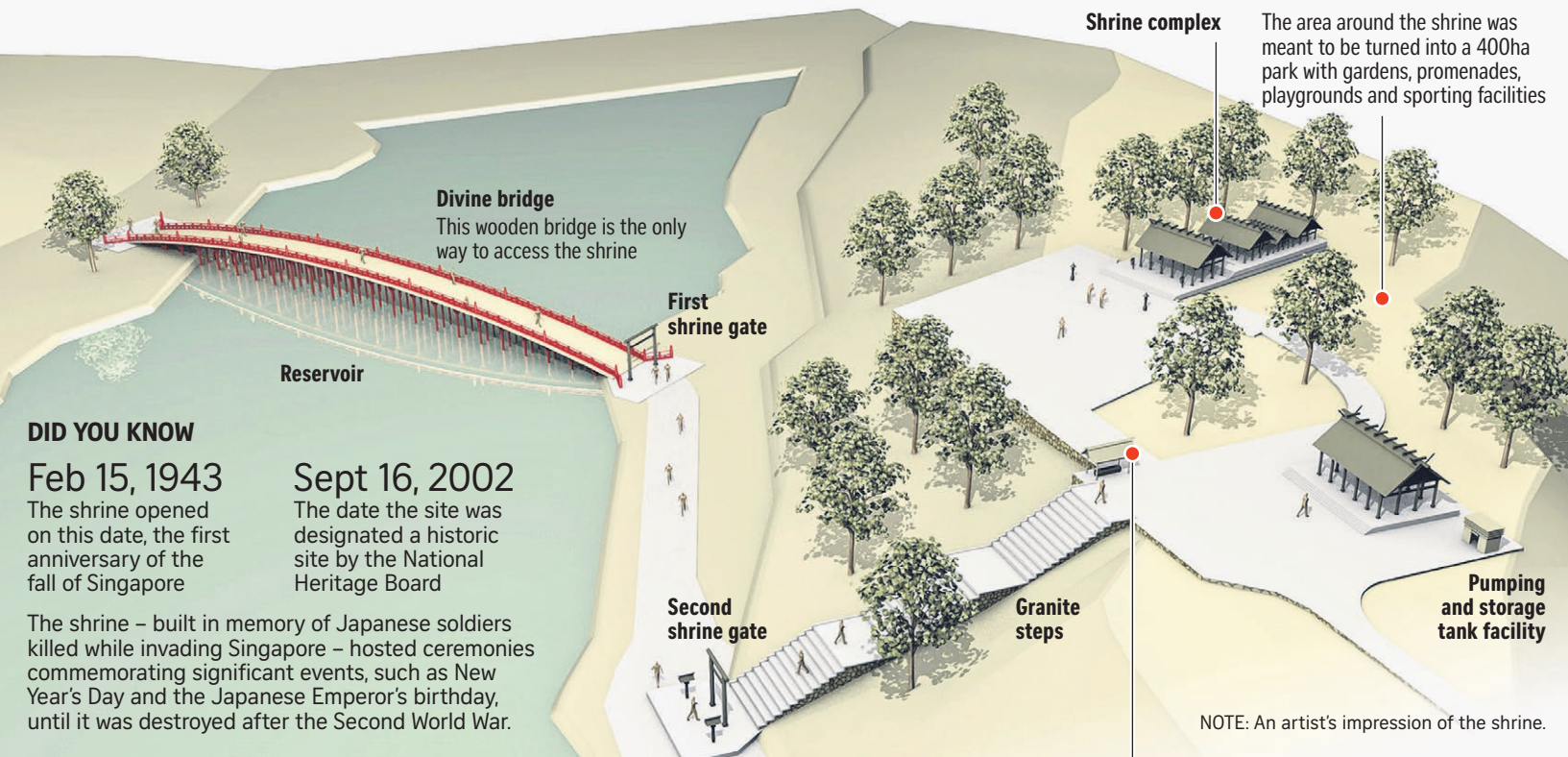


Forgotten WWII Shinto shrine

Syonan Jinja – or Light of the South Shrine – is a Shinto shrine dedicated to the worship of the sun goddess and modelled after the Ise Grand Shrine in Japan. Remnants of the destroyed shrine, now overwhelmed by jungle growth, stand in a conservation area that is off-limits to the public.



DID YOU KNOW

Feb 15, 1943

The shrine opened on this date, the first anniversary of the fall of Singapore

Sept 16, 2002

The date the site was designated a historic site by the National Heritage Board

The shrine – built in memory of Japanese soldiers killed while invading Singapore – hosted ceremonies commemorating significant events, such as New Year's Day and the Japanese Emperor's birthday, until it was destroyed after the Second World War.



Purification pavilion or Chozuya

It housed a large water-filled stone basin (above, in an old photograph)

NOTE: The National Parks Board reminds the public that the Shinto shrine is out of bounds as it is located within a core nature conservation area of the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. Anyone caught straying off designated trails can be fined up to \$2,000.

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