

# Green threads



Three new trails spanning 9km will be created in Clementi and Jurong, as part of a new nature corridor that will also facilitate wildlife passage between Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and the Southern Ridges. Two trails will run through Clementi Forest, a site that captured the attention of many when drone footage of the area spread on social media last year. **Ng Keng Gene** explores the new trails.



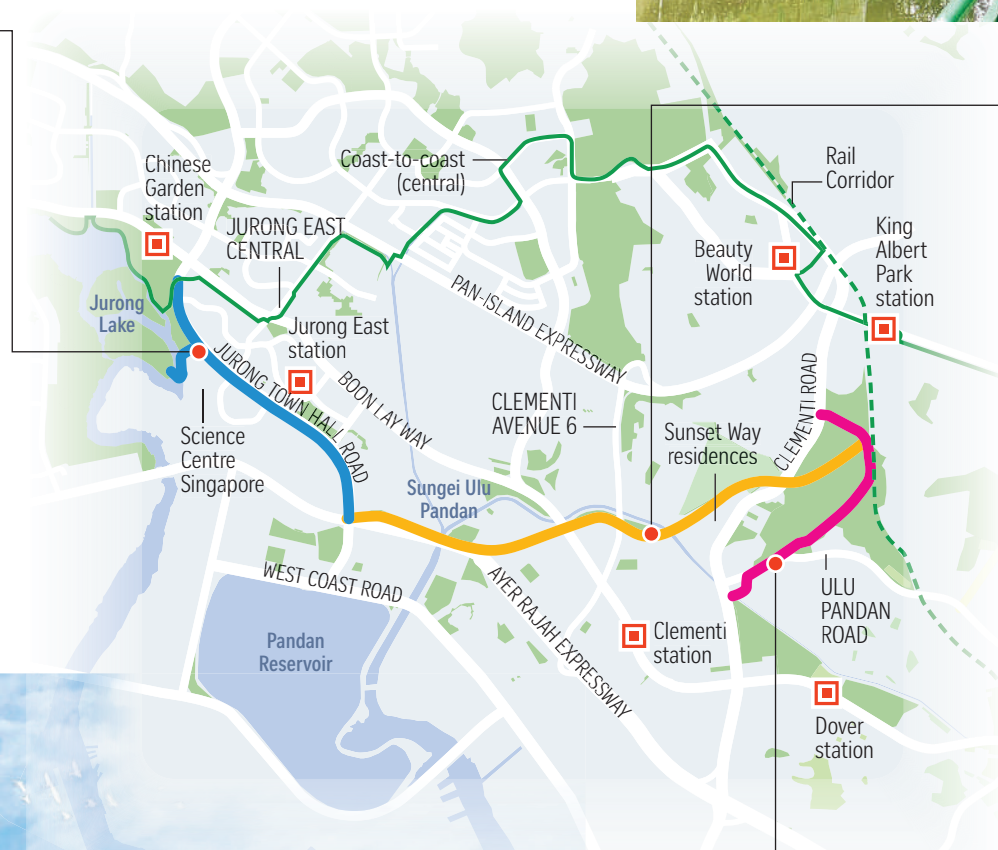
A railway bridge over Ulu Pandan Canal will feature in the Old Jurong Line Nature Trail.

## Jurong Town Hall Park Connector (3km)

- The new park connector will connect users from the end of the Old Jurong Line Nature Trail to Jurong Lake Gardens (above).



The Clementi Nature Trail will run along Bukit Timah First Diversion Canal.



## Old Jurong Line Nature Trail (4km)

- This trail will run along a stretch of the old Jurong Railway Line, which Singapore built in the 1960s to carry goods between Jurong and Malaysia via the former Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) railway line.
- The Jurong line was discontinued in 1992 as trucks supplanted rail in transporting cargo.
- Stretches of the railway track remain, and will be incorporated into the new trail.
- It will be completed in stages from 2024.



An old railway tunnel that lies under Clementi Road will be part of the trail.

## Clementi Nature Trail (2km)

- The trail will connect the Rail Corridor to an upcoming nature park in the western half of Dover Forest.
- It will link the Clementi Forest stream to the park, and will be completed by 2023.



A trail within the upcoming nature park in the western half of Dover Forest.



Two rare terrestrial orchids – the *Dienia ophrydis* (left) and *Zeuxine clandestina* (right) – were found in Clementi Forest. As more people have explored the area in recent months, the orchids' habitats are potentially at risk. The new nature trail will allow visitors to appreciate the forest's beauty while minimising their ecological impact on the area.



An artist's impression of an upcoming nature trail along the Clementi Forest stream.