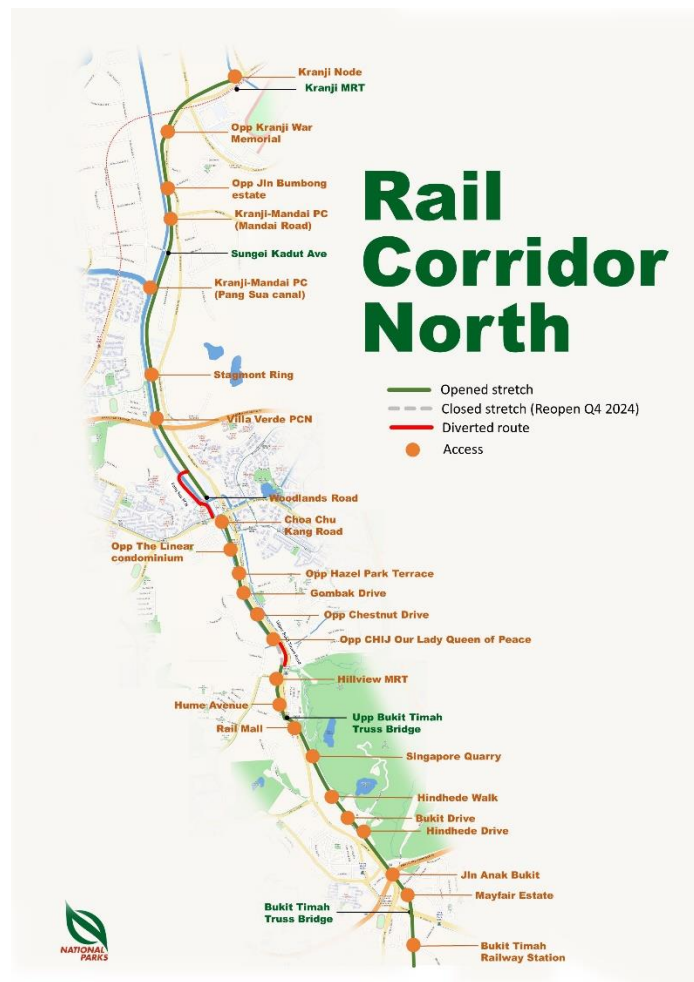


MEDIA FACTSHEET A – Key highlights of Rail Corridor (North) and upcoming enhancements

The reopened Rail Corridor (North) stretches from Kranji MRT station to Hillview MRT station, and features an enhanced trail that enables over 21 km of continuous North-South connectivity along the Rail Corridor, up from the current 13 km. Visitors can easily enter Rail Corridor (North) from the Kranji node and various points via 12 new access paths, and the Rail Corridor experience is further enhanced with new amenities for nature, recreation and community use.



Map of the new Rail Corridor (North) (Credit: NParks)

New Kranji node

Located at the start of Rail Corridor (North) opposite Kranji MRT station, the Kranji node includes a new 2,000 sqm events field that provides a community node for recreational events for members of the public. Visitors can access the events field via a rustic 250 m nature trail linked to the main Rail Corridor trail that has been enhanced. Rail Corridor (North)'s natural character is retained with a planting palette of native terrestrial forest, back mangrove and coastal species such as the Gutta Percha (*Palaquium gutta*) and Malayan Eaglewood Tree (*Aquilaria malaccensis*).

For more information on the biodiversity found within Rail Corridor, please refer to [Annex A](#).

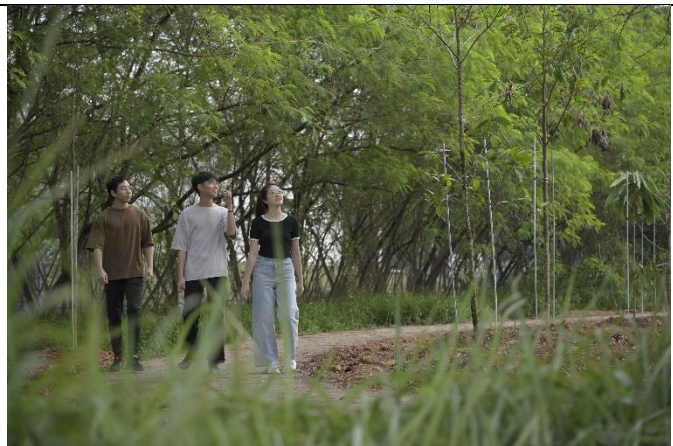
Rail Corridor now has over 30 access paths. Of these, 23 are barrier-free and connect to neighbouring communities, residential estates and the newly completed Kranji-Mandai Park Connector, making it more accessible for visitors to explore the various green spaces and heritage landmarks along the Rail Corridor.

The addition of new directional and advisory signage also makes Rail Corridor (North) more convenient and visitor-friendly for all.

Nature trail connected to events field

Located opposite Kranji MRT station, the 250 m nature trail takes visitors on a rustic walk, with native trees and shrubs such as Geronggang (*Cratoxylum arborescens*) lining the trail.

The nature trail also connects the main Rail Corridor trail to the 2,000 sqm events field, a recreational space that provides a lush community node for various public activities.



(Credit: NParks)

Enhanced trail

Close to 6 km of trail enhancements between Kranji MRT station and Hillview MRT station complete over 21 km of continuous North-South connectivity along the Rail Corridor.



(Credit: NParks)

User-friendly access paths

The Rail Corridor now has more than 30 access paths, including 23 barrier-free ones, improving accessibility to the Rail Corridor for all visitors. Crossing pads were introduced at locations where the access paths intersect with the Rail Corridor. These are visual markers made of glass fibre reinforced concrete (GFRC) planks designed to simulate timber train sleepers to alert visitors to slow down and look out for others who may be entering the trail from the access paths.



(Credit: NParks)

Enhanced ridgeline experience with new bridge and lookout deck

Visitors can enjoy an elevated ridgeline experience along the Hillview stretch of Rail Corridor (North), which features an enhanced trail that will be interplanted with secondary forest species and enhanced with shrub and understory planting. Commuters travelling along the Rail Corridor can now continue their journey northwards from Upper Bukit Timah truss bridge on the enhanced trail, which connects to Rail Corridor (North).

Agencies have also constructed a replacement bridge which straddles Hillview Road, that now provides pedestrians with seamless connectivity across Hillview Road. Railway tracks were embedded into the flooring of the bridge to reflect the function of the original bridge as a railway crossing.



Old girder bridge across Hillview Road before it was dismantled (Credit: URA)



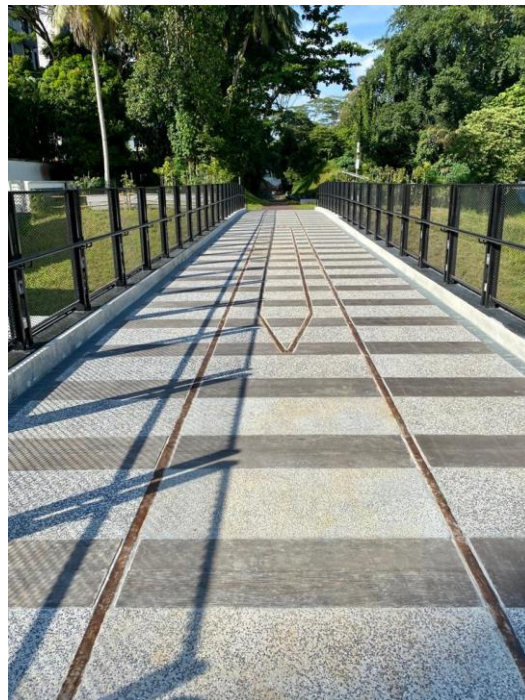
Seamless pedestrian connectivity across Hillview Road along the Rail Corridor was lost after the old girder bridge was dismantled (Credit: URA)



New Hillview Bridge (Credit: LTA)



New Hillview Bridge (Credit: LTA)



Railway tracks embedded into the new Hillview Bridge (Credit: URA)

Hillview Bridge leads visitors to a new approximately 6 m-high lookout deck near the Upper Bukit Timah Road truss bridge that overlooks Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Dairy Farm Nature Park, offering scenic views of secondary forests and Bukit Timah Hill.

Barrier-free ramps have also been added at Hume Avenue and on both sides of Hillview Road, enhancing accessibility to the Rail Corridor for residents of Hillview estate and from Hillview MRT station. In addition, the existing pedestrian overhead bridge along Upper Bukit Timah

Road has been extended to connect directly to the Rail Corridor. This provides residents of Hillview estate with more direct and convenient access to the amenities at Rail Mall, without them having to cross the at-grade pedestrian crossing along Upper Bukit Timah Road.

Hillview Bridge

The new Hillview Bridge is an approximately 6 m-high steel bridge that sits above Hillview Road. It replaces the former girder bridge that served the Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) Railway Line between Singapore and Peninsular Malaysia, which was dismantled in 2011 when the railway land was returned to Singapore.



(Credit: LTA)

Lookout deck

The lookout deck is a short walk from Hillview Bridge and Upper Bukit Timah truss bridge, and offers visitors views of Rail Mall and Fuyong Estate against the backdrop of Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Dairy Farm Nature Park.



(Credit: NParks)


Enhanced trail

The enhanced trail along the Hillview section is part of the close to 6 km of trail enhancements along Rail Corridor (North).

As the Rail Corridor is home to a diversity of wildlife, parts of the trail which are located next to natural areas have been kept rustic and



(Credit: NParks)

<p>natural-looking with a grass and gravel finish.</p>	
<p><u>Extended pedestrian overhead bridge</u></p> <p>The pedestrian overhead bridge along Upper Bukit Timah Road now provides a direct connection between the Rail Corridor and Rail Mall.</p>	 <p>(Credit: NParks)</p>

Upcoming enhancements for Rail Corridor

Last year, as part of the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)'s Long-Term Plan Review, the Rail Corridor was unveiled as one of five Identity Corridors under the Heritage and Identity Structure Plan. The entire length of the Rail Corridor and its adjacent areas will be planned with an intent to leverage and strengthen the unique character of the Rail Corridor. For instance, urban design strategies will guide future developments along the Rail Corridor to ensure that they complement and contribute to its green character and experience.

The Rail Corridor will be further enhanced with the addition of a new community node at Buona Vista. The Buona Vista node at one-north business park will be completed by end-2023. It will be integrated with an upcoming mixed-use biomedical sciences development.

URA and the National Parks Board will also work with local communities and stakeholders to develop other community nodes along the Rail Corridor such as the public space underneath the Queensway viaduct and Tanjong Pagar Railway Station, as part of ongoing efforts to enliven public spaces along the Rail Corridor.

For more information on upcoming enhancement works along the Rail Corridor, please refer to [Annex B](#).

Getting to Rail Corridor (North)

Rail Corridor – Kranji node

By train

Those arriving by train can alight at Kranji MRT station and cross the overhead bridge at Exit C to the entrance of Rail Corridor (North).

By bus

Those arriving by bus can alight at Opp Kranji Stn (Bus Stop 45131) via bus services 160, 170, 170X, 178, 925, 925M, 960, 961, 961M.

By car

There is no parking facility available. Visitors are encouraged to take public transport to Rail Corridor (North). Those arriving by car can alight at Kranji MRT Station and cross the overhead bridge at Exit C to the entrance of Rail Corridor (North).

Rail Corridor – Hillview

By train

Those arriving by train can alight at Hillview MRT Station, and take a 3-minute walk from Exit B to the access path leading to Rail Corridor (North).

By bus

Those arriving by bus can alight at Hillview Station (Bus Stop 43061) via bus services 67, 75, 170, 176, 178, 184, 961, 963, 970 or Bef Hillview Station Exit B (Bus Stop 42991) via bus service 973.

By car

Those arriving by car can alight along Upper Bukit Timah Road. The nearest parking is at Dairy Farm Nature Park Carpark A.

Notable flora and fauna species found along Rail Corridor

Gutta Percha

(*Palaquium gutta*)

Local conservation status: Critically Endangered

A native tree of Singapore, the Gutta Percha can grow up to 30 m tall and occurs locally in Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Pulau Sakijang Pelepah, Sentosa, and a few other sites. Tapped for its latex, the tree has red, oblong berries and is the food plant for caterpillars.



(Credit: Ang Wee Foong, NParks Flora & Fauna Web)

Malayan Eaglewood Tree

(*Aquilaria malaccensis*)

Local conservation status: Vulnerable

Growing up to 40 m tall, the Malayan Eaglewood Tree has fragrant flowers that are insect pollinated. It grows in lowland primary and secondary forests, and on hills and ridges, and occurs locally in Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, and in the vicinity of Chestnut Track, Mandai Road, Pulau Ubin, and Pulau Tekong.



(Credit: Jessica Teo, NParks Flora & Fauna Web)

Straw-headed Bulbul
(*Pycnonotus zeylanicus*)

Conservation Status: Globally critically Endangered

The largest of the Southeast Asian bulbuls, the Straw-headed Bulbul is an arboreal species with less than 1,700 mature individuals estimated to remain. Singapore supports about one-third of its global population, with Pulau Ubin having the largest population followed by scattered sites within the main island centred in the centre, north and western parts.



(Credit: Francis Yap, NParks Flora & Fauna Web)

Sunda Pangolin
(*Manis javanica*)

Conservation Status: Critically Endangered

The critically endangered Sunda Pangolin has brown horny scales covering its body and tail. When disturbed, it wraps its tail around its body to protect its non-scaly underparts. In Singapore, it is found in the Central Nature Reserves, rural and scrub areas in Bukit Batok, Western Catchment Area and on Pulau Ubin and Pulau Tekong.



(Credit: Bryan Lim, NParks Flora & Fauna Web)

Malayan Colugo

(*Galeopterus variegatus*)

Conservation Status: Near-Threatened

The Malayan Colugo is known for its distinctive skin membrane, which extends from the neck to forelimbs and along the side of the body to hind limbs, enclosing the tail. It is usually found in the forest, clinging to tree trunks or suspended from horizontal branches. In Singapore, it occurs mainly in the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves and adjacent plantations and parkland, and in the Bukit Batok Nature Park.



(Credit: Cai Yixiong, NParks Flora & Fauna Web)

Upcoming plans and enhancement works along Rail Corridor

S/N	Upcoming Plan / Enhancement	Information
1	Reopening of Rail Corridor trail between Hillview Road and Chestnut Drive	The rest of the Rail Corridor trail between Hillview Road and Chestnut Drive will be ready by end-2024.
2	Connecting the Rail Corridor to the surrounding nature and recreational network	<p><u>Rifle Range Nature Park</u></p> <p>By 2Q 2023, Rail Corridor users will be able to access Rifle Range Nature Park via a new landscaped path under the Pan Island Expressway (PIE) viaduct.</p> <p><u>Holland Green Linear Park</u></p> <p>A new entry point at Holland Green Linear Park will be open in 1Q 2023 to improve access to the Rail Corridor for residents living in the estate.</p> <p><u>Clementi Nature Corridor</u></p> <p>The Rail Corridor will be connected to the Clementi Nature Corridor, a new recreational green network comprising 18 kilometres of trails. This will include a new nature trail at the Old Jurong Line, which will be completed by 2024, and a new Jurong Town Hall Park Connector, which will connect the Rail Corridor to Jurong Lake Gardens.</p> <p>By 2023, visitors will be able to explore a new loop from the Rail Corridor to Ulu Pandan via the new Clementi Nature Trail and take the existing Ulu Pandan Park Connector back to the Rail Corridor at Buona Vista/Ghim Moh.</p>
3	Buona Vista node	<p>The Buona Vista node at JTC's one-north business park, which will be integrated with an upcoming mixed-use biomedical sciences development, will complete in end-2023.</p> <p>The node will include spaces for sports, community, and cultural events that connect with existing cultural and recreational spaces along the Rail Corridor, such as the arts space under North Buona Vista road viaduct.</p>
4	Queensway node	The Queensway Viaduct over the Rail Corridor has created an expansive and fully sheltered cavernous space, which can be transformed into a community node.

		Agencies will be engaging the community on the plans for the node, which can potentially include community spaces that encourage health and wellness, in line with the larger vision of Queenstown being a health district.
5	Tanjong Pagar Railway Station	<p>Located at the doorstep of the Central Business District, the historically significant 3-storey Tanjong Pagar Railway Station is a National Monument being considered for adaptive reuse and as the southern gateway into the Rail Corridor.</p> <p>Agencies will study potential uses within the building, and more details will be announced when ready.</p>
6	Other community nodes and access parks	Residents can look forward to other community nodes and access parks along the Rail Corridor, which will be studied and developed in tandem with adjacent developments.