



# The Great Outdoors

**Avoid the crowds and spend a scenic day out with these 10 hidden picnic spots**

From enjoying delicious finger food with loved ones to drinking in spectacular views, there's nothing quite like enjoying a picnic in the great outdoors. Thankfully, the countless parks and green spaces dotted throughout Singapore's urban landscape mean that we are truly spoiled for choice. However, during the Covid-19 pandemic, it has become more important than ever to avoid crowds for the health and safety of our loved ones. For the conscientious picnicker, here are 10 hidden picnic spots that allow for social distancing without compromising on the scenery.

Regardless of your choice of location, proper preparation will make your alfresco dining experience as seamless as possible. Before leaving the house, read up on the rules and regulations of each green space, and of course, pack sunscreen, bug spray, and an ample picnic basket. Always be respectful of wildlife, and stay socially distanced for an unforgettable day in the sun. Lastly, this list is by no means exhaustive; Singapore is home to over 300 parks and nature reserves that you can also explore. For more information, please visit the NParks website.



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## Keppel Marina East Desalination Plant (KMEDP)

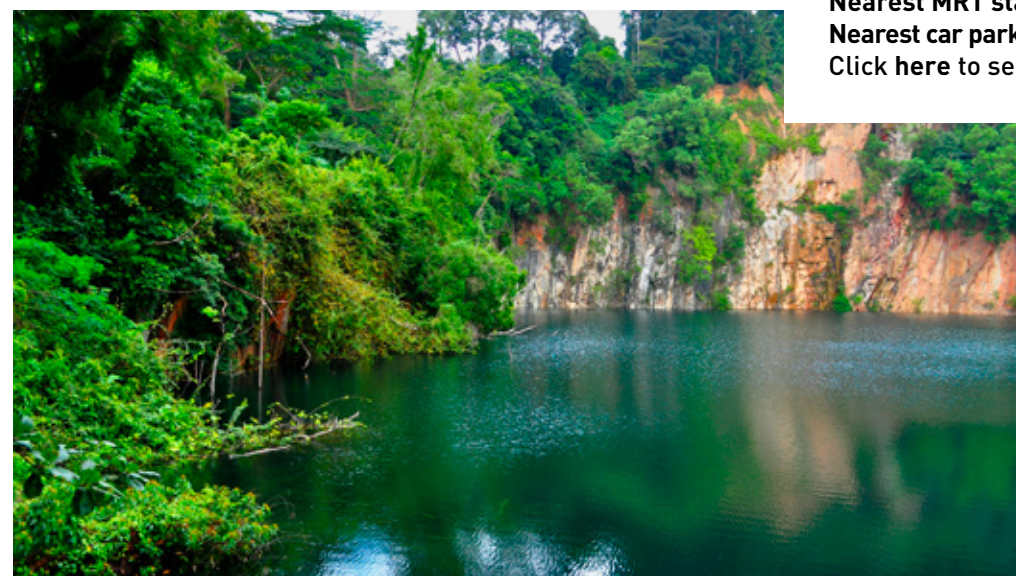
If you love the wide-open green space of Marina Barrage but don't fancy the crowds, then the KMEDP is the perfect picnic spot for you. Boasting an unobstructed view of the city skyline, this green oasis is designed to be cyclist and pedestrian-friendly—so be prepared to work up an appetite by walking or cycling about 15 minutes from the nearest MRT or car park. Do note that some restrictions (such as no kite-flying) also apply.

**Nearest MRT station:** Mountbatten (CC7)  
**Nearest car park:** Fort Road Car Park  
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## Hindhede Nature Park

Often overlooked in favour of the neighbouring Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Hindhede Nature Park is the perfect spot for a quiet day out. Designed with families in mind, this park features walking trails with gentle inclines as well as an obstacle course for the little ones. Of course, don't miss Hindhede Quarry, located at the end of the park—if you're lucky, you may even spot vividly coloured kingfishers diving into the water to scoop up some fish.

**Nearest MRT station:** Beauty World (DT5)  
**Nearest car park:** Bukit Timah Nature Reserve Car Park  
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## Lower & Upper Seletar Reservoir Park

Though not as well-known as other parks in Singapore, the Seletar Reservoir Parks are hidden gems that have something for everyone. For a more family-friendly outing, choose Lower Seletar Reservoir Park for the Family Bay, which boasts sweeping views of the reservoir as well as a water play area for the little ones. For those seeking a more romantic ambience, head to Upper Seletar Reservoir Park to catch a stunning sunset across the water accompanied by the park's iconic lone tree.

### Lower Seletar Reservoir Park

**Nearest MRT station:** Khatib (NS14)

**Nearest car park:** Lower Seletar Reservoir Car Park  
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### Upper Seletar Reservoir Park

**Nearest MRT station:** Ang Mo Kio (NS16)

**Nearest car park:** Upper Seletar Reservoir Car Park A, Car Park B  
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## Telok Blangah Hill Park

Located at Telok Blangah Green off Henderson Road, Telok Blangah Hill Park is a sleepy green space that is home to the iconic Henderson Waves and the stunning Terrace Garden. With a picturesque view of the coast from the Henderson Waves and a panoramic view of the city from the lone gazebo perched atop the Terrace Garden, you'll truly be spoiled for choice at this hidden picnic spot.

**Nearest MRT station:** Telok Blangah (CC28)

**Nearest car park:** Telok Blangah Hill Park Car Park 1, Car Park 2  
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## Dairy Farm Nature Park

Developed on the site of a former dairy farm, the Dairy Farm Nature Park is home to not one, but two unique quarries: the Dairy Farm Quarry and the Singapore Quarry. The Dairy Farm Quarry offers a refuge for serious picnickers in the form of a lush green field, surrounded by breathtaking scenery. Meanwhile, the Singapore Quarry, which was flooded and turned into a lake, attracts rare fauna such as kingfishers and dollarbirds—so don't forget your cameras!

**Nearest MRT station:** Hillview (DT3)

**Near car park:** Dairy Farm Nature Park Car Park A (next to Hillview MRT station), Car Park B (along Dairy Farm Road)  
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## Marina Bay Cruise Centre

Although it may seem like an unlikely choice, the open, grassy space adjacent to Marina Bay Cruise Centre is the perfect place for a socially distanced picnic. Take in the clear waters of the bay and the sight of awe-inspiring cruise ships with a cool drink in hand for a picture-perfect escape from the city.

**Nearest MRT station:** Marine South Pier (NS28)

**Nearest car park:** Marina Bay Cruise Centre Car Park  
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## Kent Ridge Park

Once the site of a historical battle for Singapore, Kent Ridge Park is now a beautiful green corridor teeming with native biodiversity. Take a stroll amongst the treetops with the Canopy Walk, an elevated 280-metre-long boardwalk, or sit by one of the park's natural ponds for a period of quiet introspection.

**Nearest MRT station:** Kent Ridge (CC24), Pasir Panjang (CC26)  
**Nearest car park:** Kent Ridge Car Park B  
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## Jubilee Park (at Fort Canning)

Another gem hidden in plain sight, Jubilee Park is located on the Western slopes of Fort Canning. In addition to an out-of-this-world playground featuring hilltop slides, play structures, and obstacle courses, the grassy knolls surrounding the play spaces mean that parents can keep an eye on their kids while enjoying some quiet time of their own.

**Nearest MRT station:** Fort Canning (DT20)  
**Nearest car park:** Car Park D  
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## Singapore Botanic Gardens (Gallop Extension)

The Botanic Gardens may be one of the most well-known parks in Singapore, but its latest addition, the 8-hectare Gallop Extension, is still a well-kept secret. For those who dream of a secret garden, this extension—which features two conserved houses and a nature-themed playground—is the perfect place for a picnic in the shadow of a regal black-and-white bungalow.

**Nearest MRT station:** Botanic Gardens (CC19/ DT9)  
**Nearest car park:** Gallop Gate, Tyersall Gate  
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## Coney Island

Though no longer home to its iconic solitary cow, Coney Island still offers a rustic escape from the bustle of the city. For a change of pace, set up your picnic mats on one of this quaint little island's hidden white sand beaches, and relax to the sound of the lapping waves with your toes in the sand.

**Nearest MRT station:** Punggol (NE17)  
**Near car park:** Punggol Settlement  
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