

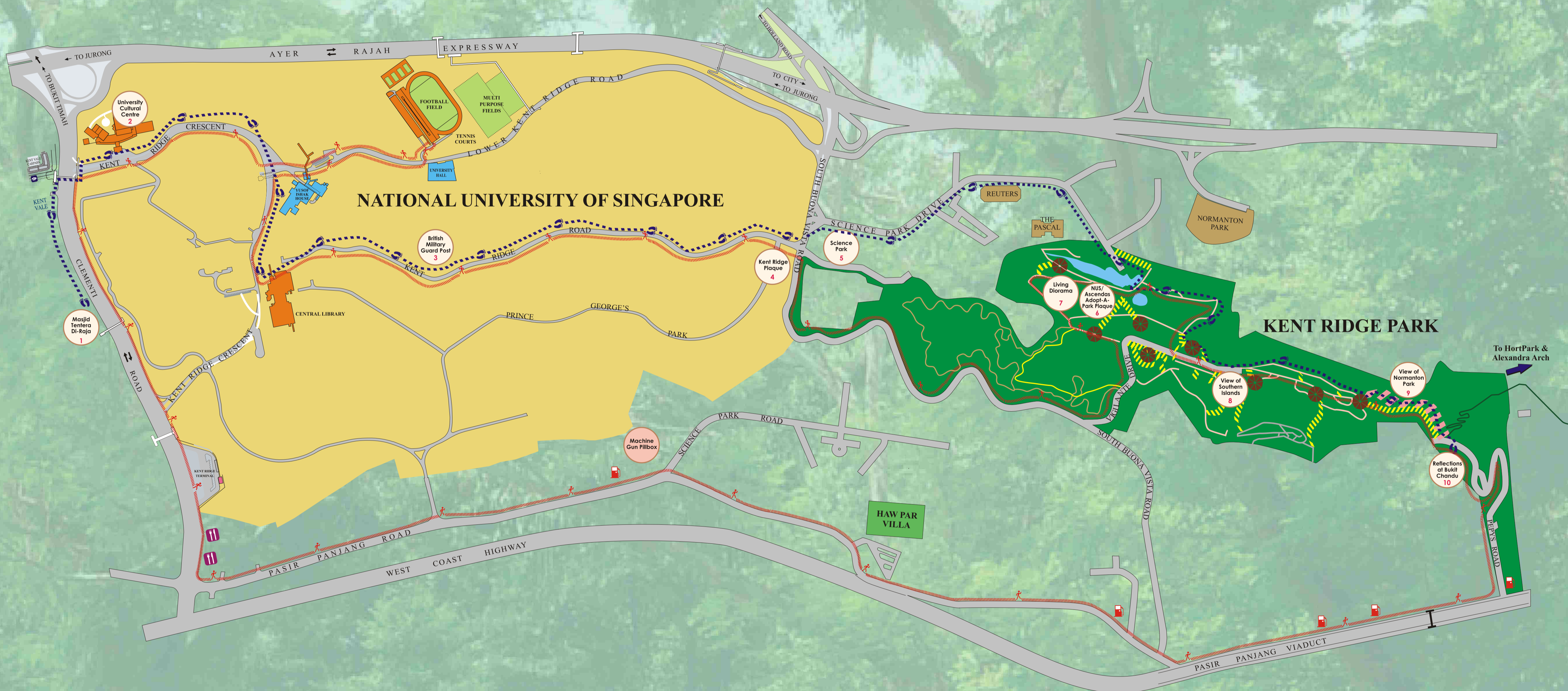
Kent Ridge extends from Clementi Road to Pepys Road (off Pasir Panjang Road). It is divided in the middle by South Buona Vista Road, through the Gap. The National University of Singapore occupies the western portion of the Ridge, while the 47-hectare Kent Ridge Park stands on the eastern half. Science Park I is located at the foot of the Ridge's north-eastern face.

Formerly called Pasir Panjang Ridge, Kent Ridge obtained its name in 1952 after a visit from the Duchess of Kent, Princess Marina of Greece, and her son Prince George Edward, Duke of Kent. They visited the military installations on the Ridge, and to commemorate their visit, a plaque was erected on 3 October 1952 at the Gap.

Pasir Panjang Ridge was the site of one of the fiercest battles during World War II. The Japanese invading troops landed at Sarimbun and Lim Chu Kang on 8 February 1942. By 12 February, the Japanese Army had gone past the Jurong River to Reformatory Road (now Clementi Road). At the junction with Ayer Rajah Road (now the AYE), they encountered the Malay Regiment. Despite the fierce resistance, the Japanese Army proved too strong for the defending forces. Finally, the 42-man "C" Company retreated to Bukit Chandu before being overrun by the Japanese Army on 14 February 1942. Only four survived and on the next day, Singapore surrendered.

Besides being rich in history, Kent Ridge is also the home to many indigenous plants such as Rubber, Simpoh Air, Tembusu, Tiup-Tiup and the White-leaved Fig. A few hundred wild animal species can also be found in Kent Ridge Park. Common animals include insects, worms, fish, reptiles, birds and small mammals. Some of the more prominent animals are carpenter bees, cicadas, fruit bats, house crows, koels, monitor lizards, red-eared turtles, tomans and white-vented mynas. The Ridge offers marvellous views of the southern offshore islands such as Pulau Sebarok, Bukom and Semakau as well as Normanton Park.

The Kent Ridge Heritage Trail starts from Masjid Tentera Di-Raja at the Clementi Road and ends at the Reflections of Bukit Chandu in Kent Ridge Park.



LEGEND

- Heritage Trail Checkpoint
- Remains from World War II
- Heritage Walk
- Heritage Run
- Shelter
- Steps
- Canopy Walk
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Nature Trail
- Park Connector



1 Masjid Tentera Di-Raja



2 NUS University Cultural Centre and Museum



3 British Military Guard Post along Kent Ridge Road



Machine Gun Pillbox along Pasir Panjang Road



4 The Gap: Kent Ridge Commemorative Plaque



5 Singapore Science Park I



6 The NUS/Ascendas "Adopt-a-Park" Plaque



7 Living Diorama of the Vegetation History of Kent Ridge Park



8 View of Southern Islands



9 View of Normanton Park



10 Reflections at Bukit Chandu

