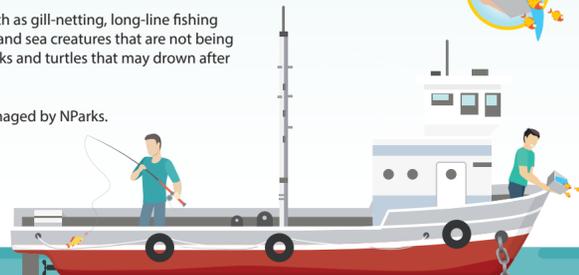


# Sustainable Fishing in our Seas

Fishing is allowed in the waters around Singapore, except in "No Take" zones, such as the Sisters' Islands Marine Park, where fishing in any form is not allowed. Beyond these zones, fishermen are encouraged to use sustainable fishing methods to protect our marine habitats and biodiversity for our future generations to enjoy.

## Choose sustainable fishing methods and equipment

- Use sustainable fishing methods like hook-and-line fishing and scoop net fishing, as they allow you to target specific fishes without killing other fish or marine life.
- Avoid destructive fishing methods such as gill-netting, long-line fishing and driftnets as they tend to trap fish and sea creatures that are not being targeted. These include dolphins, sharks and turtles that may drown after being caught.
- Net fishing is not allowed in areas managed by NParks.



### Avoid "No Take" zones

- "No Take" zones protect the reef and allow the fish population to recover and grow to maturity. In the long run, there will be more adult fish that may move to the open sea.
- Removing species may tip the balance and irreversibly alter the food webs. Do not collect or remove any plant, animal life or dead shells from Admiralty Park, Coney Island Park, Sisters' Islands Marine Park and Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve.



### Practise catch-and-release fishing

- Take enough for yourself. If you are not planning to eat the fish, do release it back into the sea.
- Watch your catch; release the ones that matter:
  - Juvenile fishes: to allow them to grow into adulthood in order to reproduce.
  - Endangered and threatened species: to maintain our rich biodiversity.
  - Brooding animals (e.g. egg-bearing crabs): to let their population continue to thrive.



### Use fishing tools and equipment correctly and responsibly

- No wire mesh traps allowed in our Parks.
- Ghost nets and abandoned traps: Fishing nets or wire mesh traps abandoned on shores and shallow reefs trap and kill many animals, especially when the tide goes out. Do remember to remove your nets and traps after fishing.

### Respect proper boat etiquette

- Do watch where you drop your boat anchor. Ensure that both anchor and chain are not positioned over a coral reef. It is advisable to anchor over the sand or mud beyond the reef area or to tie the boat to a mooring buoy.

# Why Conserve our Reef Fish?

Singapore has a rich diversity of fish life around its coral reefs. More than 100 species of reef fish can be found in our waters, co-existing with corals, sponges, seagrass, shrimps, crabs, molluscs and other marine life.

Fishes are a key part of the complex coral ecosystem, with many interlinked species dependent on each other for food, shelter and protection. When one species disappears, another species may die off or become overpopulated, affecting the overall health of our coral reefs. Sustaining our fish populations thus preserves our marine ecosystem for future generations to enjoy.

For any queries or to report unfriendly fishing practices, please email to [nparks\\_public\\_affairs@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:nparks_public_affairs@nparks.gov.sg).

**Did you know?**

More than **100** species of reef fish can be found in Singapore.



# CONSERVING OUR MARINE BIODIVERSITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



# Why are Reef Fish Important?

Animals and plants on the reef are interdependent for food, shelter and protection. Fishes that graze on seaweed allow reefs to grow or recover from damage. Without them, the faster growing seaweed will overwhelm corals and other animals. Fishes that eat other animals, or are eaten by others, contribute to the food chain and maintain the population of each species.

- Indicators**  
The abundance of butterfly fish, which feed on corals, is an indicator of reef health.
- Cleaners**  
Cleaner wrasse remove irritating parasites and dead skin from the bodies of other fish.
- Grazers**  
Parrotfish and rabbitfish keep the algae population on the reef in check.
- Predators**  
By feeding on other fish, sharks and groupers maintain the equilibrium of the food web.

The National Parks Board currently manages 12 coastal parks/areas. Fishing is not allowed in four of these areas - Admiralty Park, Coney Island Park, Sisters' Islands Marine Park and Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Fishing is allowed in specific zones in the other eight areas. Please refer to the maps on the reverse side and separate insert for more information.

**Fishing Allowed in Specific Zones**

1 Changi Beach Park and Changi Boardwalk	5 Pulau Ubin
2 East Coast Park	6 Sembawang Park
3 Labrador Nature Reserve	7 West Coast Park
4 Pasir Ris Park	8 Woodlands Waterfront Park

Please check onsite for signs that will indicate where the fishing zones are.

**No Fishing Allowed**

9 Sisters' Islands Marine Park	11 Coney Island Park
10 Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	12 Admiralty Park



### Fishing Etiquette

**Be mindful when fishing along the indicated areas as they are shared with others.**

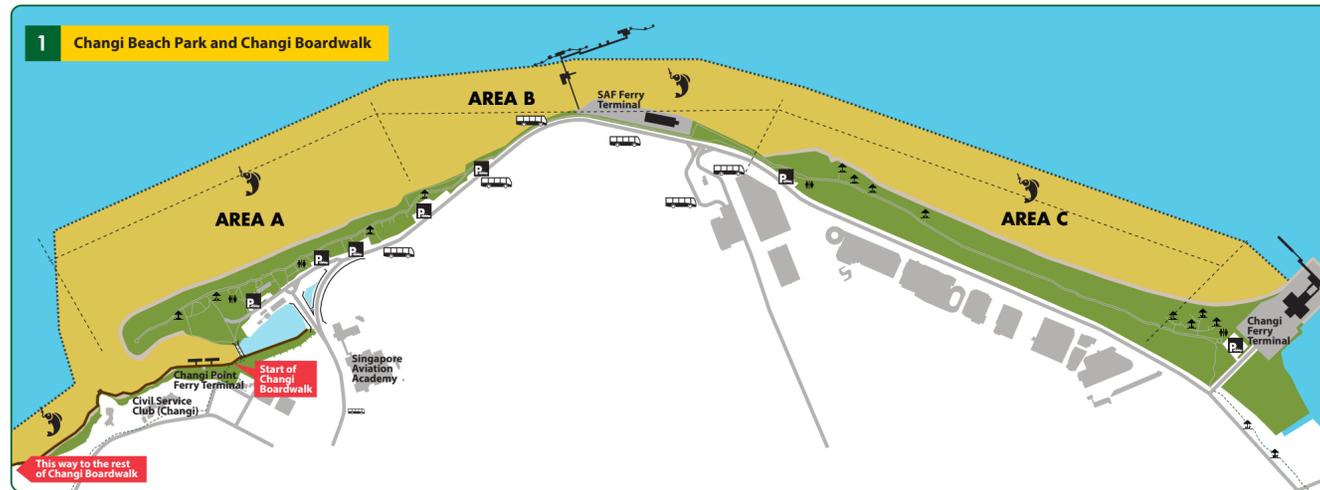
- Share the space with others**  
Select a fishing spot that is a distance away from boats or park visitors engaged in water activities.  
Keep a distance from other anglers and give one another ample room for fishing.
- Look around before casting your fishing line**  
Always be mindful of your surroundings, including the waterway, when casting your fishing line to prevent unwanted accidents.
- Do not string your fishing line across the path**  
This might cause unwanted accidents as the transparent fishing line may not be that visible to others.
- Keep the park clean for everyone**  
Dispose of trash such as fishing lines, old hooks and bait into litter bins so as not to pollute the park and the water. This will also prevent otters and other wildlife from being trapped or hurt by the gear.
- Practise catch-and-release fishing**  
If you are not planning to eat the fish, help minimise the impact on the environment by gently releasing it back into the water as quickly as possible.

Enjoy fishing safely and responsibly. Find out what the weather conditions will be and be prepared for them.

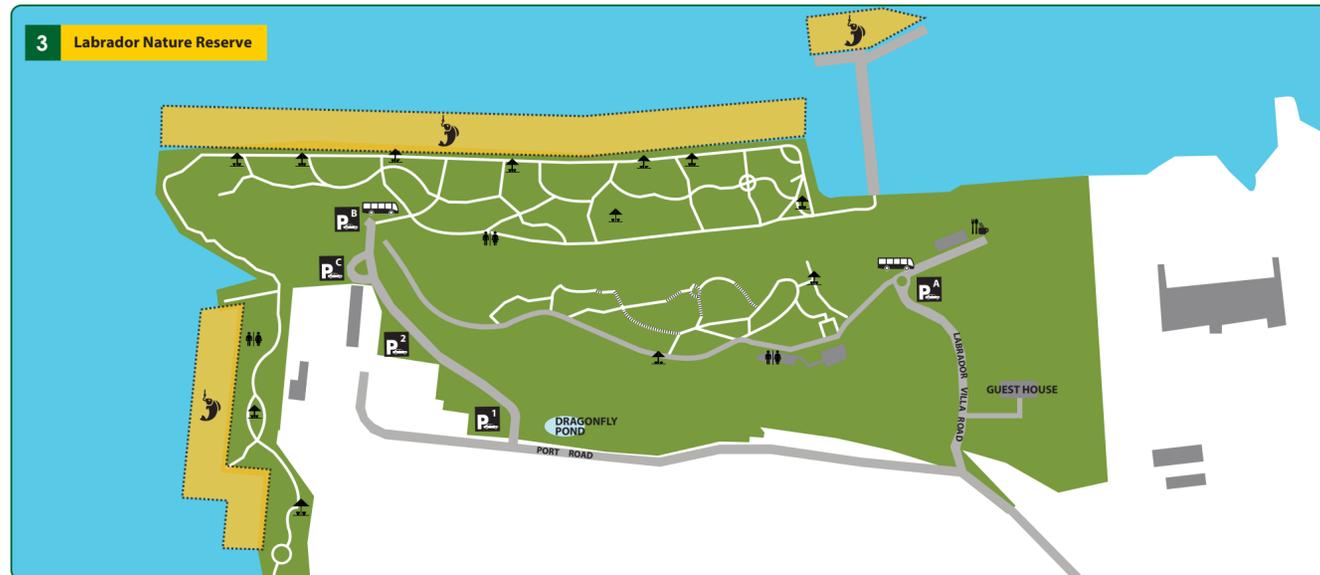
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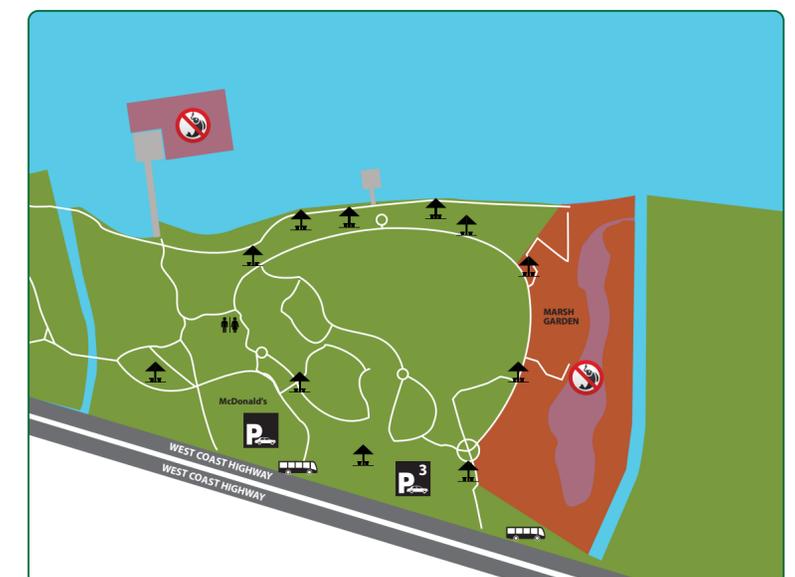
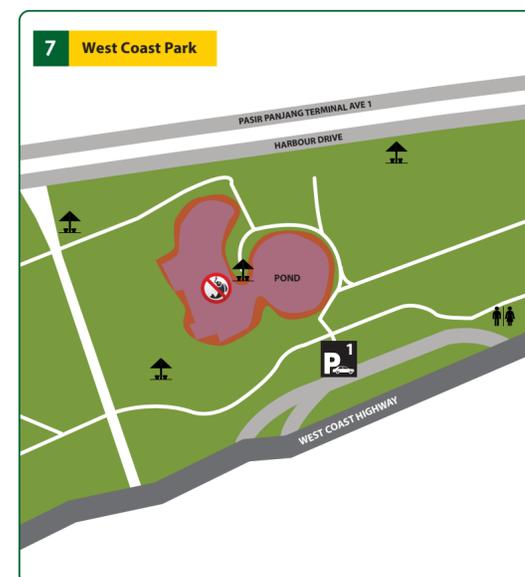
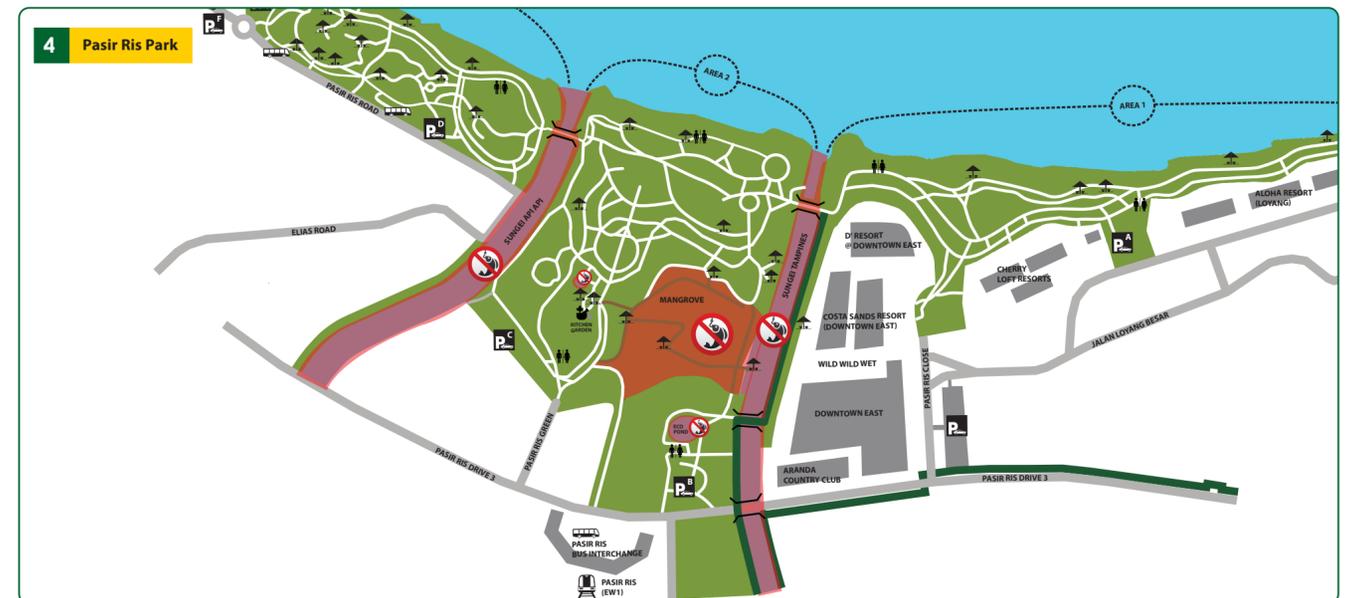
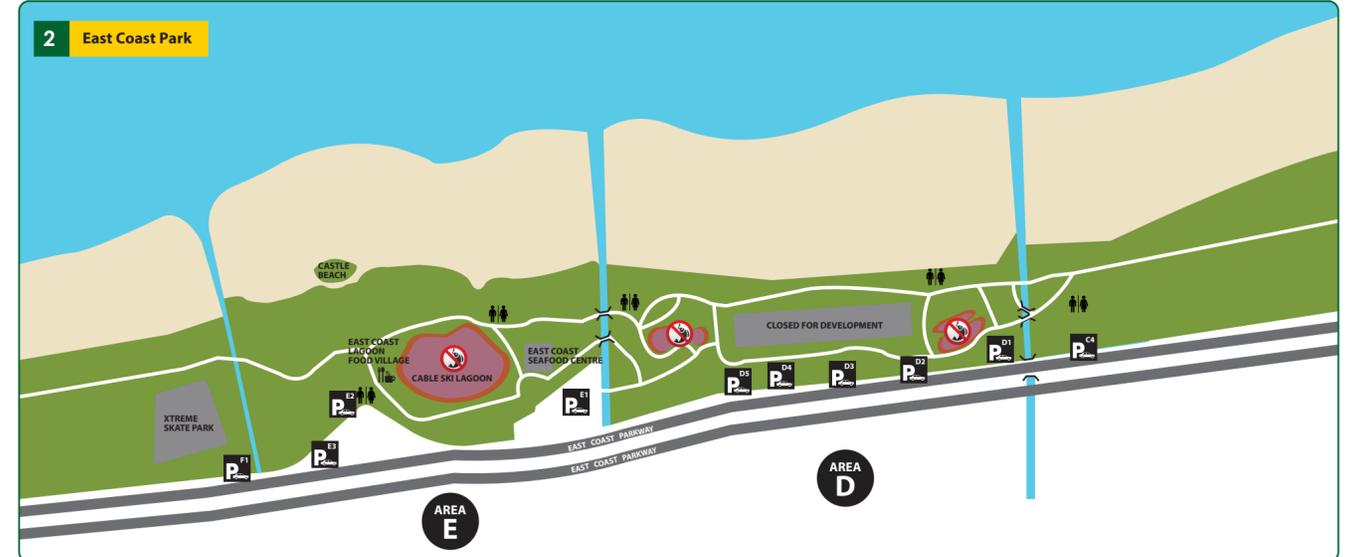
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Fishing is allowed in the zones as indicated. Please do not fish in other zones.



Fishing is allowed in the whole park except for the indicated areas.



**Legend**

- Fishing Zone
- No Fishing Zone
- Toilet
- Shelter
- Food & Beverage
- Carpark
- Bus Stop
- MRT Station



Fishing is popular in the indicated areas below.

Legend

- Popular Fishing Zone
- Toilet
- Shelter
- Viewing Point
- Prohibited Area





Fishing is not allowed in the entire park.

Legend

- No Fishing Zone
- Toilet
- Shelter
- Carpark
- Bus Stop

