

THINGS TO DO

DOWNTOWN EAST E!HUB

Location: 1 Pasir Ris Close



Downtown East, where fun never stops, and life is always celebrated! A place for Singapore's premier lifestyle, recreational and entertainment hub catering to the wide interests of modern youths and families, bringing exciting activities and fun facilities all under one roof. Downtown East has the popular water park, Wild Wild Wet. There is also the entertainment and leisure centre E!hub, featuring a cinema, an arcade, Orchid Bowl and eXplorerkid, one of Singapore's largest indoor family playground.

PASIR RIS SPORTS & RECREATIONAL CENTRE

Location: 120 Pasir Ris Central

Operating Hours: Daily: 07:00 am to 10:00 pm



Pasir Ris Sports and Recreation Centre is a multi-functional centre for sports and recreation purposes. It composed of indoor courts and outdoor courts suitable for any type of sports you wanted to play for.

The sports hub officially opened graced by Deputy Prime Minister and MP for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC Teo Chee Hean. He noted that residents had long wanted such a centre in their neighbourhood and are delighted to be able to enjoy its new facilities. The 1.4-ha centre comprises of a swimming complex, a 2,000-seater sports hall, a gymnasium with pool view, a dance studio, F&B and retail spaces and carpark. It has state-of-the-art facilities such as water play features, a Jacuzzi and a five-a-side soccer court. In addition, it also has lifestyle amenities ranging from sporting apparel shops and F&B outlets, to a child education centre and 24-hour convenience store.

THE CHANGI PRISON MUSEUM



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Location:

1000, Upper Changi Road North,
Singapore 507707

Operation hours:

9:30am - 5:00pm daily; Last
admission at 4.30pm (Including
Sundays and Public Holidays)

Telephone: (65) 6214 2451
Admission: Free

Changi Prison Museum is located near the junction of Tampines and Changi Roads. It was moved here from its original location outside Changi Prison in 1991, the land being required for expansion work. The museum contains drawings, paintings and artifacts from the Prison's days as internment and POW camps. It also contains a replica POW Chapel. One of the original POW Chapels from Changi was taken to Australia after the war, and in 1988 was erected in the grounds of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra.



In 1936, the British built Changi Prison to hold 450 prisoners. In February 1942, the Japanese made 3,500 civilians, men, women and children walk to the prison to commence an internment from which many would not return. The men made the journey first, and when the women and children arrived, they were kept segregated. Only on rare occasions did the Japanese allow men, women and children to meet.

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In 1944 all the surviving internees were moved to Sime Road Camp to make room for POWs from Changi and Selarang. At Sime Road, the conditions were so bad that many more did not live to see liberation. On 5th September 1945, the relieving 5th Indian Division arrived outside the prison to find some 17,000 former POWs waiting for them. The Prison has now been demolished to make way for a new one. The gate has been moved to the western curtain wall and both have been preserved as a memorial.



The somewhat stark edifice of the Changi Prison Museum. The building is rectangular with a central courtyard. Despite the stark appearance, the more you look at it, the better it seems. Outside is a Memorial Wall.



The picture on the left is the replica POW Chapel in the museum's courtyard. The picture on the right is the original POW Chapel in Australia. The replica Chapel is representative of the many chapels built by POWs in Singapore and Malaya.



The replica is not just a museum exhibit, religious services are regularly held in it. It is also a quiet place of prayer for visitors, former POWs and internees, and the relatives of those who suffered and died at the hands of the Japanese. The museum contains a range of exhibits - pictures, artifacts and audio visual displays, and has a souvenir shop. Along one corridor are full size replicas of the Changi Murals. A facsimile of the Japanese Surrender Document is also on display.

Getting There:

By MRT (Mass Rapid Transit) and Bus

- SBS Bus No. 2 from Tanah Merah MRT Station (EW4), or
- SBS Bus No. 29 from Tampines MRT Station (EW2)

Alight at the bus stop at the Changi Museum (after Women's Prison / opposite Changi Heights condominium)

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