

NORTHERN STAR

MAKING PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN WOODLANDS, WHICH IS DOTTED WITH ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

With three MRT stations and close to 70,000 HDB flats, Woodlands is one of Singapore's biggest towns. Despite its sprawling nature, the town has retained a strong sense of community, thanks in part to its many amenities and attractions residents can visit. So pry your eyes away from the screens — be it mobile phone or television — and get to these five must-visit spots in the northern district.



1 WE REMEMBER

The **Kranji War Memorial**, which comprises three cemeteries, one of which was started by prisoners-of-war during the Second World War. The state eventually took over the management of the Kranji War Cemetery and it now houses some 4,461 graves of soldiers who were killed in the war. The Kranji Military Cemetery was built in 1975 for members of the armed services, while the State Cemetery has the graves of Singapore's first two presidents: Mr Yusof bin Ishak and Dr Benjamin Sheares.



ROYAL VISITORS

Did you know — during their visit to Singapore in 2012, the **Duke and Duchess of Cambridge**, or Will and Kate as they're more popularly known, spent a solemn morning at the site.

3 GET SERIOUS ABOUT PLAY

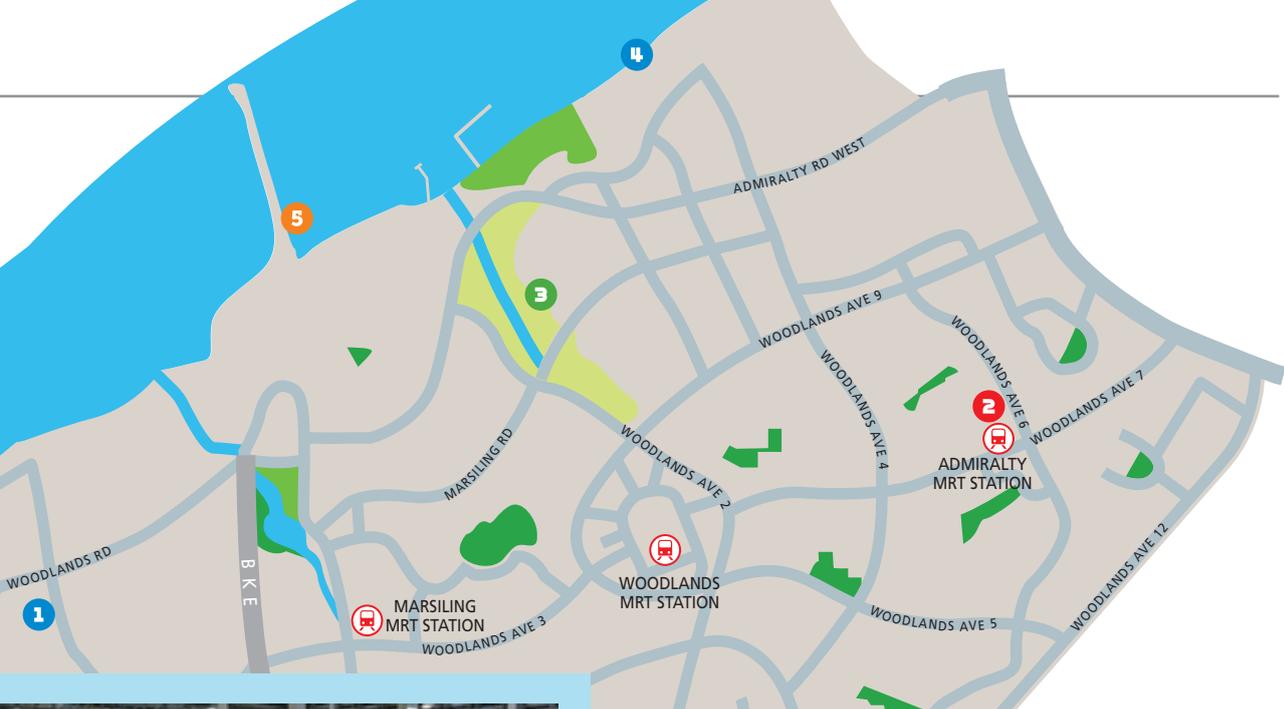
Slides may be a playground staple but that didn't stop social media from exploding with excitement when photos of **Admiralty Park** were first uploaded. The 27-hectare site is home to 26 slides, including Singapore's longest and tallest tube slide in a public park. Many of these slides are also fitted with lights, so the fun doesn't have to stop when the sun goes down.



2 21ST CENTURY KAMPUNG

Rest and relax at the "modern *kampung*", as Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong aptly describes **Kampung Admiralty**. The 11-storey development along Woodlands Drive 71 is Singapore's first retirement community, housing more than 100 studio apartments for seniors. But visit it and you'll find that there's something for everyone here, from a childcare centre to a supermarket — all introduced as a way of integrating seniors into the community and enabling active ageing. The 900-seat hawker centre also has a whopping 43 stalls to choose from.





4 OCEAN FRESH

Load up on seafood for a Sunday dinner with the family. Whether you prefer stingray, *batang* (Spanish mackerel) or pomfret, you're likely to find it at wholesale prices at **Senoko Fishery Port**. Run by the Singapore Food Agency, the port is best visited in the wee hours of the morning. That's when the freshest catch goes on sale, having been pulled out of the sea just a few hours prior.



5 BUILDING BRIDGES

For some, the **Causeway** is synonymous with Woodlands — even the town's biggest shopping centre, Causeway Point, is named after the 1.05km bridge. If you've got more time, cross it for a day of fun in Johor Bahru, with its famous eateries and shopping malls.

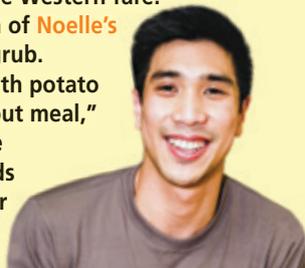
WORDS FROM WOODLANDS

Residents share their favourite eatery and exercise spot:

A stone's throw away from Marsiling MRT station is a stall that serves up Singapore-style Western fare.

IT professional Mr Keith Tan is a fan of **Noelle's Signatures'** low prices and quality grub.

"Try the chargrilled chicken chop with potato salad for a high-protein post-workout meal," suggests the 31-year-old. "But to be fair, finding good food in Woodlands isn't difficult at all. There's a hawker centre wherever you turn!"



For an evening run, there's no spot better than **Woodlands Waterfront Park**, says Ms Ezra Efiera. "Running

by the water is a very calming experience, so it's my favourite way to unwind after work," shares the 27-year-old content strategist.

