

HORTPARK



HortPark at a Glance

A visit to HortPark makes a great day trip for the entire extended family. The park is stroller-friendly but remember to slap on the sunscreen and bring an umbrella since most of the park is outdoors with limited shade. The experience is very unique even for non-plant lovers as the park provides an opportunity to see and learn about indoor and outdoor landscaping themes. It's an inspiring venue for those wanting to learn how to beautify their environments with plants or flowers.

HortPark aims to promote gardening as a hobby and lifestyle, and to showcase the horticultural and landscape industry in Singapore. It has interactive programmes for learning and education. Go to their website to see a list of activities and events available.

Your introduction to natural beauty starts right where you park your car at the Car Park Garden. Parking is free for the first hour between 11am and 5pm and 2-cents per minute thereafter. You can also walk to the 23-hectare park via the Telok Blangah Hill Park but it might be a tad tiring to cover both on the same day with baby on board.

After you are inspired to go green with everything you've seen at HortPark, you can stop by at the Far East Flora outlet to pick up all you need to start on your successful gardening activity before heading home.

1. Lifestyle Corner

Sponsored by Ikea, this will probably be your first stop upon arrival at HortPark since it is located closest to the entrance and restrooms.

Remove your shoes and walk through an apartment and see the various plants placed in specific home spaces. Learn about lighting, temperature and relative air humidity that is necessary for the survival of various indoor plants and get some ideas to implement in your own home.

2. Lias's Babies in HortGardens

Take the ramp next to KHA Thai Restaurant to get to HortGardens easily with your stroller. HortGardens is a collection of themed gardens that showcases creativity in landscaping. Sponsored by various vendors, you'll find yourself getting surprised by the arrangements, landscaping props and effects on each plot. Follow the path leading from one garden to the next to enjoy your tour without missing any plots. Don't miss Lias's Babies. See if you can spot the baby walker, cot and other baby equipment used in the garden!

3. Playground Landscapes

There are about three play areas for children located at HortPark. The modern play equipment at each playground look like a lot of fun but without any shade, it may be a tad hot for extended play unless you are visiting early in the morning or in the evening.

4. Green Inspiration to Action

Shop for everything you need to start your garden at home at the Far East Flora outlet in HortMart. Open from 9am to 6pm daily, you can shop for gardening tools, seeds, mowers, and of course, plants.

Visit www.nparks.gov.sg/hortpark for more info.

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