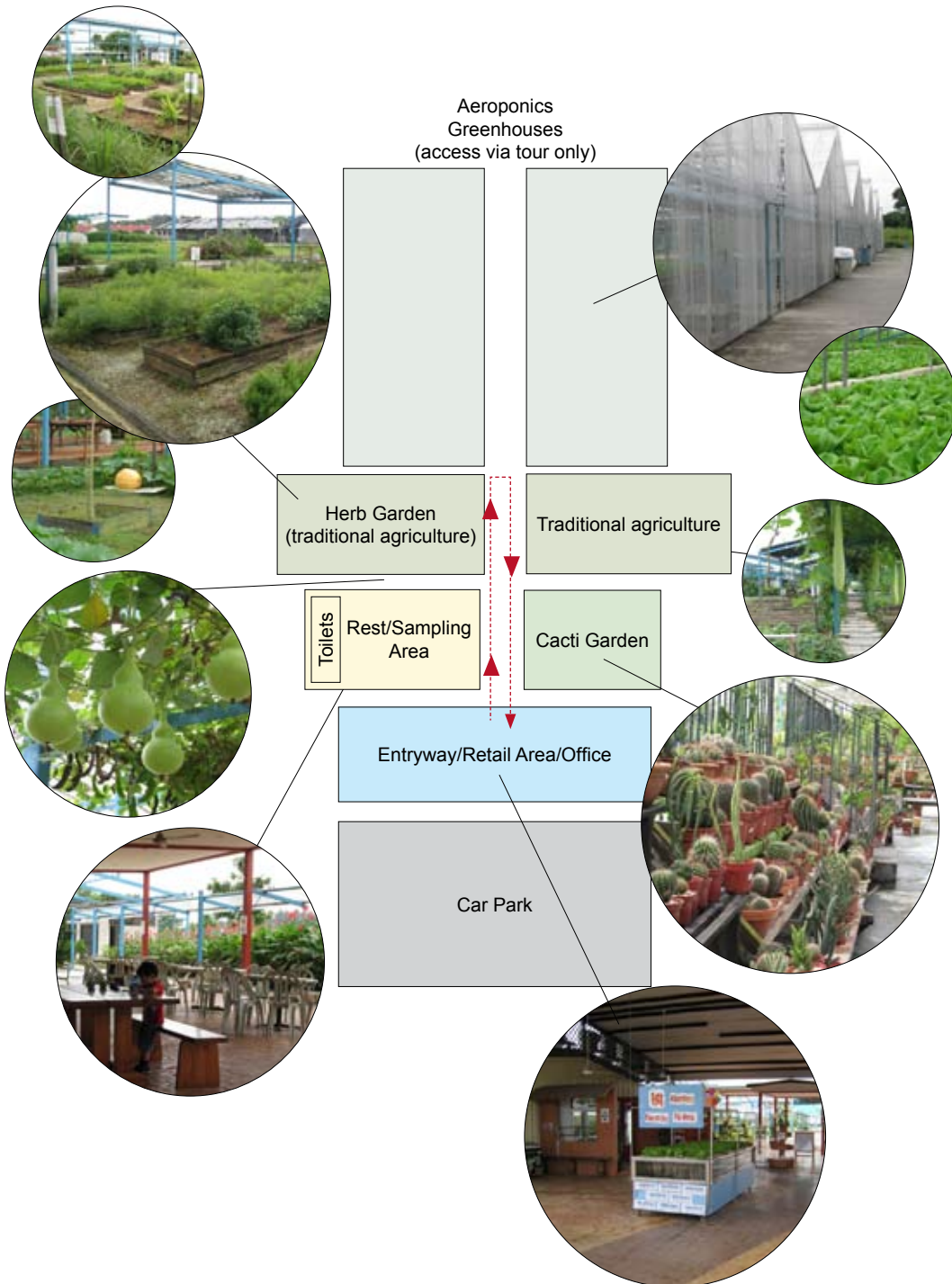


# TROPICAL AEROPONICS



## Tropical Aeroponics at a Glance

Nestled in the secondary forests in Kranji are various farms that offer an interesting day out for children and adults. The farm activities are varied enough so that everyone can experience something a little different that are refreshing and a nice change from the usual outing to the shopping centre.

One of the farms to consider visiting is Tropical Aeroponics. It is a working farm that produces butterhead lettuce for local supermarkets and is opened to the public who are curious about aeroponics, which is the process of growing plants without soil.

Visitors to the farm can join a guided tour that starts on the hour from 9am onwards, but you will need to call ahead to make arrangements. There is a small fee and the price includes a sample of the farm's produce. The guide begins the walking tour with a look at traditional vegetable farming, then visitors enter the greenhouses where lettuces are grown using aeroponics. The tour takes a break in the air-conditioned room where a 15-minute video is shown, after which visitors get to sample the farm's butterhead lettuce juice. The tour takes just under an hour, after which visitors can roam the grounds (but not the greenhouses) to take a closer look at the various herbs and vegetables that are grown on site.

### 1. Entryway and Retail Area

In addition to vegetables, the farm also has a selection of drinks and snacks on sale so visitors can take a breather before or after

the farm tour.

### 2. Sampling Area

A sheltered area to rest weary feet and to try some of that chilled butterhead lettuce juice. The bathrooms are located at the far end of this sheltered area.

Nearby the rest area, you'll also see cacti in all shapes and sizes for sale. Curious little hands need to be watched around the cacti needles.

### 3. Herb Garden

Visitors can also buy herbs and whatever seasonal vegetables that are available. Young visitors would enjoy looking at the herbs and perhaps even smelling a crushed aromatic leaf or two.

### 4. Look Up!

While many things grow in the ground, remember to look up in the trellis for the various gourds that are grown in the farm. It will be fun for the children to try and spot them. The farm allows visitors to pick selected seasonal vegetables (except lettuces), which would be an interesting activity for everyone.

### 5. Greenhouses

The guide will bring the tour into the greenhouses for a quick look; it can be quite warm in there. Visitors will see germinating lettuce plants and the matured ones that are ready to be harvested and packed.

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