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## Fact Sheet on NS55 Interactive Trail

The NS55 Interactive Trail ‘Cepat Jalan’ will be launched in commemoration of 55 years of National Service (NS55). Members of the public will be able to learn more about National Service (NS), its history and significance in a fun and meaningful way.

The Walking Trail, which comprises seven Discovery Points, is perfect for those who enjoy long walks, or those who are looking to engage in a new activity with family, friends and fellow national servicemen. At each Discovery Point, participants will be able to use Augmented Reality (AR) to interact with the surrounding space or take part in games and quizzes to learn more about each location’s significance to NS.

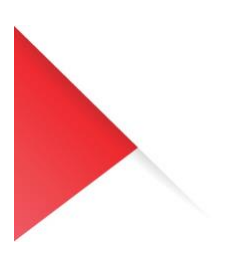
The Virtual Trail comprises 12 Discovery Points - seven Discovery Points from the Walking Trail, as well as five additional Discovery Points.

The Walking Trail and Virtual Trail are available on the NS55 Interactive Trail website at [go.gov.sg/NS55trail](https://go.gov.sg/NS55trail). They are available in English only. To access trails and its full functions, participants will need a smartphone with location service, camera functionality, and Internet connection. For more information on the NS55 Interactive Trail, visit the NS55 website at [go.gov.sg/NS55](https://go.gov.sg/NS55).



### Discovery Points for Walking Trail

No	Location	Main focus
1	The Battlebox @ Fort Canning	<p>The Battlebox was constructed by the British as an underground command centre for war. It is also where Lieutenant-General Arthur Percival made the decision to surrender to the Japanese in World War II.</p> <p>It is a reminder of the importance of defence to protect our sovereignty and way of life.</p>
2	Clemenceau Avenue	<p>The colonial government introduced the NS Ordinance in 1954 during the height of the Communist Emergency in Malaya. However, the ordinance did not sit well with the Chinese middle school students. On 13 May, hundreds of them assembled at Clemenceau Avenue to protest.</p>
3	Central Fire Station	<p>The Central Fire Station is Singapore's oldest fire station where many generations of national servicemen have served and continue to serve.</p>
4	Singapore Management University (SMU)	<p>A representation of our national servicemen's commitment to serve NS while putting aside personal pursuits. After full-time NS, many NSmen go on to pursue their careers or further their studies at Institutes of Higher Learning such as SMU.</p>
5	Civilian War Memorial	<p>The Civilian War Memorial commemorates civilian victims from the Japanese Occupation. It is also where some units have conducted their Weapon Presentation Ceremony, a time-honoured tradition to reinforce the importance of NS and is a reminder of their responsibility to ensure that Singapore never falls again, like it did in 1942.</p>



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6	Esplanade	The Esplanade Bridge marks the starting point for many editions of the SAFRA Singapore Bay Run and Army Half Marathon, a national running event that is popular with our national servicemen and their families. However, more than just a popular event, it is also a homage to the camaraderie forged during NS, and recognition of the importance of families' support for NS.
7	The Float @ Marina Bay	The Float @ Marina Bay is where the passing-out parades for SAF recruits have been held, in the presence of family and friends.  The Float will be replaced by the NS Square. NS Square will showcase our NS story and recognise the contributions of our national servicemen.

**Discovery Points for Virtual Trail (7 Discovery Points from the Walking Trail + 5 Additional Discovery Points)**

No	Location	Main focus
1	Dempsey Hill	The barracks served the British garrison infantry battalion until the fall of Singapore in 1942. From 1972 to 1989, the site was the headquarters of the Ministry of Defence and the Central Manpower Base.
2	Former Taman Jurong Camp	The former Taman Jurong Camp was Singapore's first NS Camp to the first batch of Singaporean men enlisted to serve NS. It also housed the school of the Singapore Artillery. A heritage marker was installed in 2017 to mark the 50th anniversary of NS in Singapore.

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3	Police Heritage Centre	The Police Heritage Centre is a multifarious showcase of exhibits that recreates the genesis and development of the Singapore Police Force (SPF) since the 1800s. The Centre captures the history and heritage of SPF and recognises the contribution of Police regulars and NS officers, as well as volunteers both past and present who work tirelessly round the clock to keep Singapore safe and secure.
4	SAFRA Mount Faber	SAFRA was formed in 1972 to strengthen bonds among SAF national servicemen and to appreciate their contributions to national defence. It also caters for the social and recreational needs of national servicemen and their families, through quality sports, social, and professional development programmes.
5	National Service (NS) Hub (Upcoming)	<p>The upcoming NS Hub will centralise various NS-related services and transform the NS experience for our national servicemen and pre-enlistees.</p> <p>The hub will be where pre-enlistees will undergo psychometric tests and medical checks, and full-time national servicemen can get specialist medical and dental care at the Military Medicine Institute</p> <p>The public will also be able to use the hub as a place for leisure, to learn more about NS and consider a career in the defence industry.</p>

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For information on the NS55 Interactive Trail '*Cepat Jalan*', please visit:  
<https://www.mindef.gov.sg/oms/ns55/ns55-trail.html>

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**About NS55**

2022 marks the 55th Anniversary of National Service. Since the introduction of NS in 1967, generations of national servicemen have served with unwavering dedication, pride and strength to keep Singapore safe and strong. Families, employers and the public have supported our national servicemen so that they can serve with peace of mind. The continued support for NS by everyone in Singapore remains critical in enabling this duty of securing our home and future to be passed down from one generation to the next.

