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Old Upper Thomson Park Connector

The 3 km long Old Upper Thomson Park Connector is located along Old Upper Thomson Road, between the Central Catchment Nature Reserve and the upcoming Thomson Nature Park. The road is flanked by tall, mature, and continuous green walls of natural vegetation of conservation value.

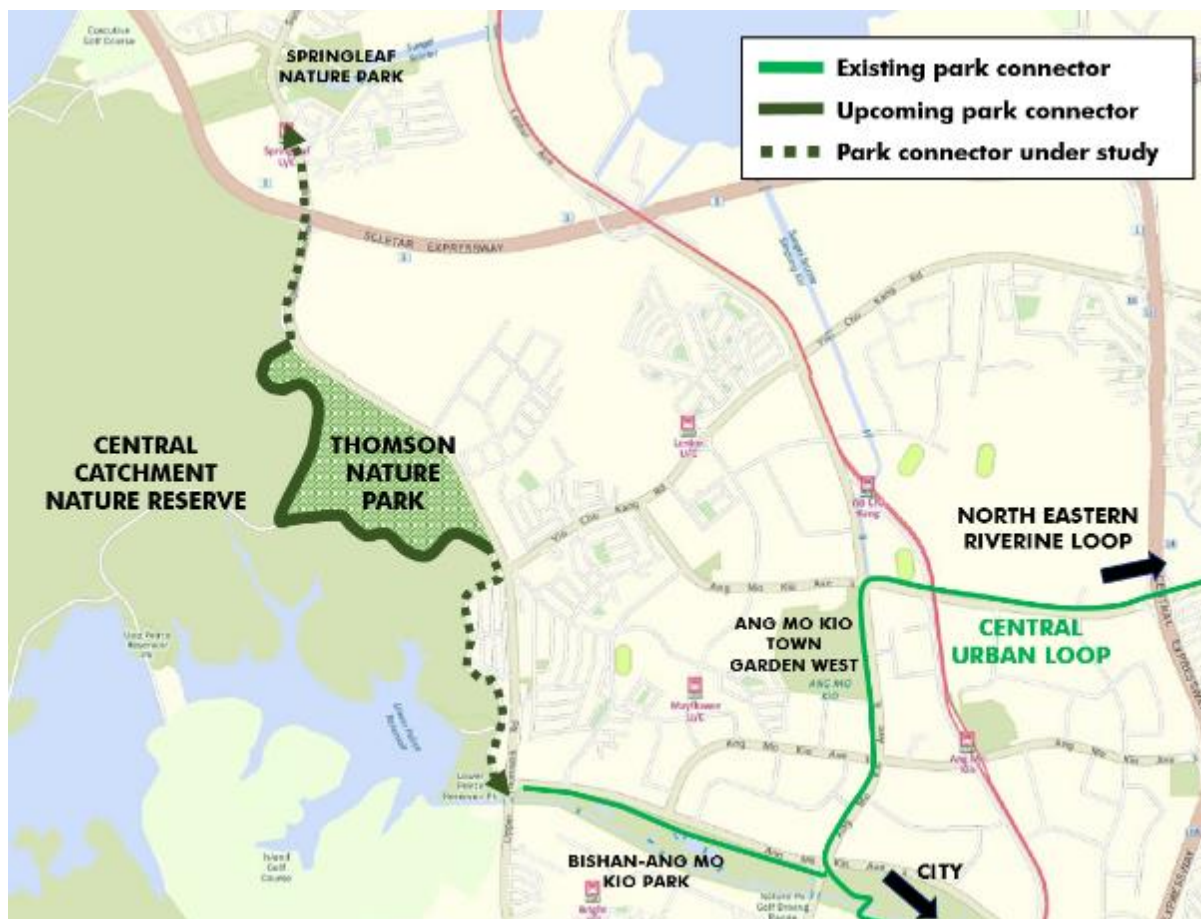
One lane of Old Upper Thomson Road will be used for the development of the park connector and conversion of the road to become a one-way road will start from late 2017. With the completion of the park connector together with Thomson Nature Park in early 2019, visitors will be able to enjoy safe and easy access to the park on foot or by bicycle.



Artist's impression: Old Upper Thomson Park Connector (Picture credit: National Parks Board)

Recreational Network

To provide more recreational options, the possibility of extending the park connector to Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park is being studied, along with connections to other parks in the vicinity.



Map of Old Upper Thomson Park Connector, the surrounding green spaces and possible future connections (Picture credit: National Parks Board)

Ecological Connectivity

The narrower carriageway and reduced vehicular traffic will also provide safer passage for animals crossing between the Central Catchment Nature Reserve and Thomson Nature Park. Overall noise and light pollution will be brought down, creating a more conducive environment for creatures residing in the vicinity. Enhanced planting of native flora along the new park connector will also provide more shelter and food sources for these animals, such as the Raffles Banded Langur, which is critically endangered at the national level.