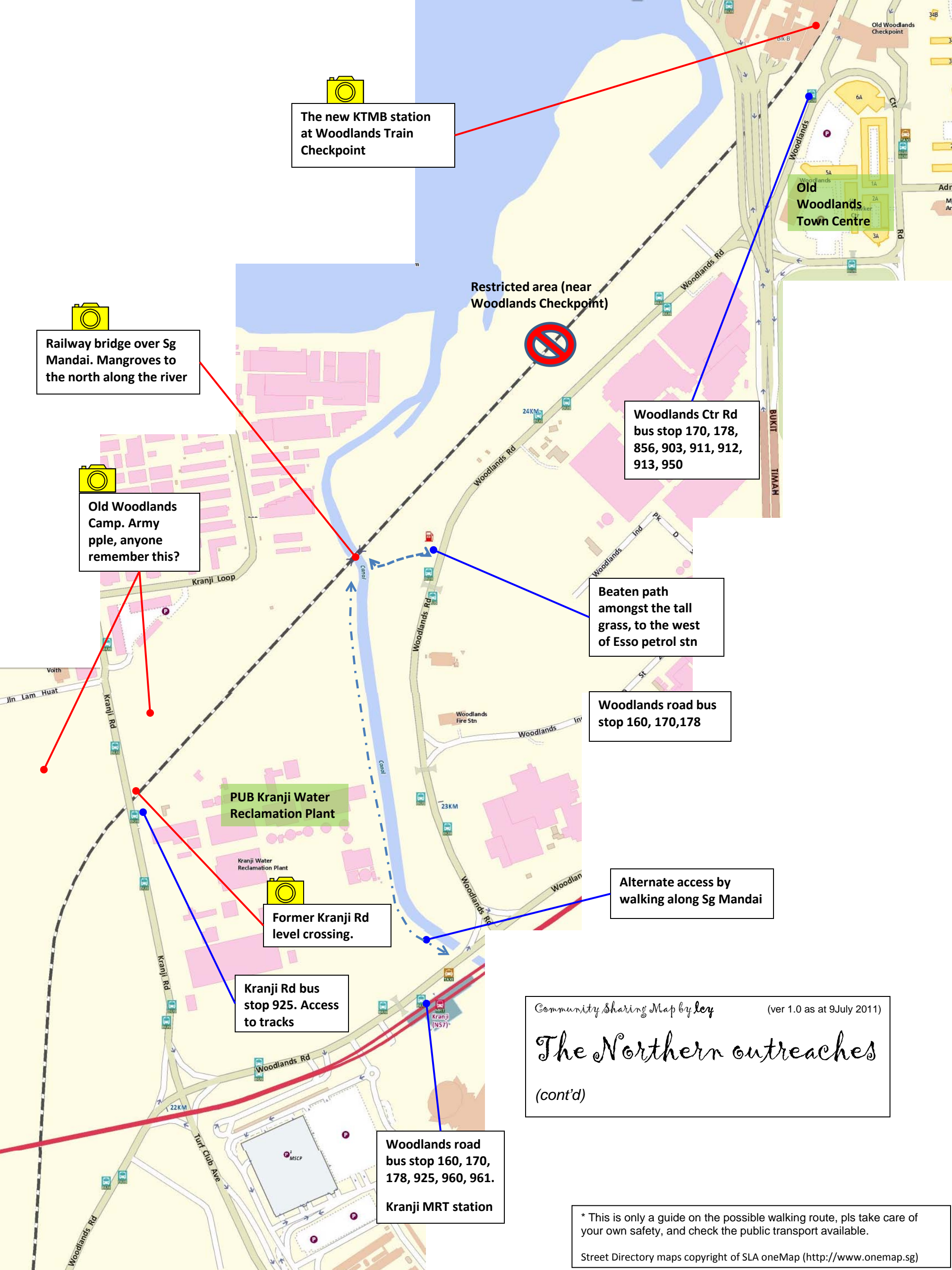




Overview map of entire rail corridor from Woodlands to Tanjong Pagar

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The new KTMB station at Woodlands Train Checkpoint

Railway bridge over Sg Mandai. Mangroves to the north along the river

Old Woodlands Camp. Army pple, anyone remember this?

PUB Kranji Water Reclamation Plant

Former Kranji Rd level crossing.

Kranji Rd bus stop 925. Access to tracks

Woodlands road bus stop 160, 170, 178, 925, 960, 961.

Kranji MRT station

Restricted area (near Woodlands Checkpoint)

Woodlands Ctr Rd bus stop 170, 178, 856, 903, 911, 912, 913, 950

Beaten path amongst the tall grass, to the west of Esso petrol stn

Woodlands road bus stop 160, 170, 178

Alternate access by walking along Sg Mandai

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The Northern outreaches

(cont'd)

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Another old bridge over the tracks



Take the MRT and get a shot of the tracks to the north and south

Access the tracks via a dirt track under the MRT viaduct



Chinese "Shrine"



Brick culvert with a natural stream



Sg Kadut level crossing. Also go to the Sg Kadut Ave road bridge over Sg Pang Sua for a picture

Sg Kadut Ave bus stop 925

START: Sg Kadut Ave

Sri Arasakesari Sivan temple

Woodlands Rd:

Bus stop B17

160,170,178,927, 960,961 (all except 927 pass by Kranji MRT)

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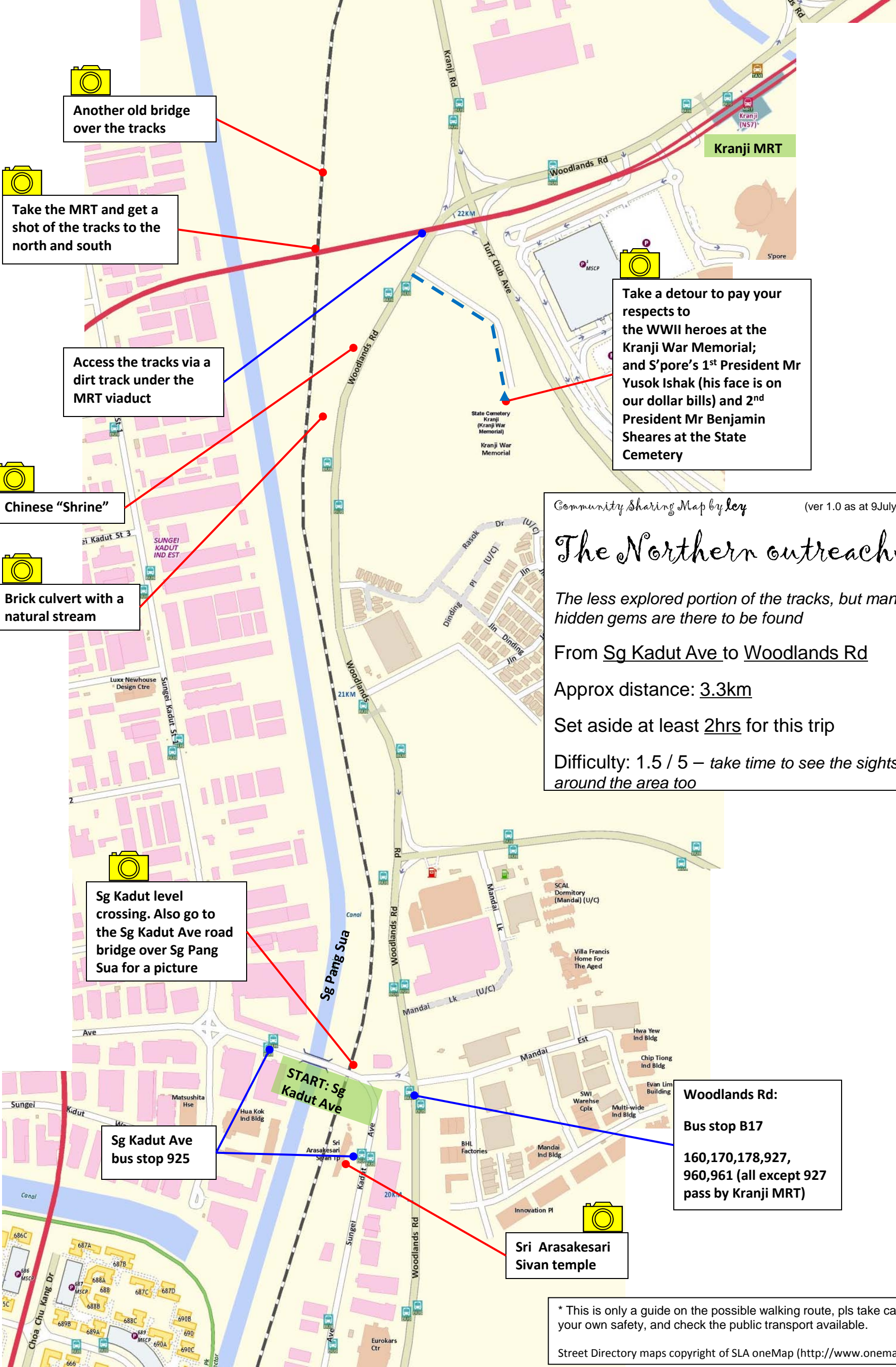
The less explored portion of the tracks, but many hidden gems are there to be found

From Sg Kadut Ave to Woodlands Rd

Approx distance: 3.3km

Set aside at least 2hrs for this trip

Difficulty: 1.5 / 5 – *take time to see the sights around the area too*



A Walk by the Sungei

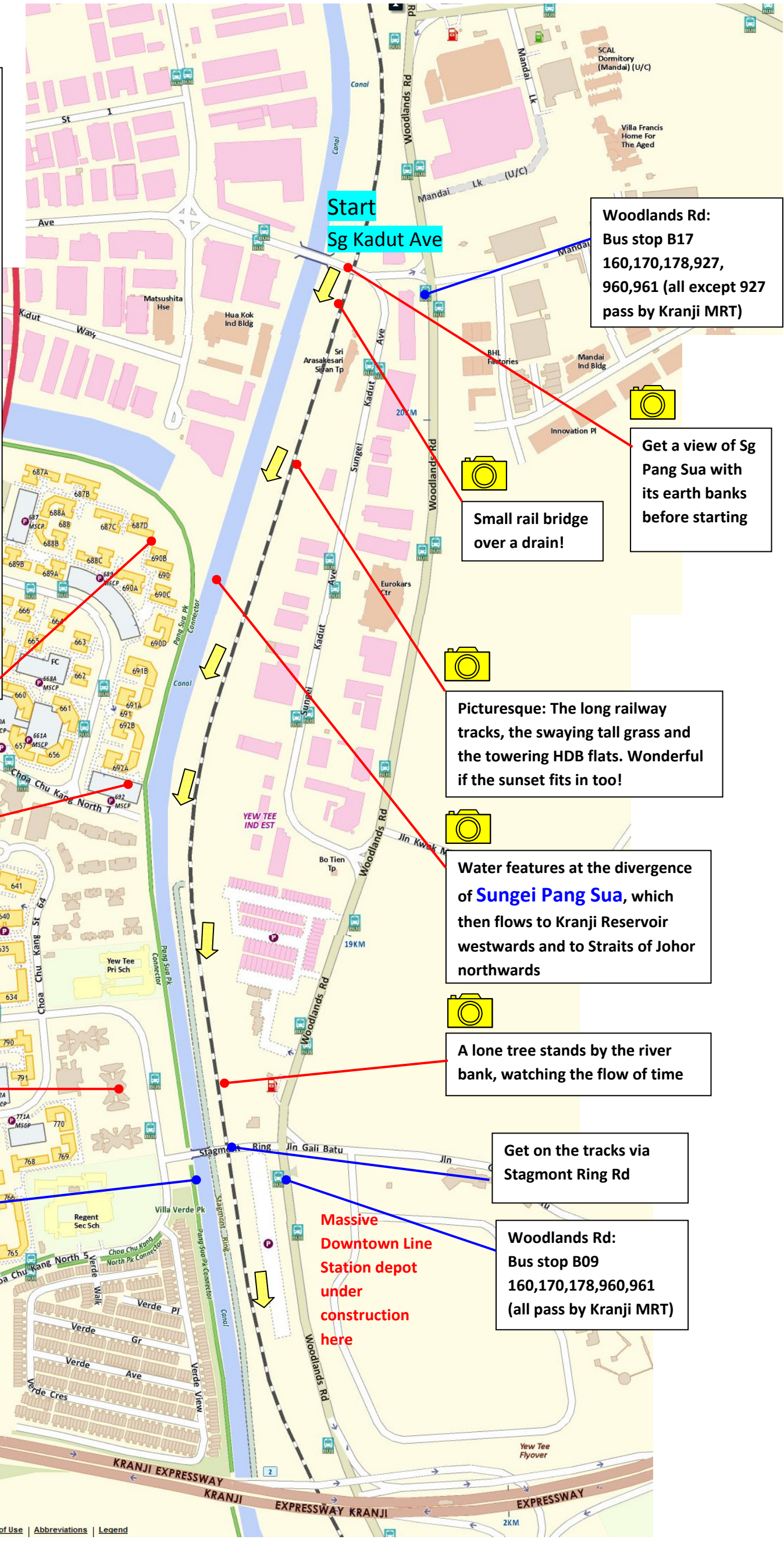
Stroll amidst tall grass on both sides, a interesting changing landscape from low-rise factories to towering residential blocks in the background, before returning back to low-rise housing and greenery. This Rail Corridor runs almost parallel to the broad Sungei Pang Sua, with the park connector on its western bank.

From Sg Kadut Ave to Choa Chu Kang Rd

Approx distance: 3.3 km

Set aside at least 2 to 2.5 hrs for this trip

Difficulty: 2 / 5 – Easy to walk, do avoid SLA works at the Sg Kadut Ave, Stagmont Ring Rd and Choa Chu Kang Rd level crossings, and take care when passing by construction sites near Ten Mile Junction!



Woodlands Rd:
Bus stop B17
160,170,178,927,
960,961 (all except 927
pass by Kranji MRT)

Get a view of Sg Pang Sua with its earth banks before starting

Small rail bridge over a drain!

Picturesque: The long railway tracks, the swaying tall grass and the towering HDB flats. Wonderful if the sunset fits in too!

Water features at the divergence of Sungei Pang Sua, which then flows to Kranji Reservoir westwards and to Straits of Johor northwards

A lone tree stands by the river bank, watching the flow of time

Get on the tracks via Stagmont Ring Rd

Woodlands Rd:
Bus stop B09
160,170,178,960,961
(all pass by Kranji MRT)

Massive Downtown Line Station depot under construction here

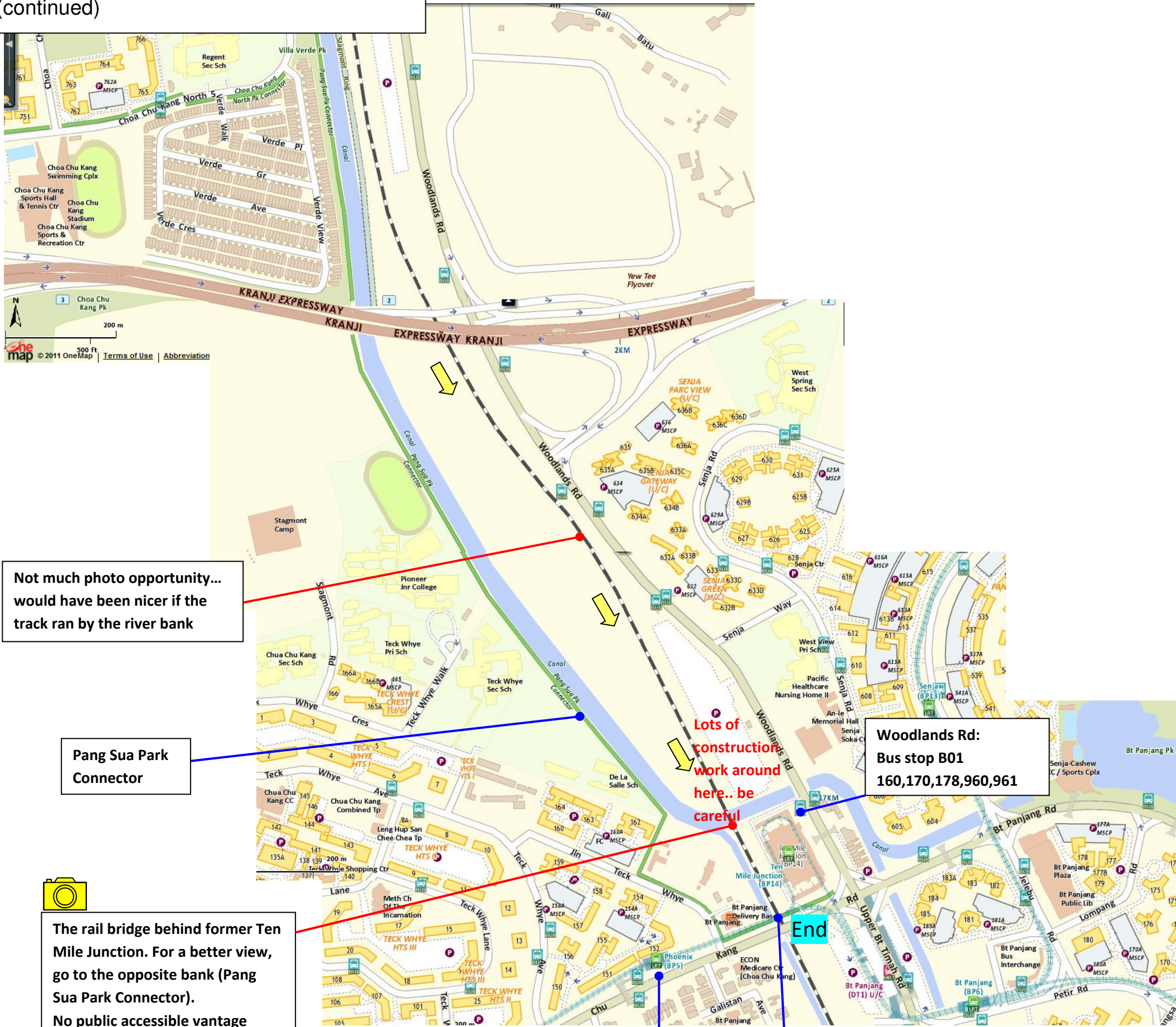
Tall developments aren't always undesirable! Come another time to capture a shot from the blocks (e.g. 687D, or multi-storey carpark 692) of the river and the rail corridor

Interesting design (Yew Mei Green)... whether you like the blockish character is your own preference

Pang Sua Park Connector! If you're planning to cycle or jog here =)

A Walk by the Sungai

(continued)



Not much photo opportunity... would have been nicer if the track ran by the river bank

Pang Sua Park Connector



The rail bridge behind former Ten Mile Junction. For a better view, go to the opposite bank (Pang Sua Park Connector). No public accessible vantage point from the nearby HDB blks though (unless you know someone staying here)

Lots of construction work around here.. be careful

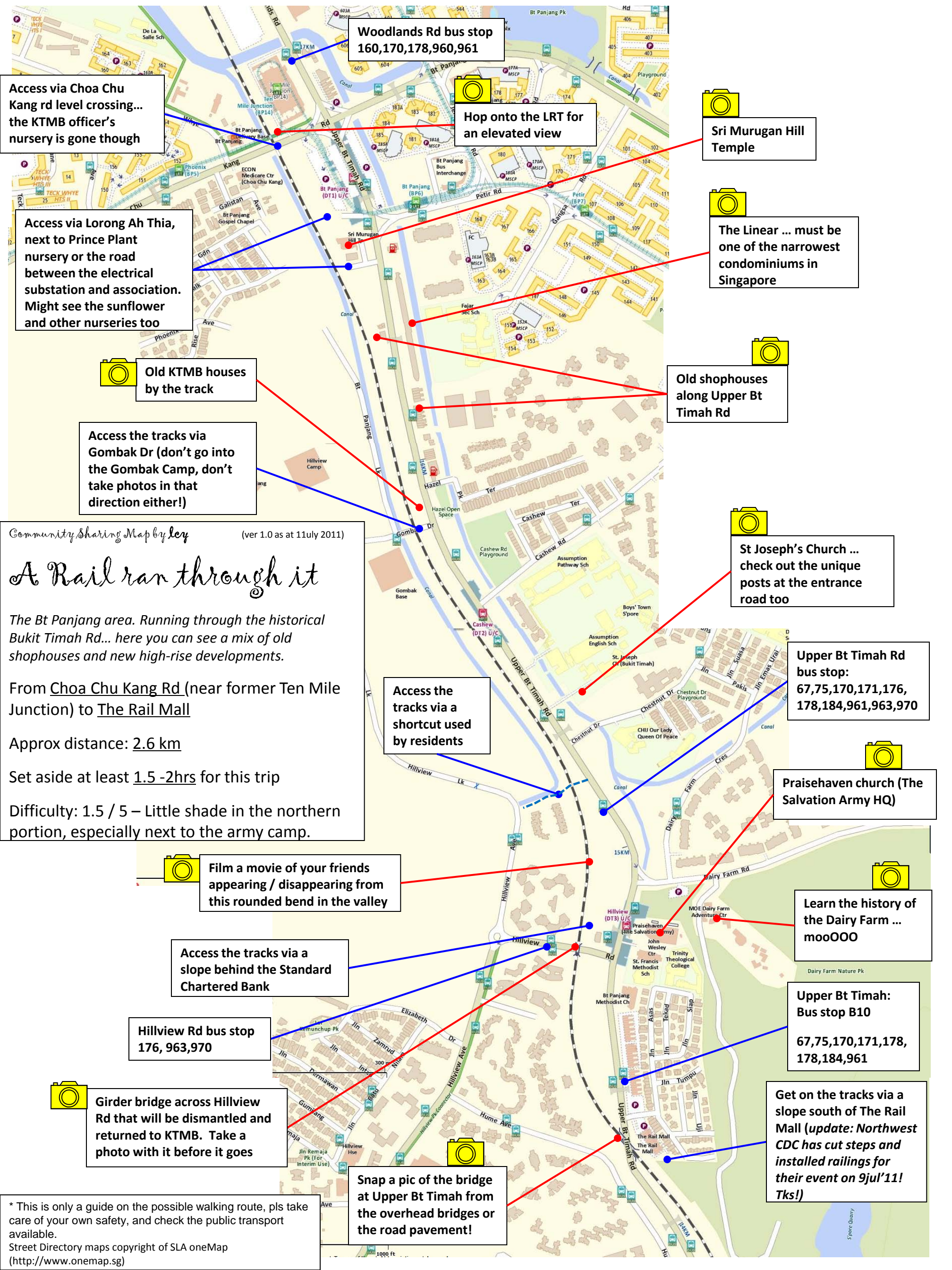
Woodlands Rd: Bus stop B01 160,170,178,960,961

End

Phoenix LRT (from Choa Chu Kang MRT)

Access via Choa Chu Kang Rd

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Woodlands Rd bus stop
160,170,178,960,961

Access via Choa Chu Kang rd level crossing... the KTMB officer's nursery is gone though

Hop onto the LRT for an elevated view

Sri Murugan Hill Temple

Access via Lorong Ah Thia, next to Prince Plant nursery or the road between the electrical substation and association. Might see the sunflower and other nurseries too

The Linear ... must be one of the narrowest condominiums in Singapore

Old KTMB houses by the track

Old shophouses along Upper Bt Timah Rd

Access the tracks via Gombak Dr (don't go into the Gombak Camp, don't take photos in that direction either!)

St Joseph's Church ... check out the unique posts at the entrance road too

Upper Bt Timah Rd bus stop:
67,75,170,171,176, 178,184,961,963,970

Access the tracks via a shortcut used by residents

Praisehaven church (The Salvation Army HQ)

Film a movie of your friends appearing / disappearing from this rounded bend in the valley

Access the tracks via a slope behind the Standard Chartered Bank

Learn the history of the Dairy Farm ... mooOOO

Hillview Rd bus stop
176, 963,970

Upper Bt Timah:
Bus stop B10
67,75,170,171,178, 178,184,961

Girder bridge across Hillview Rd that will be dismantled and returned to KTMB. Take a photo with it before it goes

Snap a pic of the bridge at Upper Bt Timah from the overhead bridges or the road pavement!

Get on the tracks via a slope south of The Rail Mall (update: Northwest CDC has cut steps and installed railings for their event on 9jul'11! Tks!)

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A Rail ran through it

The Bt Panjang area. Running through the historical Bukit Timah Rd... here you can see a mix of old shophouses and new high-rise developments.

From Choa Chu Kang Rd (near former Ten Mile Junction) to The Rail Mall

Approx distance: 2.6 km

Set aside at least 1.5 -2hrs for this trip

Difficulty: 1.5 / 5 – Little shade in the northern portion, especially next to the army camp.

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the Bukit Timah Greenway

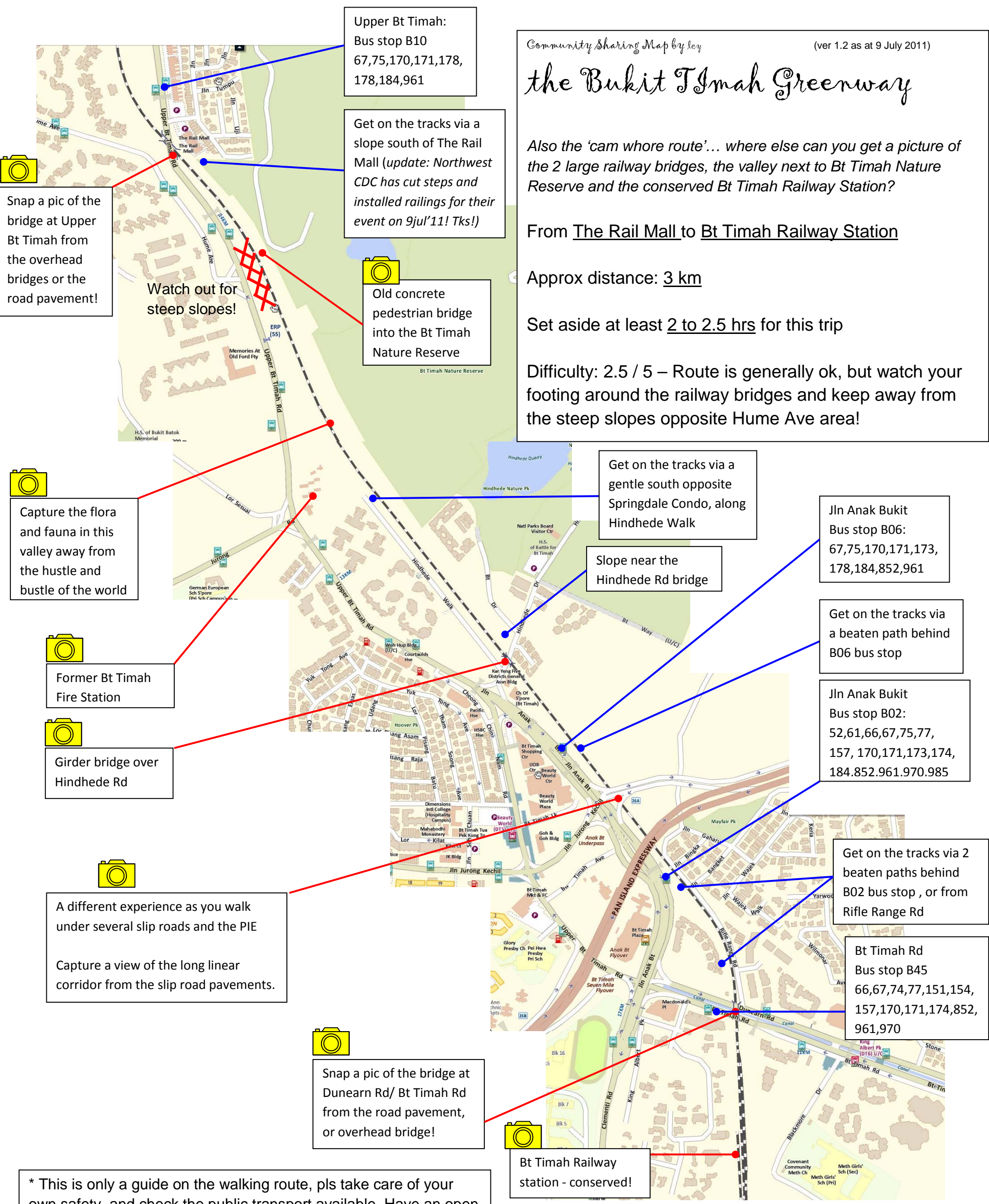
Also the 'cam whore route'... where else can you get a picture of the 2 large railway bridges, the valley next to Bt Timah Nature Reserve and the conserved Bt Timah Railway Station?

From The Rail Mall to Bt Timah Railway Station

Approx distance: 3 km

Set aside at least 2 to 2.5 hrs for this trip

Difficulty: 2.5 / 5 – Route is generally ok, but watch your footing around the railway bridges and keep away from the steep slopes opposite Hume Ave area!



Upper Bt Timah:
Bus stop B10
67,75,170,171,178,
178,184,961

Get on the tracks via a slope south of The Rail Mall (update: Northwest CDC has cut steps and installed railings for their event on 9jul'11! Tks!)

Watch out for steep slopes!

Old concrete pedestrian bridge into the Bt Timah Nature Reserve

Snap a pic of the bridge at Upper Bt Timah from the overhead bridges or the road pavement!

Capture the flora and fauna in this valley away from the hustle and bustle of the world

Former Bt Timah Fire Station

Girder bridge over Hindhede Rd

A different experience as you walk under several slip roads and the PIE

Capture a view of the long linear corridor from the slip road pavements.

Get on the tracks via a gentle south opposite Springdale Condo, along Hindhede Walk

Slope near the Hindhede Rd bridge

Jln Anak Bukit Bus stop B06:
67,75,170,171,173,
178,184,852,961

Get on the tracks via a beaten path behind B06 bus stop

Jln Anak Bukit Bus stop B02:
52,61,66,67,75,77,
157, 170,171,173,174,
184.852.961.970.985

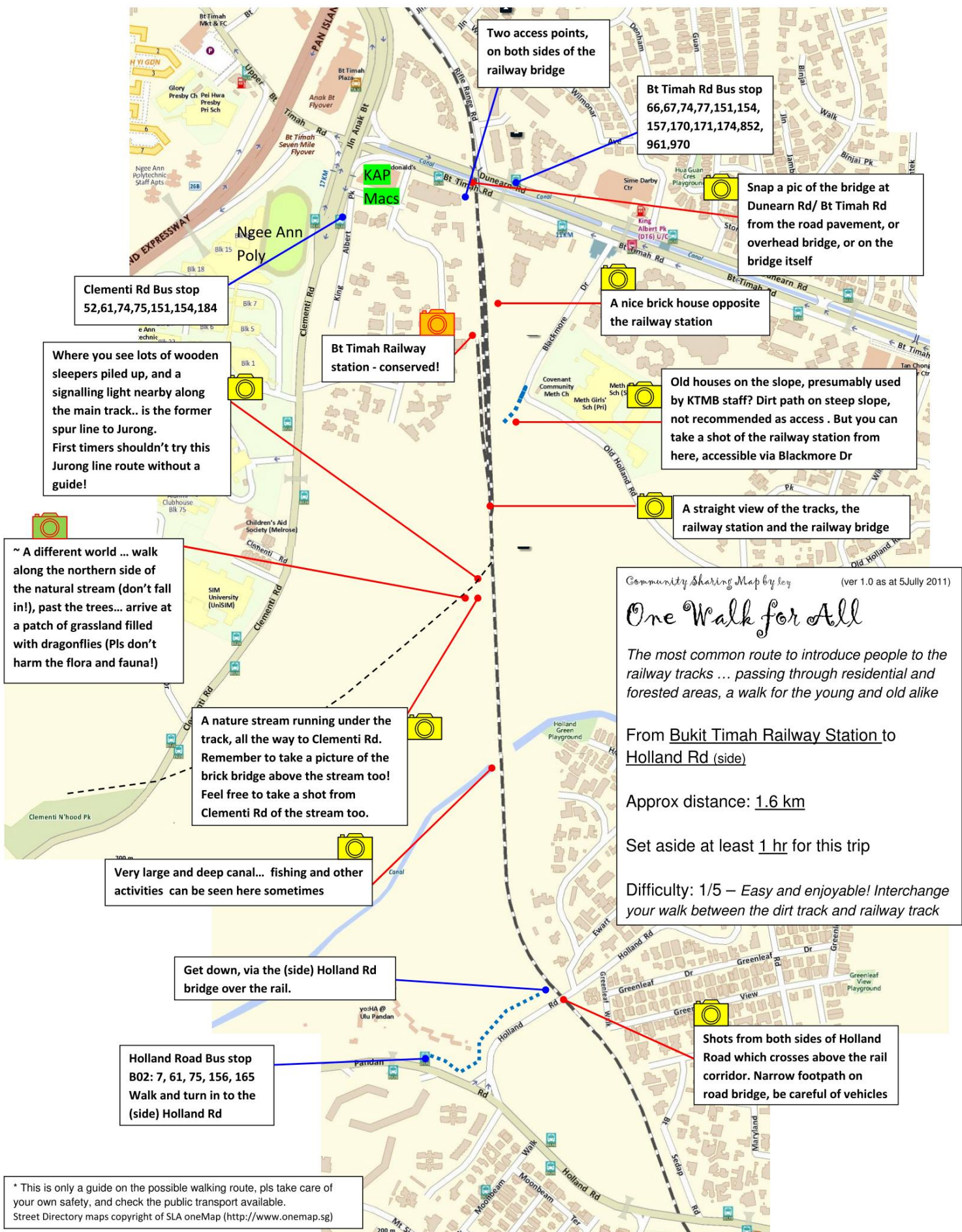
Get on the tracks via 2 beaten paths behind B02 bus stop, or from Rifle Range Rd

Bt Timah Rd Bus stop B45
66,67,74,77,151,154,
157,170,171,174,852,
961,970

Snap a pic of the bridge at Dunearn Rd/ Bt Timah Rd from the road pavement, or overhead bridge!

Bt Timah Railway station - conserved!

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Two access points, on both sides of the railway bridge

Bt Timah Rd Bus stop
66,67,74,77,151,154,
157,170,171,174,852,
961,970

Snap a pic of the bridge at Dunearn Rd/ Bt Timah Rd from the road pavement, or overhead bridge, or on the bridge itself

Clementi Rd Bus stop
52,61,74,75,151,154,184

A nice brick house opposite the railway station

Where you see lots of wooden sleepers piled up, and a signalling light nearby along the main track.. is the former spur line to Jurong. First timers shouldn't try this Jurong line route without a guide!

Bt Timah Railway station - conserved!

Old houses on the slope, presumably used by KTMB staff? Dirt path on steep slope, not recommended as access. But you can take a shot of the railway station from here, accessible via Blackmore Dr

A straight view of the tracks, the railway station and the railway bridge

~ A different world ... walk along the northern side of the natural stream (don't fall in!), past the trees... arrive at a patch of grassland filled with dragonflies (Pls don't harm the flora and fauna!)

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One Walk for All

The most common route to introduce people to the railway tracks ... passing through residential and forested areas, a walk for the young and old alike

From Bukit Timah Railway Station to Holland Rd (side)

Approx distance: 1.6 km

Set aside at least 1 hr for this trip

Difficulty: 1/5 – *Easy and enjoyable! Interchange your walk between the dirt track and railway track*

A nature stream running under the track, all the way to Clementi Rd. Remember to take a picture of the brick bridge above the stream too! Feel free to take a shot from Clementi Rd of the stream too.

Very large and deep canal... fishing and other activities can be seen here sometimes

Get down, via the (side) Holland Rd bridge over the rail.

Holland Road Bus stop
B02: 7, 61, 75, 156, 165
Walk and turn in to the (side) Holland Rd

Shots from both sides of Holland Road which crosses above the rail corridor. Narrow footpath on road bridge, be careful of vehicles

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Our Hidden Backyard

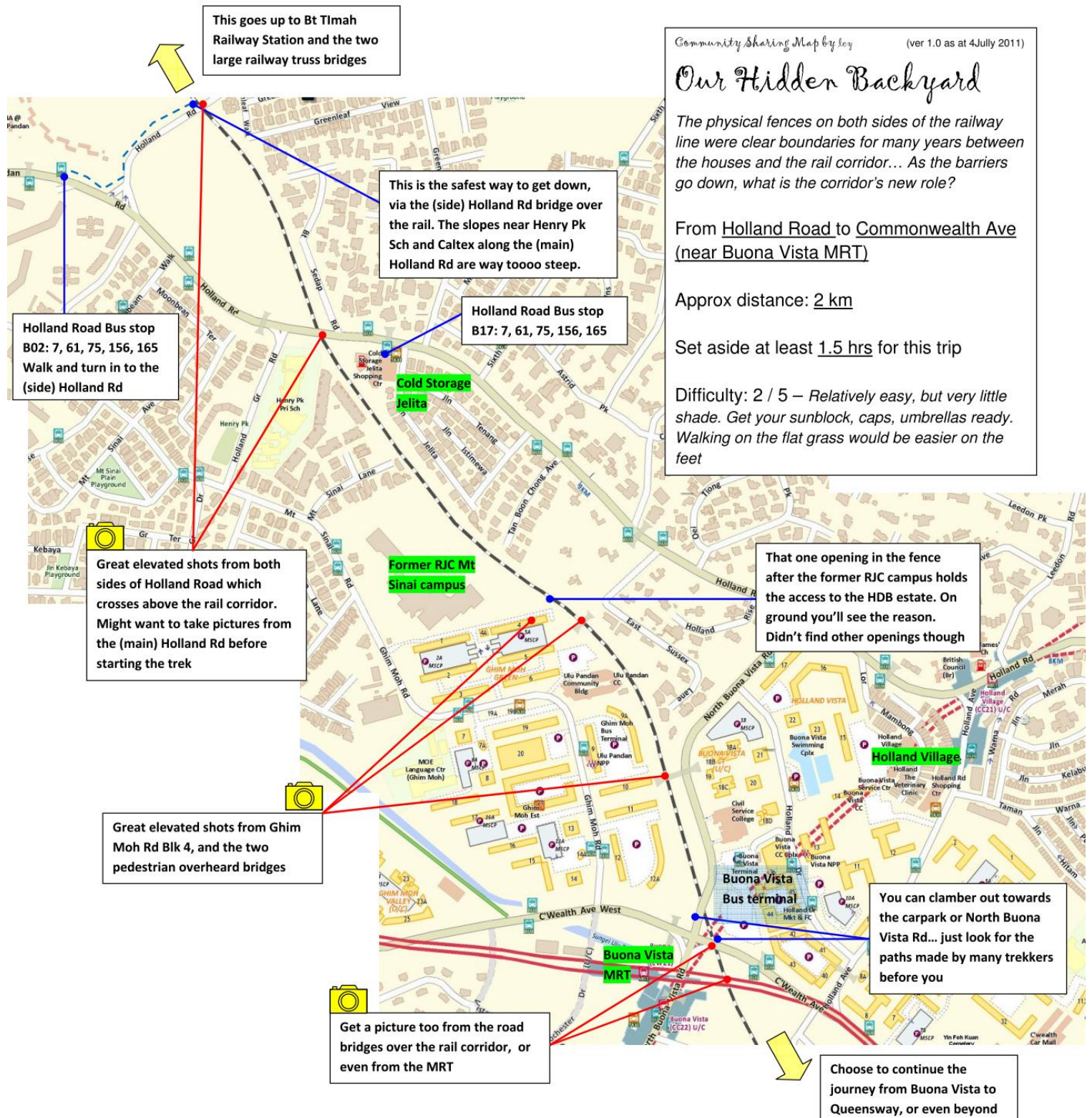
The physical fences on both sides of the railway line were clear boundaries for many years between the houses and the rail corridor... As the barriers go down, what is the corridor's new role?

From Holland Road to Commonwealth Ave (near Buona Vista MRT)

Approx distance: 2 km

Set aside at least 1.5 hrs for this trip

Difficulty: 2 / 5 – *Relatively easy, but very little shade. Get your sunblock, caps, umbrellas ready. Walking on the flat grass would be easier on the feet*



This goes up to Bt Tlimah Railway Station and the two large railway truss bridges

This is the safest way to get down, via the (side) Holland Rd bridge over the rail. The slopes near Henry Pk Sch and Caltex along the (main) Holland Rd are way toooo steep.

Holland Road Bus stop
B17: 7, 61, 75, 156, 165

Holland Road Bus stop
B02: 7, 61, 75, 156, 165
Walk and turn in to the (side) Holland Rd

Great elevated shots from both sides of Holland Road which crosses above the rail corridor. Might want to take pictures from the (main) Holland Rd before starting the trek

Great elevated shots from Ghim Moh Rd Blk 4, and the two pedestrian overhead bridges

Get a picture too from the road bridges over the rail corridor, or even from the MRT

That one opening in the fence after the former RJC campus holds the access to the HDB estate. On ground you'll see the reason. Didn't find other openings though

You can clamber out towards the carpark or North Buona Vista Rd... just look for the paths made by many trekkers before you

Choose to continue the journey from Buona Vista to Queensway, or even beyond

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Rejak of Old & New

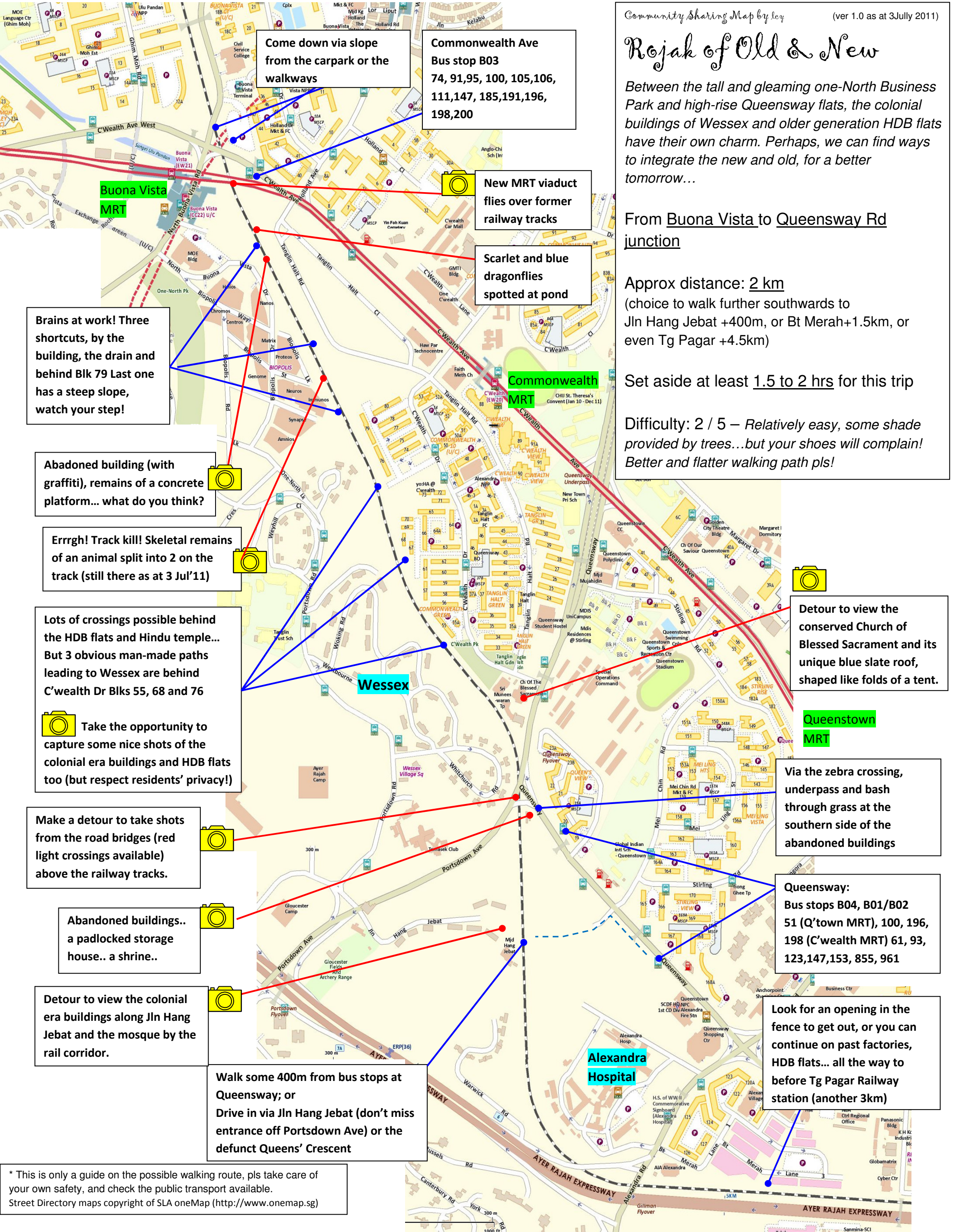
Between the tall and gleaming one-North Business Park and high-rise Queensway flats, the colonial buildings of Wessex and older generation HDB flats have their own charm. Perhaps, we can find ways to integrate the new and old, for a better tomorrow...

From Buona Vista to Queensway Rd junction

Approx distance: 2 km
(choice to walk further southwards to Jln Hang Jebat +400m, or Bt Merah+1.5km, or even Tg Pagar +4.5km)

Set aside at least 1.5 to 2 hrs for this trip

Difficulty: 2 / 5 – *Relatively easy, some shade provided by trees...but your shoes will complain! Better and flatter walking path pls!*



Come down via slope from the carpark or the walkways

Commonwealth Ave Bus stop B03
74, 91,95, 100, 105,106, 111,147, 185,191,196, 198,200

New MRT viaduct flies over former railway tracks

Scarlet and blue dragonflies spotted at pond

Buona Vista MRT

Commonwealth MRT

Queenstown MRT

Alexandra Hospital

Wessex

Brains at work! Three shortcuts, by the building, the drain and behind Blk 79 Last one has a steep slope, watch your step!

Abandoned building (with graffiti), remains of a concrete platform... what do you think?

Errrrh! Track kill! Skeletal remains of an animal split into 2 on the track (still there as at 3 Jul'11)

Lots of crossings possible behind the HDB flats and Hindu temple... But 3 obvious man-made paths leading to Wessex are behind C'wealth Dr Blks 55, 68 and 76

Take the opportunity to capture some nice shots of the colonial era buildings and HDB flats too (but respect residents' privacy!)

Make a detour to take shots from the road bridges (red light crossings available) above the railway tracks.

Abandoned buildings.. a padlocked storage house.. a shrine..

Detour to view the colonial era buildings along Jln Hang Jebat and the mosque by the rail corridor.

Walk some 400m from bus stops at Queensway; or Drive in via Jln Hang Jebat (don't miss entrance off Portsdown Ave) or the defunct Queens' Crescent

Detour to view the conserved Church of Blessed Sacrament and its unique blue slate roof, shaped like folds of a tent.

Via the zebra crossing, underpass and bash through grass at the southern side of the abandoned buildings

Queensway:
Bus stops B04, B01/B02 51 (Q'town MRT), 100, 196, 198 (C'wealth MRT) 61, 93, 123,147,153, 855, 961

Look for an opening in the fence to get out, or you can continue on past factories, HDB flats... all the way to before Tg Pagar Railway station (another 3km)

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Queensway:
Bus stops B04,
51 (Q'town MRT), 100, 196,
198 (C'wealth MRT) 61, 93,
123,147,153, 855, 961

Alexandra Rd Bus stop
14,33,51,61,93,100,
195 ,197

Access via Jln Kilang Barat, watch out for open drain

Heart-shaped rock formation

Alexandra Hospital

Queensway Shopping Ctr

Alexandra Village (makan~)

START / END
 Walk some 400m from bus stops at Queensway; or
 Drive in via Jln Hang Jebat (don't miss entrance off Portsdown Ave) or the defunct Queens' Crescent

Alexandra Rd flyover, near AIA building

Gap in the fencing between Blk 1010 and Blk 1002. Look for the tall coconut trees near it

Overhead bridges... yay! Near Jln Kilang Barat, and Bt Merah bus interchange

For your safety, not supposed to cross within the bus interchange. You can see the buses clearly from the track (western end of interchange).

Buses at Interchange:
5.16.57.123.131.132,139,
153,167,176,198,272,273,275,851

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AYE 's biological twin

Running parallel to the AYE, but yet serving such different and diverse groups... Lots of butterflies, bees, birds to see along the route..

From Kampong Bahru Rd (Silat estate) to Jln Hang Jebat

Approx distance: 4 km

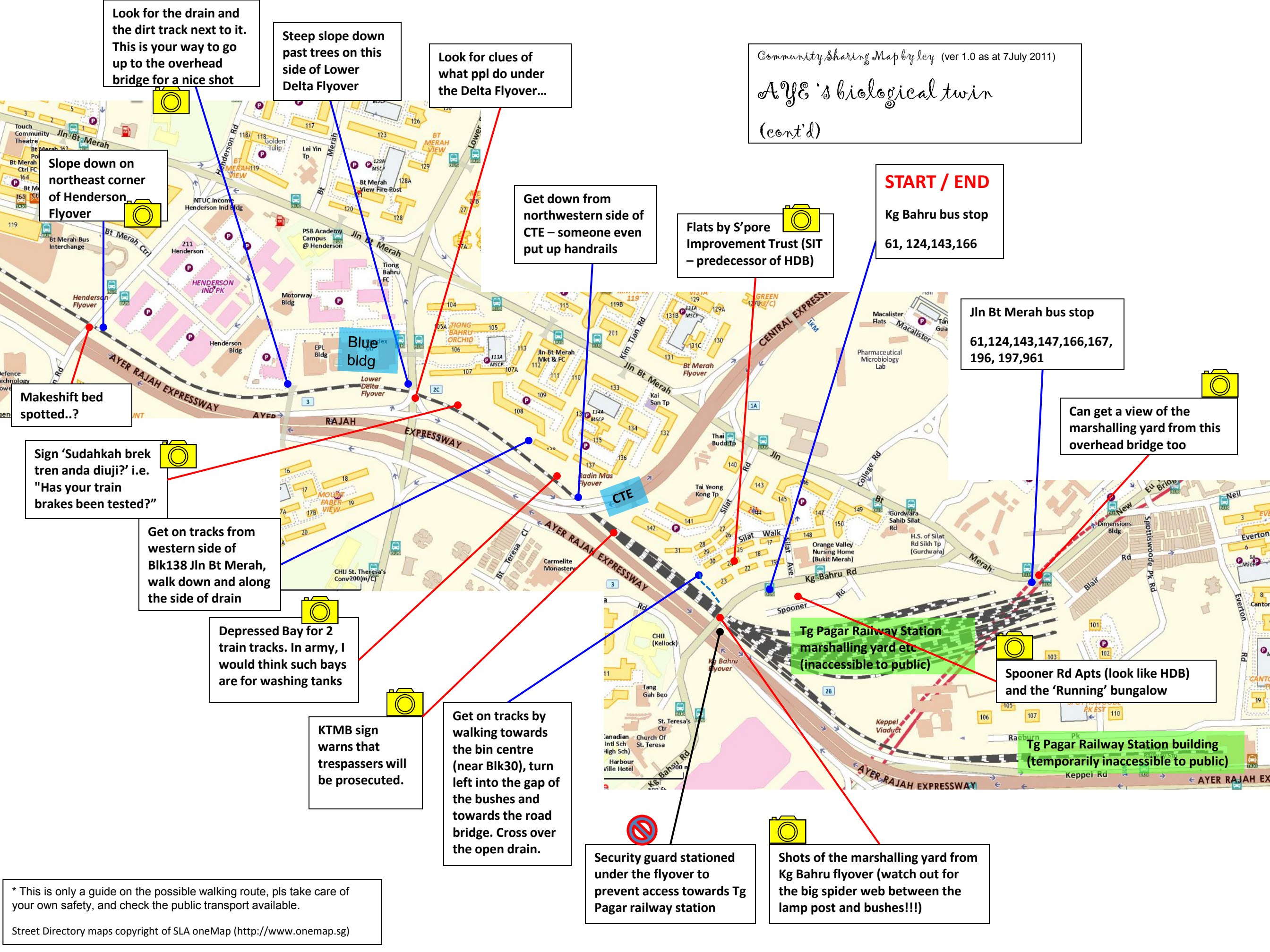
Set aside at least 2.5hrs for this trip

Difficulty: 2.5 / 5 – *Some shade provided by the buildings, overhead/road bridges. For a more pleasant experience, walk with back towards sun i.e. direction westwards in the morning , eastwards in the afternoon*

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A'Ye's biological twin
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Look for the drain and the dirt track next to it. This is your way to go up to the overhead bridge for a nice shot

Steep slope down past trees on this side of Lower Delta Flyover

Look for clues of what ppl do under the Delta Flyover...

Slope down on northeast corner of Henderson Flyover

Get down from northwestern side of CTE – someone even put up handrails

Flats by S'pore Improvement Trust (SIT – predecessor of HDB)

START / END
Kg Bahru bus stop
61, 124,143,166

Jln Bt Merah bus stop
61,124,143,147,166,167, 196, 197,961

Makeshift bed spotted..?

Sign 'Sudahkah brek tren anda diuji?' i.e. "Has your train brakes been tested?"

Get on tracks from western side of Blk138 Jln Bt Merah, walk down and along the side of drain

Depressed Bay for 2 train tracks. In army, I would think such bays are for washing tanks

KTMB sign warns that trespassers will be prosecuted.

Get on tracks by walking towards the bin centre (near Blk30), turn left into the gap of the bushes and towards the road bridge. Cross over the open drain.

Security guard stationed under the flyover to prevent access towards Tg Pagar railway station

Shots of the marshalling yard from Kg Bahru flyover (watch out for the big spider web between the lamp post and bushes!!!)

Can get a view of the marshalling yard from this overhead bridge too

Spooner Rd Apts (look like HDB) and the 'Running' bungalow

Tg Pagar Railway Station building (temporarily inaccessible to public)

Tg Pagar Railway Station marshalling yard etc (inaccessible to public)

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