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DO YOU KNOW ...

about Taiping Lake Gardens?

■ The park is a former abandoned tin mine. It was converted into a park in **1884**, 21 years after it was abandoned by Hai San clan leader Kapitan Chung Keng Kwee.



■ The park, the first public park in then-Malaya, was officially opened by Perak British Resident Frank Swettenham on **Nov 17, 1893**

■ Swettenham's wife, Constance Sydney Holmes, got the help of a mining inspector, William Scott, to turn the disused mining pool into a scenic place and subsequently British town planner Charles Compton Raedes to landscape it as a lake garden.



96.44ha

■ The original size of the park was **61.93ha**. After additional acquisition by the Perak government, it is now **96.44ha**.

■ The Garden has **10 scenic lakes and ponds**, jogging track surrounded by tropical flowers and trees. Wildlife such as dusty leaf monkeys and many local and migratory birds can be spotted here.



■ It is administered by the Taiping Municipal Council, which also runs the Taiping Zoo located within the park.

■ The park was gazetted as a national heritage site together with the Taiping Telegraph Museum on **Jan 10, 2019**.



■ There are **113** huge old rain trees (angsana) around the lake and over **1,300** other types of trees in the garden. These are maintained by the Municipal Council with assistance from arborists and experts from the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM).



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