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Swamped with good eats

Paya Lebar is now synonymous with the Singapore Post Centre and Geylang Serai district and hence a good starting point when exploring the annual Ramadhan Bazaar. But did you know the developed area means 'wide swamp' in Malay—which it was, over a century ago. In 2008, a 15-year masterplan was revealed: it outlined how Paya Lebar would be turned into a bustling commercial node after years of underdevelopment. New malls/buildings have sprung up near the MRT station: Paya Lebar Square, OneKM (taking over Lion City Hotel), the LifeLong Learning Institute and Aqueen Hotel. The **BiTES** team dives in.

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ONEKM (11 TANJONG KATONG RD)

This mall's where Lion City Hotel and the old Hollywood Theatre (you'll find references to it in the food court) were once situated. Come here for your child's enrichment lessons, grocery shopping and a family meal. A free weekday lunch shuttle (11.30am-2.30pm) serves Ubi, Jalan Alifi and Paya Lebar MRT (every 35 minutes). Above the retail space, you'll find private residence Katong Regency.

PARATHAI (#02-23)

Admire the interior, adorned with art pieces by Bangkok's inspiring youth, while you wait for native Thai chef Meaw's authentic dishes. Tuck into an individual portion of stir-fried poultry with hot basil leaves, served with rice and a sunny-side up (\$11.90), or order spicy tom yum goong (\$7.90/19.90) and steamed seabass with lime (\$29.90) to share. *Mon-Fri 11am-10pm, Sat-Sun & PH 10.30am-10pm. Tel: 6702 2541*

PAPPARICH (#01-60/61/62) [مطبخ]

Pappa knows best. What better place for a Father's Day

celebration over signature dishes like the Super Rich Combo (\$16.90, nasi kuning with fried chicken drumstick, braised beef, sweet and spicy squid, potato, hard boiled egg, okra, papadum and sambal), curry laksa (\$9.90), and Hainan steamed bread with butter and kaya (\$3.90/2 slices). There are vegetarian options too. *Sun-Thu 10am-12am, Fri-Sat 10am-1am. Tel: 6702 7666*

PENYET TOWN (#01-65/66) [مطبخ]

Ooh, smashed fried chicken, we love you so. Especially when eaten together with a piquant, spicy chilli, fried tofu and tempeh (\$6). You'll also find goreng pisang with shredded cheese and chocolate rice here. *Daily 11am-10pm*

HAPPY WILLOW (#02-01/02)

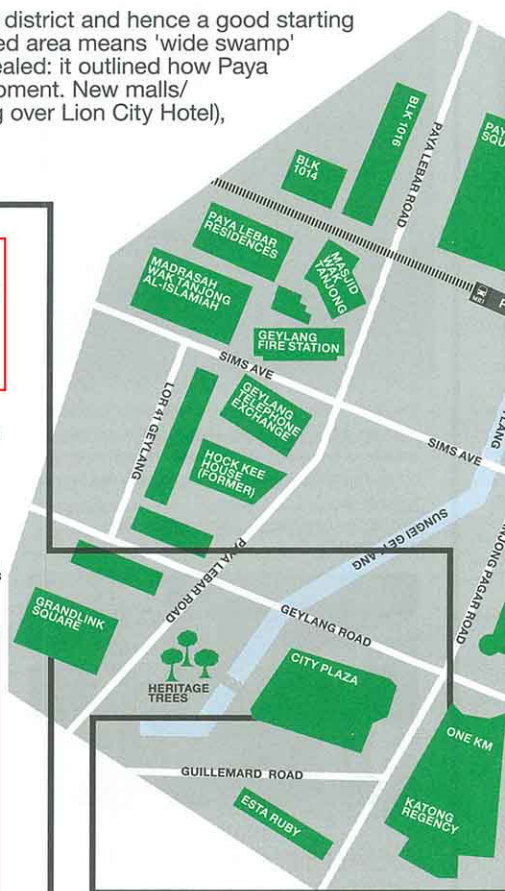
This indoor playground's decked out with slides, a wee flying fox, and a Doodle Spot (from \$10 for unlimited play time on weekdays for kids between nine months and two years of age). Sup at the Willow Cafe while keeping an eagle eye on your kids and enjoy the free Wi-Fi. Did we mention it's near the nursing room? *Daily 10.30am-9pm. Tel: 6341 6468*



PARATHAI



PAPPARICH



MASJID WAK TANJONG (25 PAYA LEBAR RD)

If you're in the area, drop by this humble mosque for Asar prayers and perhaps offer a small donation. Originally made of wood, its first rebuilding was in the 1930s with brick. In 1995, under conservation laws, the *wakaf's* facade and structure was again rebuilt and it re-opened in 1998. Nearby you'll also find adjoining school Madrasah Wak Tanjong Al Islamiah. *Daily 5am-9pm. Tel: 6747 2743*



GRAND LINK SQUARE (511 GUILLEMAND RD)

At this lesser-known mall cum condo near the Geylang Park Connector/Geylang River, you'll find some entertainment options like family karaoke and cyber-gaming, as well as foodie haunts.

LITTLE VIETNAM RESTAURANT AND CAFÉ (#01-25)

We visited on a quiet (and scorching) afternoon, but this place gets crowded on weekends (and is visited by celebs). Try the *bun mam*, or fermented thick vermicelli soup (from \$6), drip coffee (\$3) and *cha goi*, or fried rice paper rolls (from \$5). *Tue-Sun 4pm-1am. Tel: 6547 8587*

WITH LUV (#01-52) [مطبخ]

Chillax and dig into churros waffles with homemade salted caramel sauce (\$13.90) by #mrandmrs waffles Kader and Malikka. Flavours change weekly—when we visited they had Milo Mess, chocolate peanut butter and duo chocolate chips. Other unique creations include ondeh-ondeh waffles and wafflecakes (\$4.90/slice). *Sun-Mon & Wed-Thu 2-10pm, Fri-Sat 3pm-12am. Tel: 8161 9467*



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