

Run : 2116  
Date: 30 September 2017  
Hare: Mynne Tan  
Co-Hares: Lai Foo Weng + 2 strangers from Johor  
Location: Bukit Kinrara (actually, 'Hutan Simpan Air Hitam')  
Scribe: Neil – for Leslie Siow

Our expectations were certainly raised when the run directions included this narrative...

**SPECIAL MESSAGE:** Beautiful Virgin Jungle of Kinrara Hills , Bandar Kinrara for Hashers!

**PLEASE ALWAYS RUN & STAY ON PAPER TRAILS with PH3 Paper &/ Scrap Paper at all time! NO Short Cuts please as this is virgin jungle and new runsite! Thank You!**

2 Trails: Normal Trail: +/- 10km ;

Long Trail : +/- 15km

(For shorter trails - Recommend to go in on the out trail and then come back)

**Other Notes :** As Mid Autumn Mooncake Festival is approaching, let's look for the brightest full moon of the year (which falls on the following Wednesday (15th day of 8th Lunar Month)

**Pre-Enjoyment :** Let's bring along the colourful lanterns and the yummy mooncakes for this pre lantern mid autumn festival celebration and the following week's mid autumn Festival Run Celebration.

...and on arriving at the run site what did we see? No lanterns but instead, quite a few sketches of lanterns (were they?) posted on a concrete retaining wall. Nice try, Mynne!

After the usual admonitions from the GM, we set off through the construction site and turned south into the 'virgin' jungle. *I should say here that although the run site may be new, the jungle certainly isn't! It was much more widespread 20 years ago and more frequently used, although its popularity declined somewhat after several cases of Lyme Disease (a bacterial infection spread by ticks) were diagnosed in hashers who ran in that area during Interhash 98.* After a steady climb south west along a slippery single track we came to the first check, which was quickly broken forward. Continuing downhill in the same direction the second check was reached only 15 minutes into the run. This took a little longer to break – not helped by a very annoying habit developed by quite a number of members (who should know better) of calling 'checking' when they are still a considerable distance from the check! This check was off to the right, but was eventually broken in the same south west direction.

Reaching the bottom of the valley, we were then treated to a cool stroll through a stream, then out of it, then in again until just when we thought we were leaving it behind after a steady climb, a diversion took us back down to a beautiful waterfall. After this, we continued on to the 'split', where even quite a few of the hardened members capitulated and elected to avoid an extra 5km of somewhat difficult terrain.

Having to pass a verdict of the run at the On On, I was obliged to take the 'normal' run (well, that's my excuse). I was later pleased to have done so. Although I only walk nowadays, albeit quite fast, I found myself well to the front of the 'normal' pack. After what seemed an eternal climb, I reached the point at which the 'long' and 'normal' trails rejoined. This junction confused some, understandably so since the few who proceeded left, to the south east (on triangular paper!) soon saw rectangular paper stapled to trees. However, simple logic should have dictated that if the 'long' loop started off to the left, it would have to come back from the left. The confusion was not helped by the fact that there was

very little paper at the junction, and that the first piece of rectangular paper was found a good 10m off to the right. Fortunately I did have a supply of rectangular paper with me and was able to lay enough to depict the normal run clearly making a right turn. This simple logic applied to the long run is equally valid, long runners seeing the 'normal' trail leaving to the right should naturally expect it to rejoin from the right. Those of you who wasted precious drinking time wandering around in circles should remember this for future runs where trails split and then rejoin!

The remainder of the run was quite pleasant, some very beautiful trails and a good helping off-trail until, that is, we emerged at Rimba Residences and the final 2km on tarmac! That spoiled what would have been an excellent run.

Although the 'normal' run was billed as being  $\approx 10$ km, I measured only 7.8km. It did, however, take me almost 2hours – and I was one of the first few to return! Sen came in first on the normal run after 1hour 40mins, thereby avoiding the run being awarded a 'Toilet Seat'. Many, many came back in the dark. I am advised that the first runners in from the long trail were 5 young guests who came in shortly before me but that our regular 'long run' members came in much later. The last (David Jenkins) was eventually found and rescued at half past midnight. He must be commended though, for sitting tight – on paper – which enabled the search party to find him very quickly.

The On On was at the Yi Jia Restaurant, a new restaurant which I hope we never use again – the food was mediocre and they had to send out for beer after their minimal stock ran out rather quickly!

On Downs were brief, since it was necessary to return to the run site and organise a search party. The run was judged only an 'On Down' - a pity because if the 2km of metalled road could have been avoided, it might even have made a 'T-Shirt'....

