

CHAPTER 2: NAVIGATION, SAFETY & CONNECTIVITY

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“📄 **Quick Summary:** Most stages have physical directional signs and trailhead boards, but you must carry a digital GPS backup (like our official app or Wikiloc/AllTrails profiles).”

? Detailed Guidance

- **Infrastructure:** Physical signposts exist at key trail junctions, but they can occasionally be obscured by vegetation or altered by weather.
- **Digital Navigation:** Our official mobile app offers real-time GPS tracking and offline interactive maps with turn-by-turn navigation.

?? Critical Alerts & Requirements

- **Safety Warning:** Do not attempt to hike remote segments alone without downloading offline maps first. High-altitude valleys frequently suffer from complete mobile signal dropouts.
- **Off-Track Alerts:** Enable the off-track alerts feature in your hiking app to be immediately notified if you wander off the historical estate paths.

? Official Resources

- **Pekoe Trail App:** [Download for Offline Navigation](#)
- **Alternative Profiles:** Follow the trail on Wikiloc and AllTrails.

Emergency contacts and protocols on the trail

“📞 **Quick Summary:** In a medical or safety emergency, call the national emergency line at **1990**.

? Detailed Guidance

- **Local Village Support:** If lost or minorly injured, make your way to the closest tea plucker shelter or local village. Plantation communities are highly welcoming and can arrange local transport (such as a Tuk-Tuk).
- **Disaster Management Hotline:** If affected by extreme weather, immediately call **117** (Disaster Management Center).

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- **Solo Hiker Protocol:** Solo hikers are advised to carry **two mobile phones** (on different local networks, such as Dialog and Mobitel) and an external battery pack.