

Natural treks:

II. A hike along the Baiyang foot trail (time requirement: 4-5 h)

1. Taroko Visitor Center(Hwy. No. 8, 184.5 km) --- Baiyang waterfall Trail(Hwy. No. 8, 166.5 km)

Brief introduction to the trek: You can drive your car to the starting point of the trek (there is a parking lot at lower right hand side by the highway about 50 m ahead of the trailhead). Or you can take a bus ride (Hualien Bus Co.) get off at Tianxiang and walk along the Central Cross-Island Highway westward for about 700 m to arrive at the trailhead. En route, you can enjoy the sceneries of the gorge. In addition, you can also choose another trail (such as Shakadang, Lushui, Jiuqudong, Changchun Shrine Trails etc.) to make it a full day's trekking.

Brief introduction to the trail: Westward of Tianxiang for about 700 m, the entrance is at the left side. After passing through a 380 m entrance tunnel, hike along the Wahei'er River, then Taci Jili River, you can arrive at the Baiyang Falls. A further 300 m of hiking bring you to the end of the permitted trail, the opening of Shueilian Tunnel (Water Curtain Cave). The full length of the trail is 2.1 km with a to and fro trekking time of about 2 h. En route, you can enjoy seeing marble rock interleaving with schist, canyons, falls, creeks, and observing the flora ecology involving some pioneering species.