

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 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 (Ubus, or Hualien Bus Co., or Taroko 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- Tunnel of Nine Turns, 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 Tacih Jili River, you can arrive at the Baiyang Waterfalls. A further 300 m of hiking bring you to the end of the permitted trail, the opening of Shueilian Tunnel (Water Curtain). The full length of the trail is 2.1 km with a to and fro trekking time of about 2 hr. En route, you can enjoy seeing marble rock interleaving with schist, canyons, falls, creeks, and observing the flora ecology involving some pioneering species.