

Contact Numbers

Visitor Center & Service Stations

Taroko National Park HQ Visitor Center
03-8621100-6 ext 360-361, 811
Buluowan Service Station 03-8612528
Tianxiang Service Station 03-8691162
Lushui Geological Exhibition Hall 03-8691190
Mt. Hehuan Service Station 04-25991195
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Emergencies

Taroko National Park Headquarters 03-8621100
Recreation and Services Section 03-8621048
Ninth Division, The Seventh Special
Police Corps:
Police Taroko Division 03-8621405-6
Police Wenshan Branch 03-8691202
Police Mt. Hehuan Branch 04-25991191
Xincheng Precinct Hualien County-
Police Bureau 03-8611204
Fushi Police Station 03-8611344
Tianxiang Police Station 03-8691139
Mt. Hehuan Police Station 04-25991114
Hualien County Fire Department 03-8462119
Nantou County Fire Department 049-2225134
Taichung County Fire Bureau 04-2381119
Emergency telephone number if no cell-
phone signal 112

Transport

Hualien Train Station 03-8355941
Xincheng (Taroko) Train Station 03-8611237
Hualien Bus Co. Terminal 03-8323485
Taroko Bus Co. 0800-827-656
Fengyuan Bus Co. Fengyuan
Station 04-25234175-9
Hualien Airport 03-8210700

Road Conditions

Highway No. 8 (the Central Cross-Island Hwy.)
03-8610775 Taroko-Dayuling Section:
Luoshao Hwy. Maintenance Unit
04-25951224 Dayuling-Lishan Section:
Guguan Hwy. Maintenance Unit
Highway No. 14A-Wushe Branch Highway
03-8610775 Dayuling-Mt. Hehuan Section:
Luoshao Hwy. Maintenance Unit
049-2982066 Wushe-Mt. Hehuan Section:
Puli Hwy. Maintenance Unit
Liking Access Road (Wushe-Jiayang section):
Puli Hwy. Maintenance Unit
049-2802534 Nantou County Ren'ai
Township Hall
Highway No. 9 (Su-hua Hwy.)
Hualien Section: 03-8230570
Nan'ao Section: 03-9982161

Accommodations

Buluowan:

Taroko Village Hotel- Buluowan 03-8610111

Tianxiang:

Silks Place Taroko Hotel 03-8691155

Tianxiang Youth Activity Center (Hostel) 03-8691111-4

Guanyuan:

Guanyuan Youth Hostel 04-25991173

Mt. Hehuan:

Songxue Lodge 04-25229696 (booking)

On-site 04-2802980

Park trails

No.	Name	Zone	Start-finish	Time required	Grade	Special features	Things to note
1	Chongde Tunnel North Opening Trail 0.233km/one way	Suhua Recreation Area	Chongde Tunnel North Opening Parking to Observation Platform (next to lavatory)	15 minutes/one way * Please return via the same route.	Scenic type	• Views of pioneer plants, Qingshui Cliffs, fixed fishing nets and a pebble beach	• Some parts of the trail can be slippery so please take care. • It passes through a wild area in which poisonous snakes and hornets can be encountered so please take care.
2	Taroko Terrace Trail 1.007km	Taroko Terrace	Northern section: large car park - Park HQ administration center Southern section: The meadow to the west of the visitor center -Police Taroko Division	30 minutes/one way	Scenic type	• The trail goes three quarters of the way around Taroko Terrace • The mouth of the Liwu River can be seen in the distance and macaques and other wild animals may be seen	• This trail passes through a wild area and it has a large variety of fauna and flora. Please take care.
3	Dekalun Trail 1.3km/one way	Taroko Terrace, Taroko Recreation Area	Next to the large car park on the west side of the northern section of the terrace	1.5 hours/one way * Please return via the same route.	Hiking type	• The trail passes through dense forest for animals almost its entire length and has birds of various kinds in abundance	• There is a 300m difference in elevation along the trail. This trail is quite physically challenging and requires a reasonable fitness level.
4	Xiaozhuliu Trail 600m/one way	Taroko Recreation Area	East Shakadang Tunnel Ventilation- Shakadang Trailhead	20 minutes/one way	Scenic type	• Trail planks along the Liwu River	• The trail has a lot of planks and stairs. This area is susceptible to rockfalls. Please watch out slippery steps and be careful.
5	Shakadang Trail 4.1km/one way	Taroko Recreation Area	Shakadang- 3D Cabin (Sanjianwu)	4-6 hours A round trip leisurely walk	Scenic type	• It has the beauty of rocks and water, wild animals and Ficus-Machilus forest ecology. • The platforms along the trail were built using eco-engineering techniques	• The Shakadang River's flow is both fast and unpredictable. Swimming is prohibited. • Watch out for falling rocks and for farm vehicles.
6	Eternal Spring Shrine (Changchun) Trail 2.03km	Taroko Recreation Area	Changuang Temple- Changchun Bridge	1 hour/one way (a loop) * Please return via the same route.	Hiking type	• The trail winds along the cliff face, a beautiful scene unfolding before you • The ground rock is unstable in this area and it is susceptible to rock falls so please stay alert	• The stairs are steep and slippery so please be careful.
7	Buluowan- Swallow Grotto (Yanzikou) 0.6km	Buluowan Recreation Area	Buluowan- 178.7km of the Central Cross-Island Highway	20 minutes/one way	Scenic type	• The forest along the trail is verdant, giving you a short forest bath	• The trail is quite steep and has a difference in elevation of 120m. • Walk west along the highway 500m to connect the Swallow Grotto trail
8	Buluowan Upper Terrace Trail 0.4km	Buluowan Recreation Area	Leader Village Buluowan Hotel Service Center- Passing through it to the bamboo groves	15 minutes/one way (a loop)	Scenic type	• Bamboo groves, trees twined around rocks and sub-tropical low elevation broad leaved forest can be seen	• The trail is flat and can be slippery. Please take care.
9	Buluowan Lower Terrace- Meander Core Trail 0.295m	Buluowan Recreation Area	Lower Terrace of Buluowan Service Station	15 minutes/one way (a loop)	Scenic type	• Views of the meander core, sub-tropical low elevation broad leaved forest, the gorge and a bird's eye view of Xipan Dam	• The trail is flat and can be slippery. Please take care.
10	Swallow Grotto (Yanzikou) Trail 1.372 km	Buluowan Recreation Area	East Trailhead of Swallow Grotto-West	50 minutes/one way	Scenic type	• Features: Marble gorge, pot holes, and geology	• This area is susceptible to rock falls after earthquakes or heavy rains. Please be careful. Wearing a hard hat is advised.
11	Tunnel of Nine Turns (Jiuqudong) Trail 700m	Buluowan Recreation Area	West trailhead of Jiuqudong Tunnel- 700m	30 minutes/one way * Please return via the same route.	Scenic type	• Marble gorge, gold road	• This area is susceptible to rock falls after earthquakes or heavy rains. Please be careful. Wearing a hard hat is advised.
12	Lüshui Trail 1.97km	Tianxiang Recreation Area	Taroko N.P. Mountaineering School - Heliu * The trail can be connected to the Central Cross-Island Highway.	1 hour/one way (a loop)	Scenic type	• The trail used to be part of the Old Cross-Hehuan Mountain Road. • It has a large number of rock plants of different kinds, camphor forests, a suspension bridge and running water and cliffs	• This trail passes through a wild area and it has a large variety of fauna and flora. Please take care. • There is a 25m long tunnel in the middle of the trail. Please pass through slowly holding onto the wall. A flashlight is recommended.
13	Baiyang Trail 2.1 km	Tianxiang Recreation Area	Entrance to the left side of rock shelter tunnel, 800m west of Tianxiang- Baiyang waterfall	40 minutes/one way * Please return via the same route.	Scenic type	• The rock strata are exposed, the "water and rock" creating a beautiful waterfall scene • The retaining walls on the trail were built using eco-engineering techniques	• At present the trail is open only up to the entrance of the water curtain (Shuiliantong) • Some parts of the trail are susceptible to rock falls. Please be careful. • A flashlight and rain gear are recommended when walking this trail. Don't leave the rain gear on the trail.
14	Huoran Pavilion Trail 500m	Tianxiang Recreation Area	Huoran Pavilion- 500m	30 minutes/one way * Please return via the same route.	Hiking type	• Rock plants, Fagaceae (beech) family trees and parasitic plants can be seen	• Because of serious foundation collapse only a 500m stretch of the trail down from Huoran Pavilion is open.
15	Lüshui Wenshan Trail 5.5km	Tianxiang Recreation Area	Wenshan - Lüshui	4- 5 hours/one way	Mountaineering type	• Remains of Taroko villages and police outposts of the Japanese era, many passages through deep forest, and limestone-cliff ecosystems. Part of the trail follows the ridge line, giving distant views of Lüshui and Tianxiang.	• Wild animals may be encountered on this path. Keep your distance and proceed with caution. The path is relatively long and steep in parts. Please be aware of your personal physical condition.

Note: The information in this table is only for reference. The actual trail conditions will be announced on the park website. For your safety, please wear a hard hat while hiking trails in Taroko gorges.

Travel Safety

- Check the weather forecast and road conditions, your vehicle and equipment before you set off, and inform a relative or friend of your route.
- The park is a wild area and is potentially dangerous. Please be careful when engaging in recreation or research activities.
- The Central Cross-Island Highway and the trails along it are susceptible to rock falls for one week after heavy rain or earthquakes. Please stay away or take extra care during this time.
- Small rock falls are often followed by bigger events. Please stay alert and leave the area quickly if you encounter a rock fall, and also warn others.
- If you encounter or hear a rock fall and cannot leave the area immediately, press yourself against the rock wall and protect your head with your hands.
- Rock falls on the park trails cannot be predicted. Visitors should stay alert to the danger at all times. Do not loiter on the trails.
- In summer and autumn poisonous snakes and hornets are frequently seen and extra care should be taken when they are encountered.
- The Central Cross-Island Highway climbs from low to high elevation and weather changes can be substantial in a short time. Visitors heading for medium/high elevation areas should bring warm clothes. Also, the Xinbaiyang to Guanyuan section is often affected by heavy fog and extra care should be taken here.
- In areas over 2,500m elevation the reduced amount of oxygen and lower air pressure can cause breathing to become more rapid, heart rate to increase or become irregular, shortage of breath, fatigue and nausea. There are all symptoms of altitude sickness. If you feel unwell you should immediately go to a lower elevation and, if you still feel unwell, quickly seek medical assistance.
- Fasten your seat belt when you drive and obey the speed limit. Fog is common in the mountains so use your headlights. At dawn and dusk beware of animals crossing the road. Cyclists should wear a helmet and have warning lights.
- Only cook in designated areas and keep a close watch on the fire. After use, make sure the fire is fully extinguished. A single spark can cause a forest fire. Be careful with all fire sources.
- For your own safety, when going into the mountains on either side of the Central Cross-Island Highway, a map and food should be carried. For the protection of ecologically sensitive areas, entry into ecological protection areas requires a park entry permit. For more information, contact the park's Recreation & Services Section on 03-8621100 ext 604, 03-8621576.
- Entry to Zhuliu Old Road requires a 'park entry permit'. Additionally, an entrance ticket must be purchased prior to entry. Much of the trail is rugged with potential dangers from rockfalls. If physically unfit, afraid of heights, pregnant or suffering from heart disease, please do not attempt the hike. Do not disturb wild animals. The weather in the mountains is very unpredictable. Wind and fog are common in the afternoon. Evaluate your physical conditions before entering and be sure to bring plenty of food and water. Be careful and stay warm. Please bring the following documents: 1. Park entry permit 2. Zhuliu Old Road Agreement Form 3. Tickets.
- Please pay attention to your safety and that of fellow travelers at all times. Please wear a hard hat and other protective gear on the park trails. Hard hats can be borrowed free of charge. Information about helmet check-in/out locations can be found on our website.
- Please keep the environment clean, obey the National Park Law and do not engage in prohibited activities.

Transport

Driving:

Taroko National Park can be reached using Freeway No. 3, Freeway No. 5 and then connecting to the Su-Hua Highway (Highway No. 9) from north Taiwan, the Central Cross-Island Highway (Highway No. 8) from east Taiwan and the Wushe branch (Highway No. 14A) from west Taiwan.

Public transport:

Take a plane or train to Hualien or train to Xincheng (Taroko), then take a bus to the park.

Prohibited Activities in Taroko National Park

- Display, sale, transportation and storage of protected animals, plants and minerals from hunting and collection, or specimens or products made from these are prohibited.
- Carrying hunting rifles, ropes, nets, traps, cages, electric batteries, poison or other hunting equipment to capture, kill, harm or poison wild animals within the Park is prohibited.
- The setting of a booth, peddling around or engaging in an exhibition or performance is prohibited.
- Land filling, land preparation or dumping of earth or gravel is prohibited.
- The placement of religious facilities, graves, posting advertisement, mobile advertisements, placing or hanging road signs and banners or other facilities obstructing the scenery is prohibited.
- Unapproved loud noises, campfires, cooking, barbecues, grass sliding, swimming, river tracing, rock climbing, camping, tents, broadcasts or the usage of buzzers, the operations of controlled machinery (cables), etc., in non-designated areas are prohibited.
- The disposal of PET bottles, styrofoam, plastic products, metal products, food waste and other items of waste difficult to naturally decompose in non-designated areas is prohibited.
- The ignition or burning of firecrackers, fireworks, joss paper or other items endangering public safety is prohibited.
- Parking a vehicle which impacts traffic is prohibited.
- Any damage to public property and facilities is prohibited.
- The abandonment or release of animals, or feeding wild animals is prohibited.
- Entrance to the forbidden areas with prohibition signs, or to the Zhuliu Old Road without a permit approval is prohibited.
- Bringing pets into the Ecological Protection Area, Archeological Protection Area, and Special Scenic Area (excluding along the roadside) is prohibited.
- Altering the approved route, schedule, or campsite when accessing the Ecological Protection Area is prohibited. This does not apply in emergency situations.
- Entering closed trails, or wandering off the existing paths is prohibited.
- Setting up memorial monuments, plates, or other memorial facilities without approval is prohibited.