

Walk the Sustainable Walk with NCCU

楓香步道

Map of Fengxiang Hiking Trail

How to reach the trail

MRT

Taipei Zoo Station on the MRT (Wenhu) Brown Line. After alighting, change to any bus going to NCCU.

BUS

National Chengchi University 1 Bus Stop

66, Roosevelt Line, 236, 237, 282, 530, 611, 676, Brown 6, Brown 15, Brown 18 and Green 1

Xinguang Rd. Intersection Bus Stop

66, Roosevelt Line, 236, 282, 295, 530, 611, 676, 679, 1501, 1503, S10, Brown 3, Brown 5, Brown 6, Brown 11, Green 1

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Fengxiang Hiking Trail

Total length: The total length of the trail is about 2.2km and takes roughly 35 minutes by foot.

Trail information: The trail includes a slight incline, but overall the trail is suitable for all ages.

Trail surface: Wooden boardwalks, paved roads, gentle slopes and steep steps.

Trail Difficulty: Medium—High

Only the Xing Jian Trail section is steep and a higher level of fitness is recommended. Thus, young children, the elderly, or those who are physically unfit should avoid this section. Due to slippery conditions on rainy days in some sections, extra caution is advised.

Scenic Spots

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Main Gate

This impressive monument next to the main gate is often a landmark for students to gather and meet; many fresh graduates take group photos here during graduation season.

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Ba Jiao Pavilion

The Ba Jiao Pavilion is located opposite to the Fong Yu Building, with ochre stone poles and white columns, making for a simple architectural style.

3

Du Xian Bridge

Du Xian Bridge was completed in May 1979. The area once served as the entrance to the mountain for Han Chinese settlers during the Qing Dynasty, and as the main pier for boats to and from the mountain. The bridge now serves as the main link between the uphill and downhill campuses.

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Mountain Circle 1

During autumn season, the leaves of the fragrant maple are in their full splendor, hence earning the name Feng (maple) Xiang (fragrant) Hiking Trail.

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Fong Yu Corridor

The Fong Yu Corridor is located at the footpath linking the uphill and the downhill campus and provides shelter to students from the wind and rain, hence its name.

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Maple Boardwalk

Built in 2007 with generous donations from alumni, it is also known as the Maple Hiking Trail.

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Spirit Fort

Located in the plaza in front of the Bai Nian Building, it commemorates the alumni of NCCU who died in the Battle of Chuanxi in 1949 and honors their courageous spirit.

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Xing Jian Trail

Built in 1986, it is a steep 398-step trail from the north-east side of the Bai Nian Building to the Dawn Pavilion on the Mountain Ring Road.

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Dawn Pavilion

The pavilion can be accessed through the Xing Jian hiking trail on the way up to the Zhangshan Temple and used as a rest area when hiking up or downhill.

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Art & Culture Center

An eight-story building built in 1989, hosting various exhibitions every semester. It has an artist-in-residence program during the school's annual anniversary period.

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Waterfront Elevator

The Waterfront Elevator was inaugurated in 2012 and is located on the left bank of the Jing Mei Creek.

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Chiang Kai-shek Statue

On the 60th anniversary of the founding of NCCU, the "Statue of Chiang Kai-shek on Horseback" was commissioned at the back of the campus. It has been one of the long-standing campus legends that the horse which President Chiang is riding will change the position of its legs at night.

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Zi Qiang Dormitory

Dormitory area, mainly for freshmen. There is a Hi-Life convenience store here for mid-hike refreshments. Check Google for opening hours.

14 Night view of Taipei Basin

A splendid night view of the Muzha sector of Taipei can be enjoyed from the viewing deck next to the Art & Culture Center.

Flora

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Fragrant Maple

The leaves of the Fragrant Maple, also known as the Formosan Sweet Gum, are similar to that of maple leaves, hence its name. It is a subtropical plant native to Taiwan.

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Zui Meng Ponds

Zui Meng Ponds consists of two ponds, the smaller one is a swampy wetland with rich biodiversity.

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Fireflies

The firefly season starts in March every year when fireflies are mating and breeding, and the shores of Zui Meng Ponds are lit up with fireflies, making it a famous firefly viewing spot. When visiting, remember to wrap red cellophane around your lighting (avoid LEDs), keep quiet, and be careful of snakes and stray dogs.

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Paper mulberry

Paper mulberry trees are common native trees found throughout the campus. The fruit is sweet and juicy, and is a favorite plant of birds, bees, and flies.

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Formosa Acacia

The Formosa Acacia blooms in May and June with small golden globular heads that fill the branches when in full bloom.

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Wingleaf soapberry

The Wingleaf soapberry is non-edible but contains rich amounts of saponin. They produce foam when rubbed with water and can be used for laundry; they can be found at the stairs of Xing Jian Trail near the Dawn Pavilion; the flowering period is from June to August.

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Mo-oil Tree

From early spring to March-May in summer, the pink and white petals of the tree are spread all over the mountain paths, commonly known as "May snow".

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Yunnan Bletilla

Also known locally as Yushan Orchid, the Yunnan Bletilla is a Taiwan native orchid that usually grows on sunny rocks with purple or nearly white petals and blooms from March to June.

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Dark Cerulean (Jamides bochus)

The male butterfly is blueish-purple with shiny wings, which looks like a brilliant sapphire when in flight. However, when at rest, the dark brown side of the wings is instead visible.

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