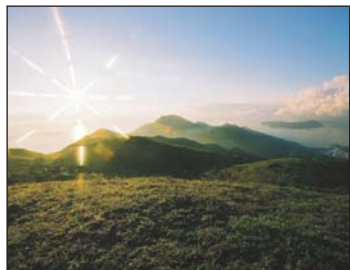


HIKING SPOTS

Wutong Mountain 梧桐山

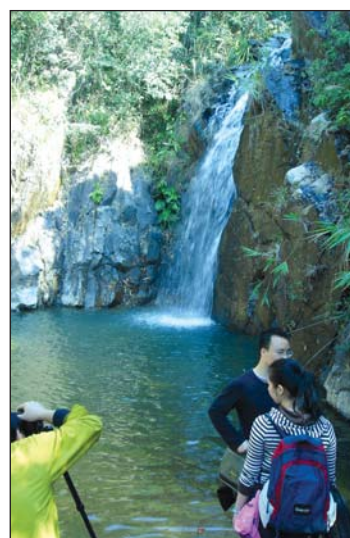


Wutongshan has several hiking routes to choose from. If your Chinese skills aren't good enough to translate the route map, you can simply do what most people do — follow the central route. This route will take you by a number of small waterfalls and streams. There are also some beautiful forests along the way. The forests have their own individual charms, which make the hike even more interesting and varied. For adventurers interested in this route, there is plenty to explore, but be cautious and get a map from the front gate, as it is easy to get lost. Maps are usually free.

Address: East side of Shenzhen, stretching over Luohu, Yantian and Longgang districts

Transportation: Take bus No 201 from Luohu to Wutongshan bus stop, which is about a 30 minutes' bus ride from the city. You will eventually end up in a small village. The signs to the entrance are obvious and you usually see other hikers walking toward the entrance. There is convenient parking at the bottom, which should only cost around 10 yuan.

Maluan Mountain 马峦山



Muluanshan is one of Shenzhen's least known but best hiking mountains. The streams seem clean and pure. The forests are lush and filled with flowers. Maluanshan also contains one of the area's largest waterfalls — a cascade that is about 16 meters high. There are also some smaller falls. There are even some decent rock-climbing spots on the cliffs adjacent to the waterfalls. (But only attempt these if you are a professional climber!) Most people usually start the trek at Diecuihu Reservoir, 15 minutes from Xiaomeisha beach, and end at Dameisha beach. The summit can be reached from most of the routes. Maluanshan has many trails, and it may be easy to get lost, so it is best to go with a guide or group your first time.

Address: Maluan village, Pingshan Street, Longgang district, 50 km north of Shenzhen downtown area



EDITOR'S PICK >> THREE GREAT HIKING SPOTS IN SHENZHEN

One of the great things about living in Shenzhen is the variety of beautiful hiking spots. Whether you choose the quick and convenient hike at Big Nanshan Mountain, the lush forests of Wutong Mountain or the breathtaking waterfalls and natural scenery of Maluan Mountain, embarking on a picturesque expedition in Shenzhen should be top priority for any nature enthusiast.

Big Nanshan 大南山

Big Nanshan offers a popular hike in Shenzhen. It is on Nantou Island in Nanshan district. The mountain is 336 meters high and is surrounded by Shekou's industrial area. The climbing is not tough. It takes about an hour and a half to reach the top. The path is well paved and has dense tropical vegetation. There are some great views of the surrounding area.

Address: On Nantou Island, Nanshan district, southwest of Nantou Dadao, Shenzhen
Transportation: Starts from the road along Minghua Hotel at Shekou, near Guishan Villa. You can take buses 113, 204, 105, 217, 226, 332, 22, 229, 231, 232, 233, 31 or 331 and get off at SeaWorld bus stop.



RESTAURANTS

Shanghai Punjabi Indian Cuisine
上海本杰比印度餐厅

This restaurant offers a cuisine that is very different from the others. Cooking in Punjabi is all about tradition, aromas and spices. It is full of exoticism, from the decorations to the food. The cuisine at Punjabi offers gastronomic opportunities to those willing to experience the cuisine of India. Most of the chefs and waitresses are from India.

Hours: 11 am-3 pm, 5 pm-11 pm

Address: 1006, Hubei Road, Luohu district, Shenzhen

Tel: (755) 8219 1404

HOTELS

Days Inn, Shenzhen

深圳戴斯酒店

Days Inn, Shenzhen is located in the city's famous commercial hub — Dongmen Pedestrian Street, just next to the Laojie subway station. The Luohu Port connected to Hong Kong is also within walking distance. It opened in 2006, as the 1,868th Days Inn worldwide under the Wyndham Hotel Group. There are 186 guestrooms. All the spacious rooms are equipped with modern and luxurious facilities — smart-entry systems; international call access; free Internet access; satellite televisions; mini bars; safes and modern furniture. The hotel mainly offers Southeast Asian cuisine in its Western restaurant and various 24-hour buffets. With a modern multifunctional hall equipped with advanced audio-visual facilities, the hotel also provides professional services for banquets and meetings.

Address: No 57, Yongxin Street, Jiefang Road, Luohu district, Shenzhen

Accepted payment: MasterCard, Visa, Chinese yuan



Grand Holiday Hotel Shenzhen

深圳格兰德假日酒店

Grand Holiday Hotel is located in the financial center and shopping center of Futian district in Shenzhen. It takes only five minutes' drive to Lok Ma Chau Checkpoint, Huanggang Port and Hi-Tech Fair Exhibition Center. It's 10 minutes to the Luohu Port and 25 minutes to the Shenzhen International Airport. The hotel offers 289 rooms, including 48 luxury suites. All rooms have broadband Internet access, mini bars, international direct-dial telephones, mini safes, separate bathrooms, individually controlled air-conditioning, hair-dryers and satellite TV. The hotel also offers a fitness center and business center.

Address: Block B, United Plaza, 5022 Binhe Road, Futian district

Accepted payment: MasterCard, Visa, Chinese yuan

