

Report on HKNHS Night Hike Saturday 11 March 2017 Around Mount Cameron

A total of nine members met in the Coombe Road children's playground to commence the second part of the night hike. Before that, four hardy souls had braved the climb up from the Hopewell Centre along Wan Chai Gap Road. The weather was clear as the rain earlier in the day had cleared up.

The group walked up the gentle slope of Middle Gap Road being amazed by the huge mansions of the (extremely) rich before switching on torches to continue on the paths around Mount Cameron. After admiring the view down to Aberdeen and Ocean Park, the path became more rugged and rustling in the bushes on the left could be heard. Then along came a party of three adult porcupines. All members were able to see these amazing animals progressing along a ledge and then disappearing into deeper bushes.

The path continued to meet Black's Link where there had been several reports of porcupines in recent weeks, but sadly no more were around. However, the slower walkers at the back of the group were lucky to see what may have been a civet cat down in trees to the right. Unfortunately it did not show up too well in the photos – only two eyes shining out from the gloom were well defined!

At the end of Black's Link, we took the bus down to Wanchai and six members enjoyed a designer burger and a pint of German beer at Slim's to round off a very pleasant evening.

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