

Hong Kong Natural History Society
November 2008 – Plover Cove Country Park – Outing Report

Our hiking season has begun again and this time we have decided to kick off with route of moderate level starting from the Wu Kau Tang Country Trail to Luk Keng. We had a really good response with 28 members setting off on a fine, mild sunny day.

The first half hour was a rather steep ascent towards the observation deck at the peak near A Ma Wat. We took a long break here. Here is a very good point where people can admire a view surrounded by mountains while waiting for the rest of the group who needed to take more breaks during the ascent. While catching the glimpse of Shenzhen (Yim Tin Kong) on one end, people at the further point see this very picturesque view of the reservoir and Yan Chau Tong Marine Park.



After the break, we then move towards the direction of Fan Shui Au and took the stoney steps down to Kuk Po Lo Wai Village. The descent did put a bit of pressure on our knees but it was not too strenuous. After arriving this semi-deserted village, many members took great interests in strolling along the small paths and alley ways, taking pictures and enjoying the scenes of these old tile-roof village houses which has peacefully survived in this field of nature setting. Rarely in Hong Kong do we have the chance in the space to see this vast view of willows. We then arrived the small pier to have our lunch break for about an hour.

After lunch by the seaside, we then walked along the shore of Sha Tau Kok Bay for about 3.5 Km with a lot of oyster shells along both sides of the trail. All along we could see mangroves and occasionally White Egrets standing in the distance on small islands or gliding along the water. Most of



us finished the hike well on time with about half an hour chatting away with our beer before the coach came to pick us up at 4:00 pm and the group was dismissed in Central at 5:00 pm.



Most members said they enjoyed a lot on this hike!! BRAVO