

### HKNHS May 2009 Outing Report - Boat trip to High Island

It was a perfect day for a junk! Once we got on board, many members immediately went to the upper deck to enjoy the summer breeze and glorious sunshine. Mr. Ng the boatman suspected that there would be rapid currents at Pak Lap and suggested for us to swim at Ma Tau Wan near Nam Fung Chau, which is in the same area and more sheltered.

The boat let us off at a jetty pier right next to the Tin Hau Temple. One group decided to stick to the plan of walking to Pak Lap and another group decided to walk around Tung A. The rest decided to walk to the beach at Ma Tau Wan, which was marked with a clear route of a trail on the map. Some parts of the trail were overgrown, and we had to turn around just about 20 metres away from the beach. The bay sounded like Mongkok with more than ten boats anchored there and we could not reach it on foot due to a sharp cliff edge. However, we thought it was worth going because along the trail we could see the spectacular sight of a wonderful jade green bay from the top of the cliff. At last, we headed back to a small beach just behind the restaurant for a dip after an hour's bush-walking.



All the members gathered at about 2 o'clock and enjoyed the sea-food lunch. We were seated at two tables, and everything was going well until Jacqui and her table took all our fried squid! It wasn't until I checked the bill that I realised we had ordered 15 bottles of beer!!

Everybody returned to the pier where the boat came to pick us up at 4 o'clock, and we didn't get back to Central until after 6. We all had a great day 😊

Just hope Monique will join us again next time after dragging her through the bushes! :P

Ming & Chung Chan