

Hong Kong Natural History Society

March 2010 Report on Outing to Plover Cove Country Park - Wu Kau Tang



It was a sunny day, a bit hot though, 14 members and guests joined in the hike beginning from the Bride's Pool Nature Trail at about 10:45am. We soon followed the winding village paths and took the higher trail to Sam Ah Tsuen. Along the path, we found the rarer species of wild grown red Azalia really intriguing. We stopped over at a

deserted stone cottage for our first coffee break. With the gentle elevation along the trail, we could see from a distance some very scenic spots of Yan Chau Tong Marine Park. After about 2 hours, we arrived at Lai Chi Wo. We took our lunch break on some pink rocks and shady areas along the side of the track just before we entered the village. We took a long break with the sea breeze under mild sun ray; it was just perfect to have a nap after lunch.



We then strolled on to see the board walk areas which was for the time closed for renovation. We found the twisted structure of the trees getting stranger every year!! Then, we were just in time to see a bit of the quiet peaceful village before the flock of tourists swamped in.

Members here took some time to explore the village with the small houses, the temple and the abandoned primary school. Passing by a big tree hung with hundreds of red lanterns for festive occasions, the group actually visited a newly opened Geoheritage Centre. The Centre aims to raise the public awareness of geoconservation through beautiful scenery with the various geological features and the traditions of the old Hakka village in the region.



After a visit to the centre, the group made a more demanding ascent towards A Ma Wat slowly and steadily through luxurious trees and bushes. When we nearly arrived at the finishing point, the weather suddenly turned grey and cloudy (it was until we came back to find out that it was the time of

the arrival of the sand-dust storm blowing all the way from Mongolia), more windy and much cooler just before we arrived at Sam Ka Tsuen where the coach picked us up at 4:45 pm. The group dismissed in Central an hour later.

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