

Natural Hong Kong

Country Parks

Even though Hong Kong is a busy metropolis, about three quarters of the land is countryside. This area has very beautiful scenery.

Hong Kong has twenty-four country parks! We can learn about nature conservation here. This includes how to take care of our natural environment and also the habitats of animals. We can also enjoy outdoor education activities such as guided walks, or we can just have fun hiking, barbecuing or camping in a tent!

But we must remember to protect our natural environment and wildlife by keeping the parks clean!



Outlying Islands

There are 263 outlying islands in Hong Kong! We can easily access the biggest ones by ferry.

The most well-known islands include Cheung Chau, Peng Chau and Lamma Island. The Big Buddha and the Tai O traditional fishing village on Lantau Island are both popular with tourists.

While visiting the islands, make sure to enjoy their beautiful hiking trails. These have incredible city and ocean views!



There are 24 country parks, 4 marine parks and 22 special areas that are all dedicated to conservation, leisure and education in Hong Kong. These are all special sites; search online to find some interesting ones. Here are details of two country parks to get you started:

- The peak in Kam Shan Country Park is also known as Monkey Mountain because of the many cheeky creatures who live there.
- Tai Mo Shan has the highest peak in Hong Kong. Its country park is well known for its panoramic view of the New Territories.

The History and Culture Show



Professor Lam

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Interviewer: Hello, Professor Lam! Thank you for joining us again on The History and Culture Show. What are this week's recommendations? How can our viewers enjoy Hong Kong's cultural history and heritage?

Professor Lam: You could start at Tai Fu Tai Mansion, near Lok Ma Chau, which was built during the Qing dynasty. It is an excellent example of a beautifully decorated historical building in Hong Kong.

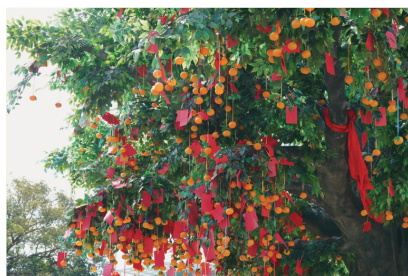
Interviewer: Wow! What are some other places?

Professor Lam: The Man Mo Temple in Sheung Wan is one of Hong Kong's most beautiful temples. It is popular with students who want to do well in their exams!

Interviewer: That sounds interesting! Do you have any other suggestions for us?

Professor Lam: Why not visit Lam Tsuen, a village that's over 700 years old! It's tradition to throw joss paper into the two 'wishing trees' there and make wishes during festivals. It's especially popular during Chinese New Year!

Interviewer: Thank you so much, professor! It's been a pleasure learning about Hong Kong's cultural history and heritage again. I'm sure our viewers will agree.



Professor Lam suggests that viewers visit the Lam Tsuen wishing trees. Many people believe that the higher the joss paper hangs on the tree, the more likely it is for the wish to come true. Visit the Lam Tsuen wishing tree and try your luck!