

History of forest railroad

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Information

Nostalgic memories along the line

After the Luodong Forest Railroad was shut down in 1979, it was

handed over to the Sanshing Township Office to be developed into

public roads. Now, visitors can travel along the old railroad line by car

or bicycle and stop at various stations. Besides taking in the

flourishing forest railroad over its half century of existence.

Jhulin 3.04 km Waizaiwai 3.9 km Dajhou 4.3 km

Erwanwu 4.5 km, Sanshing 3.5 km, Tiensongpi 7.6 km,

Cingshuei 3.2 km, Nioudou 11km, Jhoushuei 7.26 km, Tuchang

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picturesque sceneries along the way, they can also reminisce about the

Tiensongpi - Tuchang

In 1921, in order to facilitate power generation development, "Taiwan Electric Power Company" funded the construction of this railroad line.

7 Cingshuei station = 1921 -1979

Renamed as Cingshueihu Station, the local residents consist of mostly Taipower employees and lumberjacks working in the Taipingshan. When lumbering operations drew to an end in 1979 and after the power plant became fully automated in 2000, there was an exodus of local residents, and the station was

Niudou, Taiya 1st Rd., Sanshing Township (Cingshueihu bus stop)

hydro power station Yuanshan unit

Yuanshan unit is a ROR hydroelectric power plant that uses water from the Lanyang River to generate electricity. Inaugurated in December 1970, it became fully automated in 2000, control is done remotely via the Tienpei Hydropower Plant Control Room.



8 Nioudou station =

Located on the pass between Syue Mountain and the Central Mountain Range, the area is given the name of Nioudou because it resembles two bulls locking horns. A check point has been established at the station; due to the long stopping duration of the train, many vendors often gather here peddling their merchandise in bamboo baskets.

Nioudou, Taiya 1st Rd., Sanshing Township (Next to Old Camphor tree)

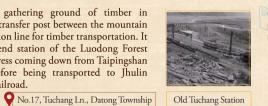
9 Ihoushuei station = = 1921 ~1979

Located in Jhoushuei Village, Datong Village, it was subsequently renamed "Leshui". At the time, Jhoushuei became a thriving village thanks to the station, offering facilities such as shrines, clinics and schools. In addition, lumberjacks from all over the area also congregated here, in turn diversifying the population. After the forest railroad was shut down, and the administration center was relocated and the station fell into disuse.

No.230, Leshui Rd., Datong Township

10 Tuchang station = = 1921 ~ 1979

Tuchang means the gathering ground of timber in Chinese, and it is the transfer post between the mountain line and the low elevation line for timber transportation. It is also the start and end station of the Luodong Forest Railroad; Chinese cypress coming down from Taipingshan are gathered here before being transported to Jhulin Station by the forest railroad.













Start point of Forest Railroad

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and Dulihshan

Tuchang Station









Paigu River

Hot Spring





Old Camphor tree

Located near Jhoushuei River, it was formerly known as Jhoushuei Village. After the opening of Luodong Forest Railroad and the establishment of the administration center, Fujianese and Hakka communities moved in the village in succession, in turn fostering flourishing development of the region. After the typhoon disaster and ceasing of lumbering operations, transportation became extremely inconvenient, coupled with a weakening industry and the relocation of the administration center, Leshui gradually declined and became the "Forgotten Village".

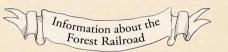


Mountain check point

Luodong Forest Railroad is an important historical infrastructure for forestry development in Yilan and the lives of local residents. Due to terrain considerations, the railroad is divided into the mountain line and the low elevation line. The latter is also known as "Luodong Forest Railroad".

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The railroad passes through the Lanyang Plain; with a gauge of 762 mm, the cars are relatively narrower and the locomotive only offers roughly half the power of conventional locomotives, thus they are also called "half-size cars". With the popularization of public roads in recent years, coupled with damage to the bridge foundation caused by typhoons, the railroad was shut down in



- Year of construction: Full line was inaugurated on January 27, 1924
- Length: 36.95 km
- Operation: 8 trains for transporting timber, 6 trains for sugarcanes and 2 trains for cargo and passengers during the early years.
- Station: 10 stations from Tuchang to Jhulin
- Bridge: 77 Chinese cypress bridges
- Tunnel: 7 open excavation tunnels
- Year of shut down: Full line was shut down on August 1, 1979

Ihulin - Waizaiwai

At the time, the Luodong Town Mayor Chun-ching Chen contributed significantly to facilitate the construction of this Jifu Line (meaning complimentary line in Japanese). Completed in 1924, the railroad fostered decades of prosperity

Situated inside the "Luodong Forestry Culture Park", this is the start and end station of the Luodong Forest Railroad. All historical facilities have been comprehensively preserved, including railroad, locomotive, washing facility, log pond, unloading platform and employee dormitory.

Hongcheng N. Rd., Luodong (Luodong Forestry Culture Park)

2 Waizaiwai station =

As the dividing point of timber and sugarcane transportation, the station was demolished in 1945. It has been converted into farmland and the original railroad has been re-developed as the Renai Road. In the early years, the Waizaiwai Bridge was an elevated Chinese cypress bridge crossing the Luodong River. It is now reconstructed as a concrete structure.

Waizaiwai means "cane" in the Kavalan language.

Sec. 3, Ren'ai Rd., Luodong (Next to Waizaiwai Bridge)





Waizaiwai - Tiensongpi

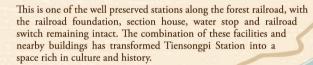
This railroad line was leased by the "Tainan Sugar Refinery Railroad", thus 6 trains were allocated to transport sugarcane every day.

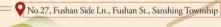
3 Dajhou station = 1924 ~1979

Due to contract farming with the sugar refinery, Dajhou has become the hub of sugarcane plantations. Along with whistling sound of the train driving through sugarcane fields, these are common memories among the local residents.

No.78, Dajhou Rd., Sanshing Township











Jhoushuei River (Lanyang River)

Huangfengming Canal

Sec. 3, Sanshing Rd

Jhoushuei River

(Lanyang River)

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Forest Railroad

Map of Luodong

Waizaiwai s

Jhulin Station

Surrounding environment 07 Ludong Forestry Culture Park ChenDingNan Memorial Park Current line (recommended route) Jhoushuei River (Lanyang River) Zhongxing Paper Company Sanshing Sport Field and attractions Old Forest line (demolished) rjie Sugar Refinery - - - Annong River Bicycle Lane 17K Tiensongpi Exhibit Room 30 Platform of Happiness - - - Nioudou Bicycle Lane 21K