

Welcome to the Verdant land of the  
**East Rift Valley!**  
*Emerald Paradise*

The East Rift Valley National Scenic Area stretches from the south bank of Mugua Creek in the north to the northern border of Taitung City in the south, covering an area of 138,368 hectares and 15 townships, including Hualien's Sioulin, Shoufong, Jonglin, Guangfu, Wanrong, Ruesuei, Jhuosi, Yuli, Fuli, and Taitung's Chihshang, Guanshan, Luye, Haiduan, Beinan and Yanping. In the long narrow valley, there are waterfalls, gorges and river terraces created by the three major river systems, Hualien Creek, Siougulan Creek and Beinan Creek. There are also other geological topographical sites like hot springs and badlands. The valley is full of beautiful and unique natural landscapes.

Clear blue sky, unbroken green fields, fresh air, and friendly people interweave into these beautiful landscapes. The cultural diversity derived from the cohabitation and intermixing of the Ami, Truku, Puyuma, Bunun, Sakizaya and Seediq aborigine people and Hakkas and Minnanese is fascinating.



>> Liyu Lake Scenic Area

The Liyu Lake Scenic Area offers beautiful landscapes and diverse recreational resources. Visitors have the choice of rowing on the lake, biking or walking around the lake, or hiking along the trails. Firefly sparkles corresponding with the rippling light reflections on the lake surface are an unusual sight to behold.



>> Mataian Wetland

Vataan in Ami means tree bean. Mataian is an inland wetland created by underground springs. The Fudeng Creek runs through the wetland and nurtures innumerable living creatures. Everywhere it passes through vibrates with life. There is a lotus pond, and from May to August each year, lotus blossoms form a sea of flowers. It is the best time for lotus watching.



>> Lintianshan Forestry Cultural Park

Lintianshan is a mountain town that once thrived on timber logging. At its peak, it was nicknamed the "Little Shanghai", an indication of the degree of prosperity. Decline started when the government imposed bans on logging. The primitive forests were rescued and have since stood in curious contrast to the logging equipment left behind. There is a strong feeling of nostalgia.



>> The Tropic of Cancer Monument

The Tropic of Cancer Monument in Wuhe Village of Ruesuei Township in Hualien is a tapering cylindrical structure, standing tall like a graceful crane. A small park has been built next to the monument. Tourists often use the plants and flowers in the park as a background to take pictures.



>> Antong Hot Springs

The temperature of the alkaline carbonated water at Antong Hot Springs is between 60 and 70°C. It is clear and has a slight sulfurous smell. Because of its proximity to the Antong Creek, people used to soak in the outdoor hot spring pool to enjoy the beautiful view at the same time. Some of the hot spring hotels have been in operation since the Japanese Colonial Period, and the old architecture is one of its attractions.



>> Sixty Stone Mountain

When the daylilies blossom in July and August each year, the golden sea of flowers, the white meandering trails and the scattering farmhouses turn Sixty Stone Mountain into a beautiful European style picture. In other seasons, the endless green fields and surrounding hills under the blue cloudless skies make one feel like they are in paradise.



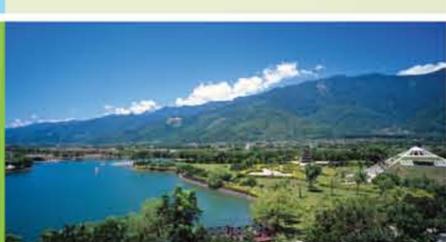
>> Luoshan Recreation Area

Luoshan is situated at the foothills of the Coastal Mountain Range. Hakka people make up the majority of the inhabitants. The best-known attractions are Luoshan Waterfall and Luoshan Mud Volcano. The mighty waterfall is visible even from a distance. The seething and turning of the mud spewed out from the volcano is a spectacular sight.



>> Dapuodi

With rows of hills and languorous clouds in the background, Dapuodi appears to have its own peace and calm. The natural environment is marvelous, and there are rich ecological resources. A walk path and a bicycle trail around the lake have been installed as a result of new planning, making it a multifunction recreational site.



>> Guanshan Town Bicycle Trail

This is the first peripheral bicycle trail built around a town in Taiwan. Along the one-hour ride, rice paddies, rivers, railroads, and mountains come into view. It is a bicycle trail with a rustic atmosphere.



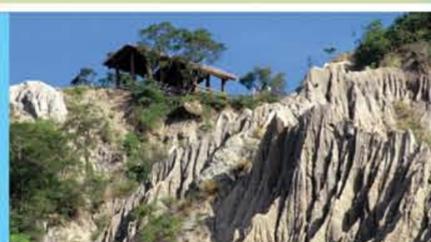
>> Luye Gaotai

The altitude of Luye Gaotai makes it ideal for hang gliding. It is also an important tea production area. Looking out over the plateau, crisscrossing tea plantations and rice paddies seem to weave into a carpet of green covering the land. The view is exquisite.



>> Hongye Hot Springs

The water here is completely transparent and odorless. The temperature is around 60-70 degrees Celsius. It was already famous during Japanese Rule, and today, the original Japanese wooden structure, in perfect condition, has become the main feature. Rows of tatamis in the undivided rooms and the bright spotless long hallways are unmistakably Japanese, making people feel like they are in a foreign land.



>> Liji Badlands

The rugged and barren Liji Badlands are a spectacular geological phenomenon in Taitung. Poor air and water permeability of the soil makes it impossible for almost all plants to grow. The only feature that stands out in this wasteland is a number of deep grooves resulting from rainwater encroachment.



**Legend**

● City	★ Tourist Spot
○ Township	▲ Peak
• Village	🚗 Visitor Center and Administration Station
— No Through Traffic	— Provincial Highway
— No Through Traffic	— County Highway
— Regular Road	— Railroad
— City Border	— Rivers and Lakes
— East Rift Valley National Scenic Area Administration Demarcation Line	