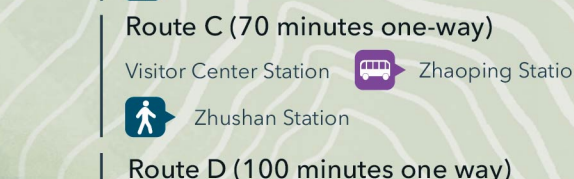
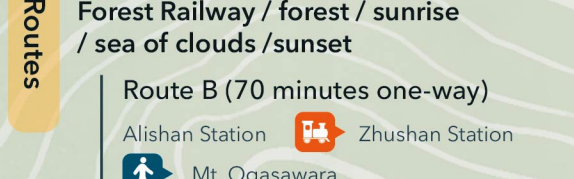
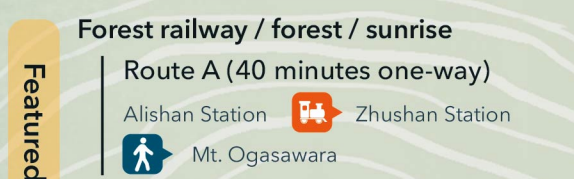
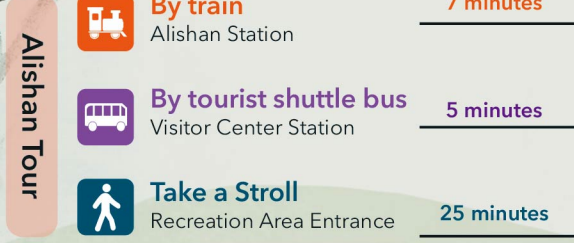


# Alishan

National Forest Recreation Area

## English Map and Guide



### Hidden Gems



**Shuishan Line Trail**

After Zizhong Railway Line was suspended, this area was opened to visitors. Along the Shuishan Line Trail are railroad ties and rows of Japanese cedar and Taiwan red cypress trees. At the end of the trail, there is an old platform and a wooden truss bridge. Once you climb its steps, you will encounter the ancient Shuishan Giant Tree.

Zhaoping Station ▶ Shuishan Line Trail  
▶ Shuishan Giant Tree



### Hiking Trails



**Mt. Ogasawara**

The forests along the Ogasawara Mountain are fragrant and lush, and the mountain trails are full of flowers, leaves or pine needles. Along the way, you can stop by Zhushan Forest Road and Alpine Botanical Garden, which is a must-see for bird watching or mountain climbing enthusiasts! In the spring, visitors can view cherry blossoms, daisies, magnolias, and rhododendrons. On the Ogasawara Mountain Observation Deck, the sunrise, the sunset, star-filled skies, and mountain peaks can be viewed year-round.

**Tashan Summit**

From the summit, enjoy panoramic views of this recreation area, the Yushan (Jade Mountain) peaks, the Central Mountain Range, and seas of clouds.

**Duigaoyue Trail**

This trail is lined with magnificent trees. From Duigaoyue Cliff, you can see the communities of Xinyi Township. Next to the Duigaoyue viewing platform are Taiwan red maple trees.

Zhushan Station ▶ Alpine Botanical Garden  
▶ Mt. Ogasawara Viewing Platform  
▶ Zhushan Forest Road ▶ Duigaoyue Trail

### Poetic Charm



**Alishan Poetry Road**

Inside Zhaoping Park are 13 poems by famous poets that capture Alishan's historic presence, inscribed on rock, wood, and glass. From the platform at the end of the Cherry Blossom Trail, are views of majestic Tashan. You may also stop to admire the wood architecture and craftsmanship of Zhaoping Station.

Zhaoping Station ▶ Alishan Poetry Road  
Zhaoping Station ▶ Cherry Blossom Trail

### Searching for Legends

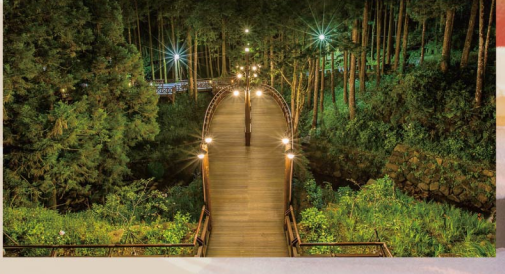


**Sisters' Ponds**

The two naturally formed ponds are the origins of many legends, surrounding them with a mystical aura. The pavilion at the center of Elder Sister Pond has a base made of cypress wood. These are wonderful places for contemplation in any weather. A trail wraps around the lakes for visitors to enjoy their beauty up close.

Zhaoping Station ▶ Sisters' Ponds ▶ Lake Trail  
▶ Magnolia Garden ▶ Xianglin Service Area

### Nighttime Beauty



**Forest Road / Zhouzi Bridge / Forest Trail**

Elevated, wood-plank bridges are used to separate pedestrian and vehicle traffic, which also provide beautiful views of the treetops. Located at Xianglin Arch Bridge, Zhouzi Bridge resembles a boat. This has become a popular place for romantic photo-shoots, especially at night.

Forest Road ▶ Zhouzi Bridge

### Easy Travel

**Electric tourist shuttle buses**

Shuttle buses provide pickup at designated points inside the recreation area. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/alishanebus> or call the service hotline 0800-263520.

**Barrier-free transportation services**

Visitors that require the use of a wheelchair, and have a disability certificate or other proof may, along with a companion, reserve for permit to go through the first and second traffic checkpoints of Zhushan Forest Road at least one day before their visit. You may download the form at <http://chiayi-forest.gov.tw>, or contact the tourist shuttle bus or visitor centers to arrange pickup service.

## Contact Information

### Phone Services

Visitor Center : (05)2679917 (brochures and travel information)  
Alishan Work Station : (05)2679715 (24 hours)  
Alishan Station : (05)2679200 (railway schedule and ticketing)

### Emergencies

Alishan Fire Brigade : (05)2679900 or 119  
Alishan Police Station : (05)2679975  
Xianglin Public Health Clinic : (05)2679806 (emergency medical services)



Chiayi Branch, Forestry and Nature Conservation Agency, Ministry of Agriculture  
TEL: +886-5-2787006  
No. 1, Linsen W. Rd., East Dist., Chiayi City 600, Taiwan R.O.C.

## Caution

**No Smoking Allowed**  
Apart from the entrance ticket booth to the first traffic checkpoint, Xianglin Village residential area, and other designated areas within the Recreation Area, no smoking is allowed. Violators will be fined between NT\$2,000 and NT\$10,000.

**No Pets Allowed**  
To prevent the spread of rabies and to ensure the safety of pets, their owners, and all visitors, the Council of Agriculture announced that starting from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2022, no dogs, cats, or other mammals may be brought into the Recreation Area. (For detailed control measures after August 1, 2022, please refer to the Taiwan Forest Recreation website or contact relevant offices before your visit.)

To ensure your safety, visitors are advised not to take any taxi without a proper license.  
Camping and barbecuing are strictly prohibited inside the Recreation Area.  
For forest maintenance and your own safety, please do not stray from the designated forest trails.

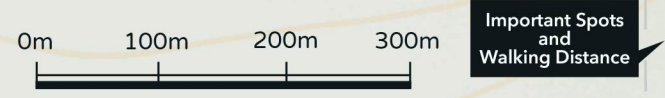
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## Legend

- Service Center
- Train Station
- Restrooms
- Accessible Parking Spaces
- Accessible Restrooms
- Accessible Elevators
- Large Vehicles Parking Lot (P1)
- Light Vehicles Parking Lot (P2)
- Health Room
- AED Defibrillator
- Smoking Area
- Food Beverage
- Traffic Control, Police Station
- Alishan Eight Wonders
- Shuttle Bus Stop
- Attraction
- Trail Start
- Trail End
- Traffic Lane
- Trail
- Railway
- Bridge

To Chiayi  
To Taitung



1 Main Gate ↓ 450m	1 Main Gate ↓ 470m	1 Main Gate ↓ 360m	3 Traffic Control (1st) ↓ 980m	3 Traffic Control (1st) ↓ 920m	5 Traffic Control (2nd) ↓ 276m	7 Zhaoping Station ↓ 690m	8 Sisters' Ponds ↓ 270m	9 Magnolia Garden ↓ 170m	6 Alishan Ranger Station ↓ 270m	6 Alishan Ranger Station ↓ 190m	6 Alishan Ranger Station ↓ 350m
2 Visitor Center	3 Traffic Control (1st)	4 Visitor Center	5 Traffic Control (2nd)	6 Alishan Ranger Station	7 Zhaoping Station	8 Sisters' Ponds	9 Magnolia Garden	10 Xianglin Service Area	10 Xianglin Service Area	11 Three Generations Tree	12 Giant Trees Plank Trail (1)





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### The 5 Wonders

Alishan has diverse landscapes, magnificent sunrises and sunsets, and spectacular views of seas of clouds nestled among mountain peaks. When you take the railway train, you can also admire nature's craftsmanship. These are all wonderful travelling experiences that cannot be missed.

### Sunset

The Alishan area lies at an average elevation of 2,000 meters, offering magnificent panoramic views. As the sun sets, the sky is dyed glorious hues of red and orange.

### Sea of Clouds

The sea of clouds mostly appears at sunset or sunrise. Mist and low-lying clouds are formed and layered in the valleys. When you see them from above, they resemble billowy ocean waves.

### Sunrise

Due to the earth's rotation, the best place to view the sunrise changes over the seasons. As the sun rises in the east above the horizon, the sky is gradually illuminated with a golden glow.

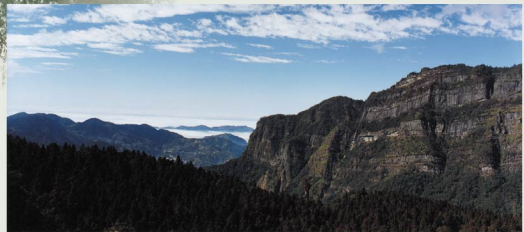
### Railway

The Alishan Forest Railway is Taiwan's first national level cultural landscape. Take the train through the mountains and forests to explore the wonders of nature.

### Forest

Alishan's forest stretches across the tropical, warm and temperate zones, which are the three vertical climate zones of Taiwanese forests. It encompasses rich forest resources, and is internationally known for cypress in particular.

### The Stunning Eight



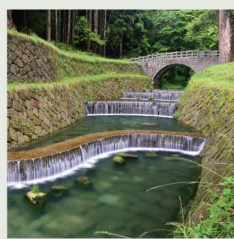
#### Tashan

Tashan possesses unique geological landscapes, its steep cliffs created distinctive joints on the rocks. At the summit, enjoy stunning views of the Yushan (Jade Mountain) peaks, Mabolasi Mountain, and Duigaoyue.



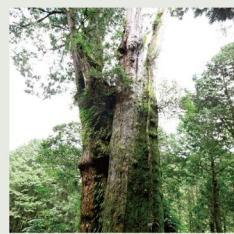
#### Shuishan Giant Tree

The Shuishan Line Trail is rich in forest railway history and leads to the viewing platform of Shuishan Giant Tree, with its beautiful lines and shapes.



#### Shenyi Waterfall

This waterfall is located near Giant Trees Plank Trail. It is named after Shenyi Bridge, which stretches across the river and has giant trees surrounding it, creating a picturesque scene of forest and water.



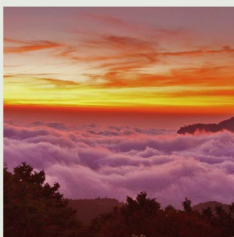
#### No. 28 Giant Tree

On the Giant Tree Plank Trail, the red cypress giant trees along the trail are all numbered, of which the No. 28 Giant Tree is spectacular and tall. Endemic plants, such as the rhododendron, grow and thrive on its trunk.



#### Sacred Tree Remains

Formerly the first generation of sacred trees in Alishan, and was once a spiritual symbol here. Due to safety concerns after many disasters and damages, it was felled in 1998 and returned to nature.



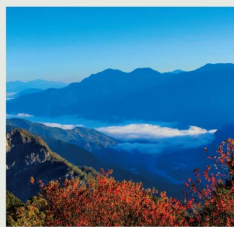
#### Ciyun Viewing Platform

The platform next to Ciyun Temple is one of the best places in Alishan for viewing seas of clouds, as they take on a breathtaking glow at dusk, as well as sunsets, sunrises, Alishan communities, and Tashan.



#### Xianglin Arch Bridge

This stone arch bridge stretches across the Alishan River. It was built out of handcut stones to create a unique landscape. When surrounded in cloud and mist, it resembles the scenery from Kyoto, Japan.



#### Mt. Ogasawara

This is one of the best sites for viewing the sunrise, sunset, and stars. Due to its unique location, it is possible to get a close view of Tashan, Duigaoyue, and Wansui Mountain, and see the Jianan Plains in the distance.

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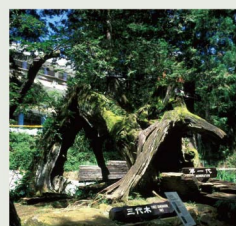


### Forestry History



#### Alishan Museum

In 2007, building renovations were carried out on the museum using top-grade cypress wood. Inside are exhibitions on forest railway history, forestry history, and forest preservation.



#### Three Generations Trees and Elephant Trunk Tree

Three Generations Tree is named for its coexistence of withered and living Taiwan red cypress, symbolizing the circle of life. Next to it, Elephant Trunk Tree resembles the head of an elephant to the imaginative mind.



#### Tree Spirit Monument

This monument was built in 1935 to commemorate and "soothe" the spirits of the trees that were felled. Its round staircase symbolizes a tree trunk with growth rings, with each step representing 500 years, signifying the long history of sacred trees.



#### Memorial to Dr. Kawai Shitaro

This memorial was erected in 1932 to honor the contribution of Dr. Kawai Shitaro to the Alishan Forest Railway. On the front is an engraved inscription by Japanese philosopher Kitaro Nishida, and on the back is a description of its origins.

### Ecotourism



#### Eco-Education Center

This center integrates forest imagery, reuse of old buildings, culture, history, environmentally friendly concepts, and environmental education. It aims to help the public understand the importance of protecting habitats and wildlife.

Alishan has long attracted the interest of academics and explorers. It is filled with abundant flora and is a wonderful place for viewing high elevation bird species, such as the endemic collared bush robin, Mikado's pheasant, and Taiwan yuhina. Other unique animal species include the owl moth, Formosan Reeves' muntjac, Formosan striped squirrel, and Alishan salamander.



Collared Bush-Robin

Yuhina Brunneiceps



Alishan's Salamander



### Seasonal Flora Viewing

Flowers / Trees	Best Viewing Places	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Taiwan cherry blossoms	Throughout the recreation area	Flowering period					Dec. to Apr.						
							Flowering period: Jan, Feb						
Ryukyu Kanhizakura blossoms	Throughout the recreation area, Shouzhen Temple, Alishan Hotel						Feb. to Mar.						
Wushe cherry blossoms	Zhaoping Park, Alishan Work Station, Magnolia Park, Forest Trail, Zhushan Helistop						Feb. to Mar.						
Kuril cherry blossoms	Alishan Work Station, petrol station, Alishan Railway Maintenance Section						March						
Yoshino cherry blossoms	Alishan Work Station, Forest Trail						Mar. to mid-Apr.						
Kanzan cherry blossoms	Alishan House, Accommodation Area, Alishan Work Station						Mar. to Apr.						
Kawazu-zakura cherry blossoms, Oshima cherry blossoms	Alishan Work Station, Entrance of the Recreation Area, Zhaoping Park						Mar. to Apr.						
Shirofugen cherry blossoms	Alishan Work Station, Zhaoping Park			Flowering period			Mar. to Apr.						
							Flowering period: Mar. to mid-Apr.						
Okame cherry blossoms	Alishan Work Station, Zhaoping Park						Feb. to Apr.						
Taiwan pleione	Alishan Eco-Education Center, Magnolia Park, entrance of the Recreation Area						Mar. to mid-May						
White magnolias	Alpine Botanical Garden, Zhaoping Park, Magnolia Garden						Feb. to May						
Purple magnolias	Alpine Botanical Garden, Ciyun Temple, Magnolia Garden						Feb. to May						
Calla lilies	Throughout the recreation area				Flowering period					Dec. to Jun.			
										Flowering period: Mar. to May.			
Hydrangeas	Throughout the recreation area									Flowering period			
										Apr. to Aug.			
										Flowering period: June, July			
Alishan Mahonia	Alishan Station, Alishan Work Station, Sister Ponds, Alishan House						Sep. to Dec.						
Green maple, Taiwan Buerger maple, Taiwan red maple	Zhaoping Park, Ciyun Temple, Ogasawara Mountain, Tashan Trail, Duigaoyue Trail						Nov. to Dec.						