

# Kowloon Walled City Park



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## Design of the Park

Kowloon Walled City Park sits on the site of the former Kowloon Walled City. Many historic relics are well preserved in the Park and they evoke visitors' memories of the past. The Park is laid out in the Jiangnan garden style of the early Qing Dynasty, producing a green and peaceful environment studded with Chinese pavilions and ponds. Before embarking on the design of the Park, officers of the Architectural Services Department had conducted in-depth research and gone to the Mainland China for site visits in order to select the most appropriate design. In 1993, Kowloon Walled City Park was awarded a Diploma at the IGO Stuttgart EXPO 93 (International Garden Exposition). The Park was officially opened for public use on 22 December 1995.



Kowloon Walled City Park occupies an area of 31 000 square metres. In its centre stands the Yamen, a restored three-hall structure, which offers to visitors a glimpse of the physical appearance of the Walled City in the old days. The whole Park is mainly composed of eight landscape features, namely the Yamen, Old South Gate, Eight Floral Walks, Garden of Four Seasons, Garden of Chinese Zodiac, Chess Garden, Mountain View Pavilion as well as the Fui Sing Pavilion and Guibi Rock. Each of the landscape features has the characteristics and elegance of its own, and they ingeniously blend into the overall layout.

## Yamen

The Yamen in the centre of the Park is the only remaining old building of the Kowloon Walled City. Its façade has been restored to its original appearance in the Qing Dynasty.



The Yamen now houses an exhibition which shows both the history of the Walled City and the construction process of the Park, together with the display of some relics unearthed in the Walled City, including two carved plaques bearing the characters 墨緣 (A passion for calligraphy) and 壽 (Longevity) respectively written by CHANG Yu-tang, the Commodore of the Dapeng Brigade, two old cannons and a couplet engraved on rocks once displayed at the entrance to the Longjin Free School.

## Old South Gate

The wall enclosing the Walled City was built by the Qing Government in 1847. During the Japanese Occupation between 1941 and 1945, it was torn down by Japanese soldiers to provide materials for laying the foundation of the Kai Tak Airfield. In 1994, two carved granite plaques bearing the characters南門 (South Gate) and 九龍寨城 (Kowloon Walled City) respectively and the foundation of the South Gate were unearthed. The original site of the South Gate has been formally declared a monument and all related relics unearthed have been preserved.



## Eight Floral Walks

The "Eight Floral Walks" is a web of paths through which the different landscape features of the Park are woven together. They include the Pine Tree Path, Lotus-flowered Magnolia Path, Common Crepe Myrtle Path, Bamboo Path, Red Leaf Path, Fragrant Flowers Path, Pomegranate Path and Banana Tree Path. Visitors can reach the landscape features by strolling along the floral walks, and at the same time they can enjoy the sight of the beautiful plants growing on either side of the paths.



## Garden of Four Seasons

Located to the west of the Yamen, the Kwong Yam Square is a garden covering around 300 square metres. Its layout is like "a garden within a garden". Besides flowers of the four seasons, traditional Chinese Lingnan-style bonsais, which have been worked into miniature mountains and shrubberies, are on display in the garden.



## Garden of Chinese Zodiac

The Garden features 12 vividly shaped Chinese zodiac sculptures. They were carved from white stones and arranged according to the Heavenly Stems (Tiangan) and Earthly Branches (Dizhi) in Chinese astrology.



## Chess Garden

There are four giant chessboards built on the ground with pebbles for visitors to enjoy the game of chess. The chessboards are joined by a twin pavilion in the Ming Dynasty style, and laid adjacent to the Pavilion are the Long Life Rock and the Marriage Rock.



## Mountain View Pavilion

The Mountain View Pavilion offers a fine distant view of the Lion Rock, which resembles a lion sitting with its head facing the Pavilion, as if to peep into the Park. This gave rise to the name of the Pavilion. Walking down from Kwong Ming Road, visitors can see a shadow wall replica of a previous free school displaying the four Chinese characters 海濱鄒魯 "Haibin Zoulu". It conveys the meaning that the free school by the seaside had nurtured scholars of moral and academic excellence.

## Guibi Rock and Fui Sing Pavilion

The Guibi Rock was carved from Taihu Rock with its origin in Changxing, Anhui Province. It is named Guibi as its veins look like those of ancient jade.

By the side of the Guibi Rock stands the Fui Sing Pavilion. Fui Sing is one of the five emperors of literature in Chinese astrology. According to legend, Fui Sing is a god who will bless scholars with good results in examinations.



# Layout Plan of Kowloon Walled City Park



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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Yamen (Park Office) | 8 Chess Garden              | 15 Guibi Rock            | 22 Haibin Zoulu     |
| 2 Bamboo Pavilion     | 9 Twin Pavilion             | 16 Jackie Pullinger Rock | 23 Kwong Yam Square |
| 3 Six Arts Terrace    | 10 Garden of Chinese Zodiac | 17 Lau Chi Sham Rock     | 24 Lung Tsun Bridge |
| 4 Lung Nam Pavilion   | 11 Mountain View Pavilion   | 18 Kwong Yat Sau Rock    | 25 Commander Rock   |
| 5 Brook Chamber       | 12 Hill Top Pavilion        | 19 Willans Rock          | 26 Photo Gallery    |
| 6 Yuk Tong Pavilion   | 13 Old South Gate           | 20 Long Life Rock        | Toilet              |
| 7 Lung Tsun Pavilion  | 14 Fui Sing Pavilion        | 21 Marriage Rock         | First Aid Station   |

## Eight Floral Walks:

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| Red Leaf Path  | Fragrant Flowers Path        | Pomegranate Path         | Banana Tree Path |

Opening Hours: 6:30 am to 11:00 pm daily

Enquiries: 2716 9962

# Street Map of Kowloon Walled City Park



Park Entrance 

## Public Transportation for accessing the Park:

### Public Bus



- A** 1, 11K, 10, 113
- B** 11D, 11K, 75X, 85, 85A, 85B, 891
- C** 1A, 2A, 3B, 5, 5C, 5D, 6D, 9, 11, 11B, 11D, 13D, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 42, 61X, 85X, 93K, 95, 98C, 101, 106, 107, 111, 116, 203E, 296C, 297, 796X, A22, E23

### Green Minibus



- D** 25M
- E** 39M
- F** 46, 49, 61, 70, 70A, 105, 110

The routes are subject to change without prior notice.





Since its opening in December 1995, the Kowloon Walled City Park has always been a popular destination for both local residents and overseas tourists. To enhance visitors' interest in enjoying the scenery in the Park and strengthen our ties with them, free guided tours supported with Cantonese explanation are organised on a daily basis. The participants will be guided to tour the Park and visit the key scenic spots. Each tour, which is organised for 10 to 30 participants, lasts around 45 minutes.

### **Mondays to Fridays**

Two pre-arranged guided tours are organised daily for schools and organisations. Interested schools and organisations may submit their applications to the Park Office.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Group 1
11:15 am – 12:00 noon	Group 2

### **Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays**

Six guided tours are organised daily. In addition to the sessions reserved for group bookings, there are sessions open to individual visitors, who may sign up on the spot. Details of the sessions are set out below:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Target</b>
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Individual visitors
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Pre-arranged groups
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Individual visitors
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Pre-arranged groups
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Individual visitors
4:00 pm – 4:45pm	Individual visitors

For enquiries about the guided tours, please contact the staff of the Park at 2716 9962.

Remarks: Application forms for booking of the guided tour (Chinese version only) can be obtained by fax (2383 5506), by mail (enclosed with a stamped, self-addressed envelope) or in person from the Kowloon Walled City Park Office, Tung Tsing Road, Kowloon City. The form can also be downloaded from the website of the LCSD at <http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/parks/kwcp/b5/tourform.pdf>.