

# Dapeng Bay

## Scenic Spots

The Dapeng Bay National Scenic Area, which consists of the Dapeng Bay and Liuqiu, covers a total area of 2,764 hectares. It is located along Taiwan's southwest coast, at the junction of the Donggang and Linbian Townships in Pingtung County. As the largest sac-shaped lagoon southwestern Taiwan, it is blessed mild winds and waves suitable for windsurfing, sailing and other water activities.

### Dapeng Bay Bridge

At the visitor center, feel free to learn the nature and culture of the Dapeng Bay. You can watch a short film on the bay area's scenic sites and the local history at the media room, or make some memorial travel stamps at various points in the center. Coin-rubbing is also available to both adults and kids. Grab a book to read during your trip at the book-surfing station, too. Get some rest at the Dapeng Bay Visitor Center, a place where knowledge can be explored and leisure enjoyed.

- **Design Features:** The bridge can be appreciated from three angles. It looks like a giant bird from the front; a sail from the side, and the English letter "A" from the back. The bay's oceanic image is enhanced by the bridge's sail shape.
- **Light Sculpture Show:** Showtime: 19:00-22:00 in summer; 18:00-21:00 in winter
- **Bridge-opening Show:** Opening Hours: 17:00 on weekends and in summer; 16:30 on weekends and in winter  
Show Length: 10 mins

**Light Sculpture Show!**

Reminder: When the bridge is being opened, there will be traffic control. Visitors must park their cars in the parking lot under the bridge, and then walk on the bridge to see the show. Please be there in advance in order to get a better view. For safety reasons, the show will be canceled through digital control when the wind is too strong. During the typhoon season, please contact the Dapeng Bay Scenic Area Administration Office to see if the show still goes on.



### The Pen Bay National Leisure Zone

The Pen Bay National Leisure Zone, originally a military camp, is being transformed into a tourism and leisure zone. It has diverse leisure resources, such as a water-front recreational place, a car racing track, an international tourist hotel "Orient Resort Penbay", and an aircraft observation deck. Soon, this area will become a national-scale water sports resort.

- Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00  
Sat-Sun 08:30-17:00



### Dapeng Bay Visitor Center

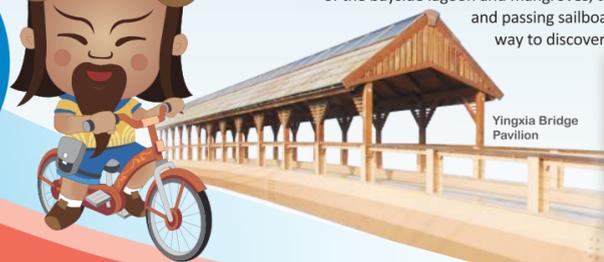
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- Providing travel guidance, drinks, and meals for visitors.
- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:30



### Dapeng Bay Round-the-bay Bikeway

The 12km-long Dapeng Bay Round-the-bay Bikeway is great for both biking and exploring the local ecology and culture. During the journey, visitors can enjoy views of the bayside lagoon and mangroves, the fishing village and its community culture, and passing sailboats and the sunset. Biking is truly the best way to discover the Dapeng Bay in depth.



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Sat-Sun 09:00-19:00

### Qingzhou Coastal Recreation Area

The Qingzhou Coastal Recreation Area is close to the Dapeng Bay Bridge. Here, visitors can enjoy walking along the soft sandbank, riding an ATV, or experiencing jet skiing. Alternatively, visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee at the "631 Coffee Shop," which is the best place for watching the bridge-opening show.

### Constructed Wetlands-Mangrove

Constructed wetlands are built to purify the water discharged into the bays. There are 6 such wetlands constructed around the Dapeng Bay, covering a total area of over 50 hectares. These wetlands not only function as a detention basin, a restoration area for animals and plants, but also the best place for promoting environmental education.

### The Coastal Park

The Coastal Park is located in southwest of the Dapeng Bay. Sailing boats and yachts can be found resting along its long green belt. Visitors are free to join the various watersports trainings and activities held here.

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### Oyster Shell Island

The Oyster Shell Island, made with mounds of oyster shells, would "hide" itself completely beneath the water surface during high tides. When tides are low, it would reveal itself again with an area of 7,150 square meters and shines like a giant pearl. Visitors are encouraged to visit the Oyster Shell Island and taste fresh oysters and seafood by taking a boat.



## Ecology

### Mangrove

In the Dapeng Bay's man-made wetlands, there successfully grow diverse types of mangroves, such as *Lumnitzera racemosa*, *Avicennia marina*, *Rhizophora stylosa*, and *Kandelia candel*. *Avicennia marina* trees with over-70-year-old aerial roots, growing in the intertidal zones of estuarine areas, are the main species of trees in the wetlands.



### Fiddler crabs (Tide-waving Crabs)

Currently, there are 4 types of fiddler crabs (tide-waving crabs) in this area: *Uca arcuata*, *Uca lactea*, *Uca borealis*, and *Uca triangularis*. A group of fiddler crabs which are not afraid of people dwell at the Dapeng Bay Visitor Center, making the place a living natural classroom.



### Birds

The Dapeng Bay area is an ideal place for migratory birds and transient birds. The most commonly seen species, among others, are Chinese Bulbul (*Pycnonotus sinensis*), Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*), Yellow-bellied Prinia (*Prinia flaviventris*), Tawny Prinia (*Prinia subflava*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Great Egret (*Ardea alba*), and Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*).



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## Other Attractions

### Donglong Temple

The Donglong Temple, the most important religious center in Donggang Township, was established to honor Wen Wangye, a patrolling officer in the Tang Dynasty. Thus, the temple is also called Wangye Temple. The giant decorated archway in front of the front door of the temple, made of pure gold foils, is spectacular and known all over Taiwan. Besides, the triennial sacrificial Wangye Worshipping Ceremony shows believers' devoutness to deity Wen Wangye.



### Donggang Fishery Products Center (Huaciao Market)

The Donggang Fishery Products Center (Huaciao Market) is famous for fresh seafood such as shrimps, crabs, sea snails, shells, and a variety of fish. The reasonably-priced ocean delicacies make this place a paradise for seafood lovers. Visitors can also opt for a customized cooking service here.

- Opening Hours: 11:00-19:00



### Linbian Coolie Hut

The Linbian Coolie Hut is located next to the Linbian Train Station. Originally a cabin for railroad workers, it had long been reconstructed by the Renhe villagers as a local leisure ground. Unfortunately, the "88 Flood" caused by Typhoon Morakot destroyed the hard work of community volunteers overnight. Today, visitors could still find the flooding line marked on one of the hut walls. Thanks to the volunteer villagers' efforts, the hut has come to life by now. Now decorated with driftwood, it serves as a role model in environment greening and community empowerment.

### Donggang Fishery Cultural Hall

In the hall, visitors can grasp the gists of Donggang's culture, such as:  
(1) How to catch bluefin tuna, sakura shrimp, and sailfish.  
(2) The history of the local fishing industry  
(3) The Wangye Worshipping Ceremony  
(4) The old-street architectures

- Opening Hours: 10:00-17:00 (Closed on Monday)



### Donggang Seafood Street

The Guangfu Road, nicknamed as the Donggang Sea Food Street, is lined with seafood shops on both sides. The Zhongshan Road of Provincial Highway No. 17 in Linbian Township is also among the choice destinations for seafood lovers from at home and abroad. Fresh seafood gained from the aquaculture ponds of Donggang, Dapeng Bay and nearby coasts are sold at a bargain price here.



### Guangtsai Wetland

Linbian not only has wax apples, groupers and pepper shrimps. Rich in natural resources, Linbian has so much more to offer. As of late, hydropower is being developed in the region. Rows of solar panels can also be found. Eco fish farms are many, and there is also public installation art which responds to the surrounding nature. Linbian is ready to receive visitors who would appreciate its fun and beauty!

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**Q:** Do you know why the Dapeng Bay Bridge is a moveable bridge?

