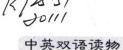
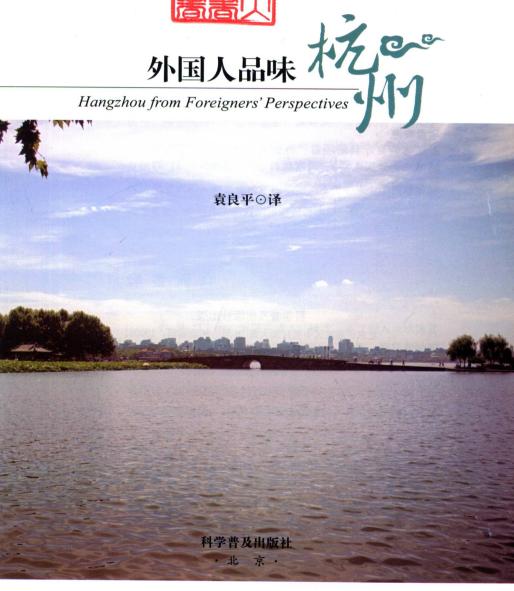
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Beauty of Hangzhou 以及景杭州

Quiet Reflections: Xixi Wetlands, an Urban Oasis

Take a course in good water and air; and in the eternal youth of Nature you may renew your own. Go quietly, alone; no harm will befall you.

-John Muir

This is my first spring in China. Back home in the American Midwest, the arrival of spring is heralded by brilliant yellow daffodils that dazzle the eyes, but here in Hangzhou it was the demure shades of pink and white coupled with the heady aroma of peach blossoms that announced the coming of spring. As heartening as a trumpet flourish the fragrant peaches of Hangzhou proclaim spring, the season of life, has returned. I paid my first visit to the Xixi Wetlands as spring first awoke, and the air was filled with the perfume of sweet-smelling blossoms. Wetlands are the lungs of a city, and visitors to Xixi can enjoy some of the freshest air in Zhejiang Province, so breathe deeply and explore far and wide.

At over ten square kilometers, the Xixi National Wetlands Park is the



城中的宁静绿洲:西溪湿地

河水清澈, 空气清新怡人, 出门去远足吧。在亘古常青的造物怀 抱里, 你会有脱胎换骨之感。悄悄地, 一个人去吧, 不会有任何不测 降临于你。

一约翰·缪尔

这是我在中国的第一个春天。在我的家乡——美国的中西部, 黄水仙花盛开,灿烂夺目,预报了春天的到来。但在这里——杭 州,却是桃花盛开。浓郁的花香扑鼻而来,粉白相间的花蕊含羞 绽放,春天的脚步声就这样临近了。她的到来恰似一曲嘹亮的歌声, 令人心旌摇荡。杭州,就在这盛开的桃花中万物复苏。

早春时节,我首次告访了西溪湿地。那时节的西溪湿地百花盛 开, 空气中弥漫着香甜的气息。西溪湿地有着"城市之肺"的功 能,来这儿的游客能呼吸到省内最清新的空气。他们贪婪地吸吮 着,向湿地的深处走去。



杭州西溪国家湿地公园⊙ Hanazhou Xixi National Wetlands Park



largest wetlands park in China. Besides the natural wonders, there are a myriad of cultural activities in the Park, such as: persimmon and plum festivals, angling, silk production, boating and more. There are several villas to enjoy along with the reconstructed Fa Hua Shi Temple which was originally constructed in 480-493 AD. There are several conservation areas including: Feijiatang Ecological Conservation Area, Xiaolongtan Ecological Conservation Area and the Chaotianmuyang Ecological Conservation Area. The hundreds of kilometers of pathways wind in and out throughout the park. Don't worry if you forget to grab a map along the way, there are dozens of signs and well-marked trails.

Ecology First

Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.

-Aldo Leopold

The mantra of the Xixi Wetlands restoration effort is Ecology First. Wetlands are vital to a healthy watershed. A properly functioning wetland cleanses flowing water and provides habitat for a myriad of living things. China's biodiversity is one of the highest in the world, and Zhejiang Province is one of the most biologically diverse areas of China, and the Xixi Wetlands is a key component of Zhejiang's environmental protection and education efforts. The Xixi Wetlands has an innovative environmental education program, which introduces hundreds of students and adults to a range of wetland related ecological concepts. Environmental education is a critical element of all successful large-scale ecological restoration projects around the world and the Xixi Wetlands is an environmental education leader in Zhejiang.

As part of the commendable ecological restoration efforts, over 270 biological species have been introduced in a valiant attempt to restore the wetland ecosystem back to health. Among the wetland trees and plants protected and replanted were: Camphor, Persimmon, Mulberry, Bamboo, Willow, Chinese Scholar, Lotus and Gardenia. The Xixi National Wetlands



西溪国家湿地公园占地 10 余平方公里,是中国最大的湿地公园。除了拥有自然奇观外,园内还有许多文化活动,比如: 柿子节和李子节,钓鱼,划船,桑、蚕、丝绸展; 等等。游客参观了重建的法华寺(建于公元 480—493 年)之后,还可一并观赏附近的山庄景致。园内还有几处生态保护区,最有名的当属费家塘、虾龙滩、朝天暮漾。脚下小径迂回曲折,足有百里之长,引你到公园每个角落。如果忘了带地图也不必担心,每到一处,都有路标指示和清楚易辨的参照景物。

生态优先

保护生态、是人与自然和谐相处的一种状态。

——阿尔多·利奥波德

为恢复西溪湿地所做的全部努力可用一句话来概括: "生态优先"。湿地对于一个局部生态体系的健康循环非常重要。一个处于正常状态的湿地可净化水流,并可为无数的生命和物种提供栖息地。中国的生物多样性位居世界最高水平之列,而浙江省又是中国生物多样性最丰富的区域之一,西溪湿地则是浙江环境保护及其普及教育的重要基地。西溪湿地拥有一个创新的环保教育项目,目前该项目已经引导了数百名学生和成年人深度关注与湿地有关的所有生态问题。在世界范围内,所有大规模生态恢复工程成功的关键在于环保教育,而在浙江的环保教育中,西溪湿地起着带头作用。

作为西溪湿地生态恢复的一个组成部分,有关方面引进了 270 多个生物物种。这是一个非常大胆的尝试,目的是要将西溪湿地的生态体系恢复到最好状态。在西溪湿地受到保护和重新栽种的树木和植物有:樟树、柿树、桑树、竹、柳树、国槐、荷花、栀子。西溪国家湿地公园正在进行着多功能、多目的开发,即在开



Park is being developed in a multi-purpose setting in a mixed use manner while simultaneously protecting the fragile wetland ecosystem and allowing some areas to go untouched and grow wild. The wetland food chain is being reestablished in order to make the different wetland systems self sustaining. The splendidly ambitious Xixi Wetlands Park project is currently in Phase Three of development with enormous plant conservation areas being created as well as light commercial and residential construction.

The Wetlands Top Ten

Wetlands are found around the world;

Wetlands clean flowing water;

Wetlands are priceless wildlife habitat;

Wetlands aid in the reduction of flooding;

Wetlands can be very pleasurable;

Wetlands can assist with wastewater treatment;

Wetlands are fantastic outdoor classrooms;

Wetlands help recharge groundwater;

Wetlands help guard against erosion;

China's wetlands continue to disappear but more and more are being protected.

Flights of Fancy

One way to open your eyes is to ask yourself, "What if I had never seen this before? What if I knew I would never see it again?"

-Rachel Carson

Several pairs of white herons were feeding in the silent backwaters. The beating of their wings as they moved about was audible in the otherwise still air. A soothing quiet overtook my nonchalant footsteps. Profound silence folded in around me like fog swirling round a warm summit. The bamboo groves provided a relaxing green curtain behind which to hide



发的同时,注重保护脆弱的湿地生态体系,让某些地方保持原样, 任其野生野长。为了使湿地内的不同湿地体系能够进行自我调节, 湿地的食物链正在重建之中。目前,西溪湿地公园项目已经进入 三期开发阶段,其规模宏伟而壮观——不仅将建起大片的植物保护区域,还将在周边建起小型商业区和住宅区。

西溪湿地十大之最

西溪湿地是世界湿地之最;

西溪湿地可净化活水;

西溪湿地是野生动植物的宝贵栖息地;

西溪湿地可降低洪涝灾害;

西溪湿地的环境舒适宜人;

西溪湿地有助于废水处理;

西溪湿地是激发人们想象的户外课堂;

西溪湿地有助于地下水的储存;

西溪湿地可保护地表不受侵蚀;

中国的湿地正在不断地消失,但同时也有越来越多的湿地正在受到保护。

梦幻之旅

俯察生命之玄奥, 你需要睁开心灵的眼睛, 问问自己:"假如我以前从未见过这些会怎样?假如我知道以后再也见不到这些又会怎样?"

——雷切尔·卡森

风平浪静的回水河汊,一对对洁白的苍鹭在觅食。几乎静止 的空气中只闻苍鹭盘旋起伏的振翅声。在这异样的宁静中,我已 不知自己身在何处。无边的寂静在心头涌起,宛如暖峰顶上蒸腾



as the city's soundscape fell away. Casual reflections returned to a primal state and intermingled with the intoxicating breeze. The Xixi Wetlands is a comforting oasis away from the urban cacophony. As the final echo of the mechanized world faded behind the horizon's dampening gray blanket, a murmur of tranquility wavered just up ahead—urging my feet forward into the obscuring purity of silence. Even if it lasts but a second the gift of quiet is perhaps the greatest treasure that awaits visitors. For only in stillness can we hear our uninhibited natural voice calling. Step further into the calm landscape and breathe deeply the essence of life—serenity unbounded. There just beyond the rustling leaves, conveyed along with the exquisite scent of peach blossoms is a return to the real. It waits for you out there in the primordial wetlands.

The Xixi Wetlands are the last remaining example of the traditional water towns of Hangzhou that once spread across the West Lake basin. The wetlands of the area took shape more than 4,000 years ago, and although their gradual disappearance can be attributed to natural changes in the ecosystem, the Xixi National Wetlands Park was established in 2005 to protect the fragile environment northwest of Hangzhou from a modern day foe that has proven far more destructive than mother nature: the great urban sprawl. The protective boundaries of the park encompass an area of ten square kilometers, and currently support a base population of 300 residing in the original Jiangcun village. The maximum number of visitors to the park is restricted to 3,000 per day, and the villagers and their gaudy new housing complexes will soon be relocated further a field in a bid to preserve and enhance the wetlands through carefully controlled environmentalism.

Visitors are able to wander around the park unaccompanied or take a guided tour of the waters by boat. The Xixi Wetlands feature a maze of crisscrossing creeks and ancient Persimmon trees. The wetlands' seas of reeds were once reportedly home to over half of the 150 different types of birds found in the greater Hangzhou area. Extensive planting has been undertaken in recent years, and the wetlands will hopefully soon return to