

Step out this spring

With the fog lingering and the temperature slowly rising, it is clear that spring is in the air. It is time to get outdoors and embrace everything nature has to offer. *Junior Standard* **recommends** these four spots for you to visit to get started this season

A Rock out in Sai Kung

Don't forget to bring enough water with you.



One of the hidden natural treasures of our city lies in the rocks and landscape, which have been **crafted** into **spectacular** shapes and forms at the hands of Mother Nature. Some travel to the islands by boat to see the splendid rocks. But for those who prefer a less **rocky** journey, the Lions Nature Education Centre is a fantastic place to get our hands on the rocks more easily. The centre offers an outdoor trail with 28 huge **specimens** of local rocks. It also features lots of exhibitions for visitors who wish to spend some time indoors.



Follow the 'Trace of Hong Kong Wild Animals' walking trail to find sculptures of wild animals in Hong Kong.

Lions Nature Education Centre

Address: Tsiu Hang Special Area, Sai Kung

How to get there: Take green minibus no. 101M at Hang Hau MTR Station. Then get off at Pak Kong bus stop and walk to the Centre.

Website: www.afcd.gov.hk/english/country/cou_lea/cou_lea_ven/lions.html



B Happy garden

If you wish to **immerse** yourself in nature for one entire day, Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden is the perfect place to go. From wild boars and owls, to blossoms and butterflies, you may find yourself busy taking photos! But the best way to spend your time there is perhaps to put your camera and phone away. Walk up to the top of Kwun Yum Shan (觀音山), and enjoy the breathtaking view of the New Territories.

Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden

Address: Lam Kam Road, Tai Po, New Territories

How to get there: Take the MTR to Tai Wo Station. Then take the bus 64K to get off at the Kadoorie Farm bus stop.

Website: www.kfbg.org



C Farm fun

Question: How can you meet Hello Kitty and a goat at the same time? By visiting the Hello Kitty Go Green Organic Farm. It is the very first Hello Kitty-themed farm in the world. You will find the loveable icon and her friends everywhere around the farm. Don't forget to visit the goats – the animal of the coming Chinese New Year. Grab a bag of goat food and try feeding the cute little creatures yourself.



Hello Kitty Go Green Organic Farm

Address: Sze Pai Shek, Kam Tin, Yuen Long

How to get there: Get off at Kam Sheung Road MTR Station. Walk for three to five minutes from exit A.

Website: www.gogreenlife.com.hk



School of Everyday Life

Address: 178 Kam Shan, Tai Po, New Territories

How to get there: Take the MTR to Tai Wo Station and walk for about 30 minutes.

Website: www.everydaylife.org.hk

D Back to basics

Think you have learnt all there is to know about nature at school? Visit the School of Everyday Life and join the 'Live with Nature' experience activities (與自然共生體驗活動系列). You could have a vegetarian lunch, try to make cola, trace the journey of trash... It could be one of the most special lessons you will ever have. And perhaps most importantly, it is **free** of homework and exams!

Make sure you come with your friends – the activity accepts group booking of 10 people or more only.

Vocabulary

recommend (v) 推介

M: to suggest something to someone

E: The chef **recommends** the stir-fried noodles to his customers. It is his favourite dish.

We could also recommend someone to take some actions:

E: I **recommend** you to try this dress. You will look great in it.

E: Tony has been **recommended** to take swimming lessons. They will make him fitter.

1 craft (v) 製作

M: to make something, especially with one's hands

E: Each wooden toy is **crafted** by Mr Chan.

2 spectacular (adj) 精彩的

M: very impressive

E: The tourists are all amazed by the **spectacular** view of the mountains.

3 rocky (adj) 搖晃不定的

M: unstable

E: The **rocky** boat ride made me feel so sick.

4 specimen (n) 標本

M: an individual animal, plant or rock used as an example of its type

E: There are countless **specimens** in the museum.

5 immerse (v) 潛心於

M: to involve completely in something

E: The violinist **immerses** herself in practising for the concert.

6 free (adj) 沒有.....

M: not subject to something

E: Mum prefers eating food **free** of preservatives.