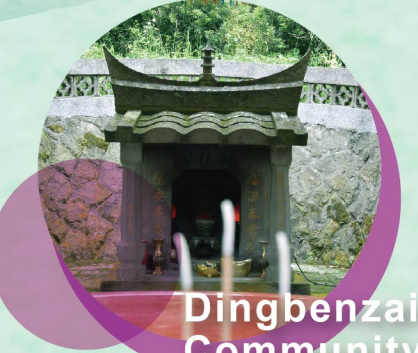


Due to destruction of its habitat, Swinhoe's pheasant has been listed as a protected species. Along with Mikado's pheasant, this bird is endemic to Taiwan. It is found in primitive forest at low to medium elevations. This bird is extremely alert and tends to emerge at dusk, after a rainstorm or when there is fog. Its call sounds like repeated clucks. Males are dark blue along the body with white along the back. Females are smaller in size and mostly brown. When viewing these charming birds, please do not scare, lure, chase, harm or capture them to ensure their sustainable future.



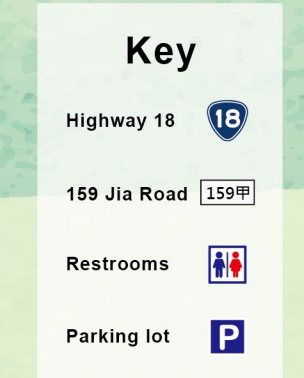
Dingbenzai in Zhuqi Township's Guanghua Village is in the shape of a basin above Fenqihu. It was originally named Dingbenzai, with "ben" referring to basin. As civil servants in early times did not understand the Hokkien dialect, they used the character for "foolish", which is also pronounced "ben". This community became well known for its name. At "Taiwan's most foolish land god temple", there is no land god statue. It is marked with a stone plaque and built from stone, revealing the importance of this material to Dingbenzai then and now.



Fenqihu Train Station is the half-way point along the Alishan Forest Railway if calculated from where the railway starts to climb at Zhuqi Train Station. It is also the largest station along this railway and the only one with a double platform. Below the station is an old street where vendors sell local specialties such as wild jelly figs, railway lunchboxes and pastries. It attracts many tourists. It is the highest in elevation of Taiwan's old streets and a must-see for many tourists.



In earlier times, there were no street names in Fenqihu. Locals referred to this street that appeared along the Alishan Highway before the completion of the Alishan Forest Railway as Xia Jiao Dian Zai. This is now a century-old street. In former times, people came here to trade. Along this street was a police station and dormitory area, as well as a record shop and barber. The buildings constructed of cypress wood have been preserved creating an air of nostalgia.



Bantian Rock Ziyun Temple was completed in 1682. Ziyun means "purple clouds" referring to the sea of clouds effect. For more than 300 years, this has been a center of religious beliefs for Fanlu Township residents and witness to Fanlu's development history. The Ziyun Temple has undergone many restorations. In 1947, it was rebuilt using Western construction methods and materials. However, the layout and wooden frame structure are in the traditional style. Rich in cultural and artistic value, it has been designated a class three historic monument by the Chiayi County Government.



Featured Store Recommendations

- 1 Mountain pig's ear meat 05-2561859 No. 22, Dingbenzai, Zhuqi Township, Chiayi County
- 2 Tianyi Homestay 05-2562629 No. 25-2, Shizhuo, Zhuqi Township, Chiayi County 604, Taiwan
- 3 Xiangting House 05-2561345 No. 13-1, Shizhuo, Zhuqi Township, Chiayi County 604, Taiwan
- 4 Yahu Railway 05-2561097 No.112-1, Takezaki Township, Jiayi Prefecture
- 5 Love 1534 Canteen 0953764857 No. 8, 1 Neighborhood, Jiayi County Alishan Township
- 6 Original Mufang 0953764857 No. 8, 1 Neighborhood, Jiayi County Alishan Township

