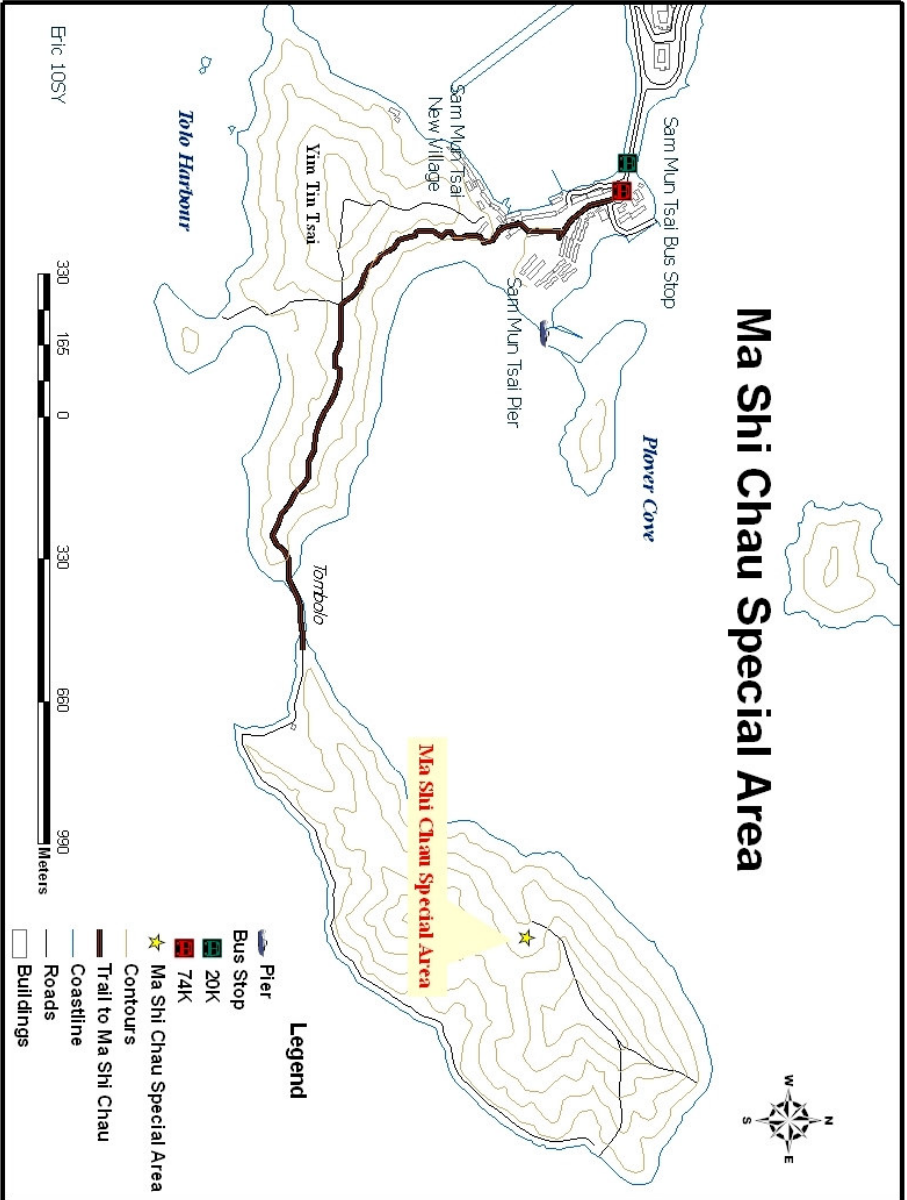




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Ma Shi Chau Special Area, Tolo Harbour, Tai Po

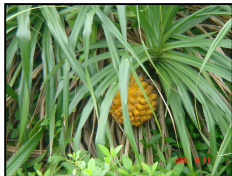
The Ma Shi Chau Special Area is a government protected and conserved area consisting of four adjacent islands, where many geological features can be found.



Here lies the oldest out of all sedimentary rocks in Hong Kong, with evidence of their formation going back to about 280 million years ago.



A suggestion route is to walk around the coastal beach areas of the island, where visitors can observe many other interesting natural features such as ancient animal fossils, igneous rocks, wave cut platforms, and a tombolo connecting the island to Yim Tin Tsai. Other live features such as shellfish, butterflies, insects, birds and coastal trees can also be spotted. Information signs can be found throughout the island, explaining these features.



Neighbourhood

Ma Shi Chau is located in the Tai Po district, New Territories East. It can be accessed by public buses, which station is located at the end of the Sam Mun Tsai Road, at the roundabout.

Location	Bus Co./Number
Tai Po Market - Tai Po KCR station, under Uptown Plaza	KMB - 74K HK \$4.0 23 minutes
Tai Po Market - Tai Po KCR station, under Uptown Plaza	Green minibus - 20K HK \$ 4.7 30 minutes

*The traveling time is only estimated.

Getting to the island

(Refer to map on back for route)

From bus station, enter Sam Mun Tsai New Village by taking the stairs on the left. Follow indication signs and visitors should soon see a mountain trail after 300m. Go on the trail and keep walking in a southeasterly direction uphill. After about 30 minutes, visitors will encounter a steep descend into a tombolo. Cross tombolo and reach Ma Shi Chau



Special Area. (Warning: during high tide levels, tombolo may be covered) An alternative route is to take a sampan (HK\$30) from the Sam Mun Tsai Pier and into Ma Shi Chau.

Travelers' Code of Ethics

Leave no litter.

Do not collect natural souvenirs.