



# Building Heritage

## Nga Choi Hang Village



Tiles from the interior of a knocked down house.

Nga Choi Hang Village is an abandoned squatter village, occupied by migrants from mainland China. People started moving in at the end of WWII; the 1940s, to escape the rising power of the communist. Housing was scarce, and there wasn't enough supply to meet the demand. As government housing became more abundant, they were evicted in the late 1970s. Many of the people who moved out now live in Lai Tak Tsuen, a government subsidized housing at the base of Yee King Street.

A literal translation of "Nga Choi Hang" will be "bean sprout stream." In fact, this area of Braemar Hill is a drainage basin; perfect for the many people whose income depended on planting bean sprouts and selling them in Causeway Bay.

Right before being abandoned in the late 1970s, it became a drug trafficking area, with the drugs mostly being heroin.

In late 2004, scrap metal suddenly rose in value. Many people were seen collecting scrap metal from this village. Now, not a bit of metal can be seen, but other materials, such as tiles or beer bottles, still serve as a remnant of the people who lived here.

**Traveller's code of ethics**  
 Vanish without a trace.  
 Bring your garbage out.  
 Do not vandalise.

### Transport

From	Transport method & estimated time (bus unless otherwise noted.) Transport that <i>also</i> goes by entrance B will be marked in green
Causeway Bay	25A, 25C, 25 (minibus), 25. <b>15 minutes</b>
Wanchai	25A, 25C. <b>20 minutes</b>
Central	25, 41A. <b>30 minutes</b>
Robinson Road	23B. <b>30 minutes</b>
Shau Kei Wan	529. <b>30 minutes</b>
Tin Hau	49M (minibus). <b>15 minutes.</b> Best for MTR interchange.
Shatin	108. <b>60 minutes</b>
North Point ferry pier	27. <b>15 minutes</b>
Chai Wan	81A <b>15 minutes</b>
Anywhere	Taxi. Show the driver this: Entrance A: 北角宝马山,巴士总站. Entrance B: 北角宝马山,怡景街. Best if money is no object!



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## Entrance A

Walk towards the end of the dead-end street, Braemar Hill Road. On the right, there will be a flight of stairs leading downwards to the stream. Follow the stream (downstream) until you find steps leading upwards. These steps will be on your left side. Follow the steps and follow its path for about five minutes or less.

Walking downwards along the village will lead you to entrance B. Vice versa, walking upwards from entrance B will lead you to entrance A.

## Entrance B

Walk *down* Yee King road. Walk up this flight of stairs (as shown in picture below), which is on the *left* of the road.



Flight of stairs, leading up to Nga Choi Hang Village.

## Trail Route

