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Yuen Po Street Bird Garden, Mong Kok, Kowloon



Ever thought about taking a break from the breathing lights of Hong Kong's stylish urban attractions, exploring Hong Kong's local culture? Why not begin by visiting the Yuen Po Street Bird Garden in Mong Kok?



Even the front gate to the garden has a distinct Chinese style to it.

This garden is a preservation of a way of life unknown to many others who aren't associated – separate from technology and evolution, retaining the slow paced life that we had all experienced at least once before. However, be aware that the street isn't as silent as it looks – birds chirp continuously throughout the day, offering a significantly different atmosphere than down in the streets of Mong Kok not far away, where cars and chatter dominate the background. The garden opens at 7:00am and closes at 8:00pm.

Neighborhood

The garden itself isn't big place, but there are many other areas around to discover. Located on the edge of Mong Kok, close to Prince Edward station and Mong Kok East of the East Rail line of the MTR, many different areas are accessible. You can wander into the nearby flower market on flower market road, or choose to explore Grand Century Place, a shopping mall providing a wide variety of food, with convenient access to both the East Rail line and a bus terminal. Wander further south and you can reach different areas of Mong Kok. Towards the north is a mainly residential area, though a 15-20 minute walk north of Boundary Street, into Yau Yat Tsuen can take you all the way to Kowloon Tong station of the MTR, where Festival Walk, another shopping mall resides. Note that Boundary Street, Prince Edward road and Nathan road can get heavy traffic during rush hours, where it gets noisy.

Home to many bird dealers in Hong Kong, it is a must visit for pet bird lovers, offering not only a variety of pet birds on sale, but also bird food and other different accessories including cages and toys for pet birds. With tall trees overshadowing the street, the garden is a relaxing area that provides a spot for rest and shade from the day.

With distinct architecture and leaves covering the sky, the garden is an oasis in a corner of a concrete jungle.



You can find many local bird lovers around, taking on another way of life at a different pace, different than those enjoying the fast paced thrills of the city. Within the same city, a different atmosphere gives people a relaxing feel.

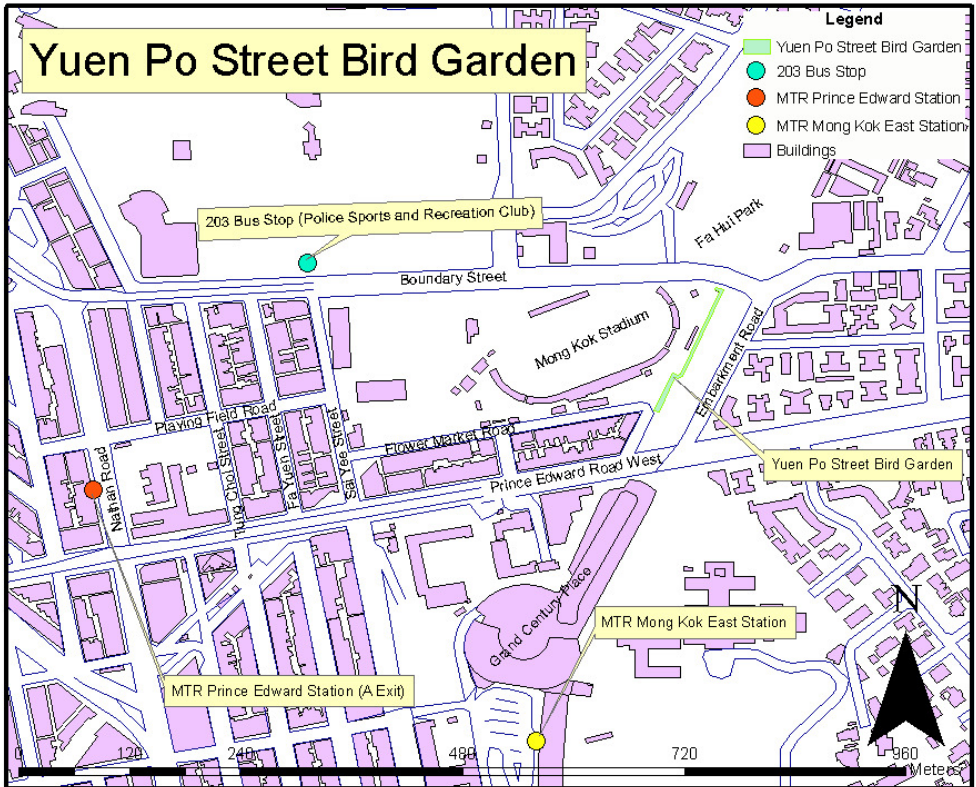
Travellers Code of Ethics:

Discover the enrichment that comes from seeing a different way of life. Choose to be surprised, not disappointed, when places and people do not match your expectations.

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Public Transportation Options to Reach this Destination:

Type	Description of Travel Method	Est. time
MTR – Mass transit network	The easiest way to get here from Hong Kong island. MTR offers an extensive mass transit network – simply travel to Prince Edward station, exit through the A exit (marked on map) and walk there.	Wanchai station to here: 15 min (MTR) + 5 min walk: 20 min
MTR – Rail network (East Rail line)	If travelling from New Territories, the Rail network is an inexpensive and reliable way of travel, where the mass transit network won't reach. Exit at the bus terminal exit or through Grand Century Place upon arriving at Mong Kok East Station, and walk there.	Sha Tin station to here: 13 min (Rail) + 5 min walk: 18 min
Bus - 203	Mong Kok is an area that suffers from regular traffic congestion, so travel times can vary. The line 203 can bring you from Tsim Sha Tsui to here, getting off and walking from the Police Sports and Recreation Club stop.	From Tsim Sha Tsui: 20 min (assuming no congestion)