

4 locations for lotus appreciation

Since ancient China, the beauty of lotus flowers has been depicted countless times in a variety of literary forms and one of the earliest poems reads like this: "Lotus in the south pond were head-high in the fall. She bowed to pick lotus seeds that were as green as the water." This summer's lotus flowers are blooming as they always do, year after year for thousands of years, forecasting the sweet lotus seeds very soon. In the face of the hot July, there are always some nice and cool places to go, but ambling along the waterside to admire the lotus is always the coolest thing to do. Here are four sight-seeing spots for lotus in Wuhan.



Moshan Lotus Garden



Fasi Town



Jinlianwan

Moshan Lotus Garden, East Lake

The East Lake Lotus Garden is the largest lotus gene bank with the widest range of species in the world. The garden provides a broad view of what is depicted in a well-known Tang poem, "Green lotus leaves outspread as far as the boundless sky; pink lotus blossoms take from sunshine a new dye." The garden also provides a close look at some rare species such as the one with several thousand petals or the dainty and cute one dubbed "The Little Angel." Another dozen of the most adorable ones were imported from different parts of the world in recent years.

Address: Moshan Lotus Garden, East Lake

Transportation: Take bus No. 401/402/403/413/515/643 and get off at the Moshan Stop.

Jinlianwan, Caidian

Jinlianwan is located in the Changhe water area in Suohe Town, Caidian District. It is China's most famous waterside lotus village and the largest lotus seed farming district close to downtown Wuhan. The tourist area in the village, featuring water accessibility and ecological leisure, takes up an area of about 264 acres, with all the woods and streams sitting in the arms of the mountains.

Transportation: It's about one hour's ride on the mini bus from Wangjiawan to Suohe Town, or 40 minutes' drive in the direction of Caidian from Wangjiawan.

Fasi Town, Jiangxia

Walking along the Jinshui River in Fasi Town in July, you will see the slim and graceful lotuses and plump lotus seedpods rambling across dozens of kilometers. Thousands of tourists are attracted to Fasi every summer to appreciate the flowers from aboard boats, pick up seedpods, or drink local teas. Just outside Yanhe Village, innumerable leaves, green and broad, and lotus flowers, red and in full bloom, as well as lotus seedpods, protruding and standing out, are all constituting a splendid scene.

Transportation: Take the 3rd Ring Road to Wenhua Road, and then drive on to Zhifang Town, along National Highway 107, to Anshan Street and then Fasi Town; or take the Beijing-Zhuhai Expressway, get off at Anshan Exit, and then continue on to Fasi Town.

Ziyang Park, Wuchang

Ziyang Park is located east of the Yangtze River and south of Snake Hill. It is the only park with a natural lake in it in Wuchang District and was named after the lake in 1951 when the park was built. Currently, Ziyang Lake is already fully covered with lotus leaves, and the buds are quietly waiting for their time to come out of the water and bloom, which will produce a prime time summer show. Ziyang Lake has been a place well-known for lotuses since the Ming Dynasty and Qing Dynasty.

Transportation: Take bus No. 510/571/539 and get off at the Shouyi Road Stop.

Tips: After lotus watching, what about some nice shopping in the Shouyihui Commercial Zone just opposite Ziyang Park?