

Campbell's Travels in Formosa (Taiwan):

A Listing of Itineraries

1. First Trip, December 1871 *Color: yellow*

Stations in the 'Hill Region'.

Segment 1a: Taiwanfoo to Bak-sa, nine-hour walk

Segment 1b: Bak-sa to Ka-ma-na

Segment 1c: Bak-sa to Kong-a-na (fully six miles northwest of Baksa)

Segment 1d: Baksa to Poah-be (eight miles in the same direction [of Baksa])

Segment 1e: Poah-be to Taiwanfoo (an overnight stay)

Campbell, vol. 1, pp. 223-226.

Notes:

A seven-day journey.

Exact *per day* dates and destinations are not provided in the text. The segments shown are based on the sequence in the text distance remarks made by Campbell. Stations/chapels visited: Bak-sa, Ka-ma-na, Kong-a-na, Poa-be

2. Second Trip, April 1872. *Color: green*

Visit of the Southern Stations

Segment 2a: Taiwanfoo to Takow (Start on Friday, April 19th)

Segment 2b: Takow to Tang-kang (twelve miles south from Takow)

Segment 2c: Tang-kang to Tek-a-kha (five miles eastward from Tang-kang)

Return to Takow

Segment 2d: Takow to Pi-thau (c. 3 miles, an overnight stay)

Segment 2e: Pit-thau to A-li-kang (c. 12 miles, an overnight "halting place")

Segment 2f: A-li-kang to Bak-sa (sixteen miles)

From there: visits to the Hill Stations and return to Taiwanfoo

Campbell, vol. 1, pp. 228-236, 237-241.

Notes:

A 4-week journey.

Trip starts on April 19, 1872 and ends in Bak-sa on c. April 27. Trip continues with visits to Hill Stations in the subsequent two weeks (April/May). Aside of Baksa, further stops were made at Kamana, Poahbe, and Kongana.

This section of the trip has not been included within the GIS-map. See [Trip1](#) for an identical routing.

Stations/chapels visited: Takow, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Pi-thau, A-li-kang, Bak-sa, (Ka-ma-na, Kong-a-na, Poa-be).

3. Third Trip, October to November, 1872 Color: blue

Among the *Sek-hoan* in the Posia Plain (Puli Basin) in central Formosa

- Segment 3a: Taiwanfoo to Toa-sia, eighty miles, 3 days (start on 14 October 1872)
- Segment 3b: Toa-sia to Lai-sia and back (21 Oct, 12 miles [map: 5 miles] north of Toa-sia)
- Segment 3c: Toasia to O-gu-lan (20 miles, 2 days of hard travel, pp. 259-265 vivid account)
- Segment 3d: O-gu-lan to Go-khun-soa (7 miles and back, 1 day trip)
- Segment 3e: O-gu-lan to Toa-lam (7 miles and back, 1 day trip)
- Segment 3f: O-gu-lan to Posia (5 miles and back, 1 day trip)
- Segment 3f2: O-gu-lan to Toa-sia (2 days) not in map! See 3c!*
- Segment 3g: Toa-sia to Ka-gi, (60 miles) evening arrival the following day.
- Segment 3h: (continuation) Ka-gi to Peh-tsui-khe (8 miles), late night arrival the same day.
- Segment 3i: Peh-tsui-khe to Hoan-a-chhan (15 miles, half a day, an overnight stay)
- Segment 3j: Hoan-a-chhan to Ka-poa-soa (9 miles, c. 3 hours, overnight stay)
- Segment 3k: Ka-poa-soa to Taiwanfoo (20 miles, half a day journey), Thursday, 21 Nov.

Campbell, vol. 1, pp. 250-278

Notes:

A six-week journey.

Stations/chapels visited: Toa-sia, Lai-sia, O-gu-lan, Toa-lam, Peh-tsui-khe, Hoan-a-chhan.

4. Fourth Trip, March to May 1873 Color: brown

Visit of the Northern Stations (PCC) and of the PCE stations in the Puli Basin

Segment 4a: An-peng to Botel Tobago (by sea vessel, taking a southern route around the island because of strong monsoon winds from the north)

Segment 4b: Botel Tobago to Tamsui (bypassing Samasana Island, Black-Rock Bay, Dome-Point, Kelung, Steep Island, and around the northern coast of the island). After seven days at sea Campbell arrives in Tamsui, meeting his host George Leslie Mackay of the Presbyterian Church of Canada (PCC) on March 21. From their both set out for a number of shorter trips, visiting PCC mission stations and other places in the North:

Segment 4c: Tamsui to Go-ko-khi (by row boat up the Tamsui River)

Segment 4d: Go-ko-khi to Bang-kah

Segment 4e1: Bang-kah to Toa-long-pong (Toa-tiu-tia)

Segment 4e2: Toa-long-pong to Chiu-nih, from there back to to Go-ko-khi

A Longer Journey:

Segment 4f: On Tuesday, April 1 Campbell and Mackay started out for Sinkang, walking to Tion-lek in the first segment of the trip.

Segment 4g: Tion-lek to Tek-chham

Segments 4h/4i/4j: Tek-chham to Sin-kang, where they split, Mackay walking eastward into the mountains. Campbell (Segment 4i) continued south toward the PCE stations in Chiang-hoa, with a first stop at Ba-nih, a busy Hakka market town, and a second one at Lai-sia (Segment 4j), where he arrived in late afternoon on April 5.

In the subsequent days Campbell visited the PCE's "Sek-hoan Stations" in the Puli basin:

Segment 4k: Lai-sia to Toa-sia

Segment 4l: Toa-sia to O-gu-lan

Segment 4m: O-gu-lan to Gu-khun-soa

Segment 4n: Gu-khun-soa to Toa-lam

He ventured further into "Savage Territory" by visiting the Bu-hoan region near Tur-u-oan

Segment 4o: Gu-khun-soa to Tur-u-oan

Segment 4p: Tur-u-oan to Po-sia

From Posia he ventured towards Lake Candidius (Sun-Moon-Lake) and into the Kan-ta-ban region

Segment 4q: Po-sia to Lake Candidius

Segment 4r: Lake Candidius to Kantaban region

Returning from the Lake via Peh-tsui-khe and Hoan-a-chan to Taiwanfoo completes a nearly three month journey:

Segment 4s: Lake Candidius to Peh- tsui-khe

Segment 4t: Peh-tsui-khe to Hoan-a-chhan

Segment 4u: Hoan-a-chhan to Taiwanfoo

Notes

A three months journey

Stations visited: Tamsui, Go-ko-khi, Sin-kang (PCC), Lai-sia, Toa-sia, O-gu-lan, Gu-khun-soa, Toa-lam, Peh-tsui-khe, Hoan-a-chan

Mackay's Travels in Northern Formosa, 1872-1874

Mackay adopted a different form of traveling as compared to Campbell: Not lengthy, well planned trips, but rather sporadic shorter itineration in order to get to know places and the people living in them, preach and missionize, and – after a while – establish missions and chapels. He was constantly in motion. The eight trips shown on the map are only a small portion of his travel activities, but they do show that within 2 years Mackay had explored most of Northern Taiwan.

The map of North Taiwan in which the travels have been charted was taken from Mackay's book *From Far Formosa*, while the texts appearing as mouse-over information on the yellow dots have been collected from his diary.