

WWF publishes Shanghai urban environment nature guidebook

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) China on Friday published a nature guidebook based on Shanghai's urban environment.

Supported by Shanghai Disney Resort, the "Wishing Star Park Nature Book" uses the resort's Wishing Star Park as its natural survey area.

The book features eight chapters and covers different aspects of the park, including aquatic plants, birds, insects, butterflies and wetlands.

Located in Shanghai Disney Resort, Wishing Star Park is a 500,000-square-meter recreational area with restored wetlands along the central lake's shoreline and more than 2.5 kilometers of pathways through open woodlands and scrublands along the lake's edge, which evoke the native landscape of the Yangtze River Delta. It creates a living ecosystem, providing a natural environment for plants, animals, fish and more than 70 species of bird.

Murray King, vice president of public affairs at Shanghai Disney Resort, said that the park was designed for families and their children to enjoy and spend time together, and to inspire a lifetime's understanding of environmental protection.

The book will be sold in merchandise stores at the resort's two hotels, selected kiosks and other channels. The book will also be available to download for free on the WWF China official website.

The book is one of the three nature guide books series that WWF China has been developing in the past three years, with others featuring the Meng Qing Garden in Shanghai Putuo District and Tai Lake areas in China's Jiangsu Province, which will be published later, according to Yong Yi, senior manager of environmental education at WWF China.