

Mount Sanqingshan National Park, China

Key facts

- Recommended by IUCN for inscription on the World Heritage List in July 2008 at the World Heritage Committee in Quebec City, Canada, for its outstanding natural beauty.
- Mount Sanqingshan National Park displays a unique array of forested and fantastically shaped granite pillars and peaks concentrated in a relatively small area.
- Remarkable granite rock formations combine with diverse forest and striking meteorological effects to create a landscape of exceptional scenic quality.
- Most notable aspect is the concentration of shaped pillars and peaks.
- The closest comparison in terms of natural features is nearby Mount Huangshan, which has similar values, but its granite features are less fine in detail due to the influence of past glaciation.

Key quotes

- *“The looming, intricate rock formations, mixed with delicate forest cover and combined with ever-shifting weather patterns, create a landscape of arresting beauty,”* says **David Sheppard, Head of IUCN’s Protected Areas Programme.**
- *“The great thing about this park is that all the natural beauty can be viewed from suspended walking trails, which allow visitors to appreciate the park’s stunning scenery and enjoy its serene atmosphere,”* says **David Sheppard, Head of IUCN’s Protected Areas Programme.**

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