

## Tour Day 6

### Dazhou Bailin Coal Line

For continuity, I am sending this report now as I hope that the Yongchuan coal line at Honglu will merit it's own report after our visit tomorrow. However, be forewarned, there are no trains or locos in this report!

We visited this 2km 600mm electric line south west of Dazhou on our way to Yongchuan in the rain.

The coal goes out from the mine by a 10km ropeway which was in use while the spoil is taken to the tipping point to the west by narrow gauge train. During our exploration, we drove into the mine headquarters area at the west end of the line and saw mine equipment being loaded onto rail wagons so this also travels to the mine by train.

We waited lineside and walked the line back to the mine yard over a period of about 90 minutes and saw no trains moving nor any locos. However, the rails showed signs of recent use. Conclusion: mine still active, line still active but no trains running while we were there.



Looking towards a workshop area with the tipping area somewhere behind - we didn't walk further in this direction to the west.





Looking back towards the mine



The one bridge on the line over a stream





One of the more scenic spots on the line



Looking into the mine yard as far as we could go on public property. We were cautious and didn't enter further into the mine area. And we were a bit wet!





The ropeway in use with an empty tub returning to the mine.



Hotpot meal in Yongchuan around the corner from our hotel for our small group. From the left clockwise; Graham, Alan (Wang Feng), San Wei (our driver), Rod and Paul. The group will double in size by 27 March.



The hotpot consisted of many bamboo skewers we selected from a chiller cabinet each with a bit of meat or vegetable on them. The bill was calculated at the end by weighing the used skewers.

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