

Tour Day 8 Yongchuan Coal Line - Honglu Part 2



This is the crossing point on the lower section of the line from Honglu to the interchange with China Rail. We walked this section of the line which is remote from the road.



Our small group at the crossing point - L-R Paul, Alan, Rod and Graham.



Full trains use the through line and empties go into the loop. This shot is looking towards Honglu.



The first of two views of an empty coal train in Old Honglu.



The alternative view of the same scene.



Two locos and two cabooses in the yard at Honglu. On the left a bogie caboose and on the right a 4-wheel version. The bogie versions are use on the section to China Rail.



A newly constructed runaway ramp at Honglu. It may replace a previous version. The trains have only loco braking so this may be needed at times.



The new loco - unnumbered but possibly named - around Km17 on the section from Honglu to the mine.



At the mine, the new loco propels the empties under the loading bin.



This is the modern coal bin at the mine.



Looking the other way, this is truly the end of the line around Km 23.



On a higher level there is a 600mm line formerly with overhead wires but now using a battery electric loco. The line runs for around 500m from the tippler shown to a works yard. Its purpose is not known but it is reported in daily use.

To finish with a non-railway item. Some of the pedestrian bridges over the river in this valley have mythical (river?) creatures carved on the upstream side of the bridge - I assume to protect the bridge and the people against flooding. This bridge near the crossing point is the second of these decorated bridges I have seen.



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