

Scope of Proposed Project 'A Guide for Independent Travellers to Rewi Alley Locations in China' by Jane Furkert (2015)

There are many sites throughout China associated with Rewi's life and initiatives - where he worked, lived, set up his schools and co-operatives.

These locations are not all easy to identify or to find. As the years pass Rewi's contributions to China retreat further into history; without new generations of explorers following his footsteps his legend will gradually become a historical footnote.

This project would provide information in English on these locations, suitable for a person travelling independently.

The resource created would have two outcomes:

- For travellers to tap into the Rewi legend, to keep his memory alive
- For younger travellers to reach out into the hinterland of China, away from big cities and well-known tourist attractions.

The project would detail each Rewi Alley location – its history, significance, exact location, entry fee, how to reach it, public transport availability, nearby accommodation, nearest town. If it is remote – other attractions nearby, to make trips to the area worthwhile.

The project information would be freely available, and continually updated. Website-based, as well as Facebook – providing a living legacy of experiences rather than just historical details. Formats suitable for printing, and ebook publication, would also be provided.

1. [What outputs will be achieved? Please provide specific and measurable results that will be accomplished by project end \(limit 200 words?\)](#)

The following information will be collected and provided in English for each place in the Location List.

- history and significance to Rewi Alley
- What is at the location – a statue, a noticeboard or plaque, a museum, etc
- exact location – GPS co-ordinates
- entry fee and access times, if any.
- Photographs of the place, and its entrance gate where needed for easy identification
- how to reach it, public transport availability, nearby accommodation, nearest town.
- If it is remote – other attractions nearby, to make trips to the area worthwhile.
- Climate, best times to visit. Links to current weather forecasts.

For relevant regions – eg the province of Gansu, travel information will be provided:

- Links to train timetables in both English and Chinese, and details of where to get tickets in remote towns.
- Locations of bus stations and of train stations in remote towns

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- Links to accommodation booking sites or hotel/hostel websites in remote towns.
- Readily available information (eg accommodation or transport in main cities) would not be provided; or links to such information could be featured.

Overall:

- Locations shown on maps of China, then local provinces, then local areas, then exact neighbourhoods.
- GPS Co-ordinate files suitable for uploading to GoogleEarth and mapping programs.
- Suggested itinerary linking the Rewi Alley sites, and suggested durations taking into account travelling times and difficulty of access
- Written such that each destination can be visited individually, or combined with others to make a longer tour.

This project does not aim to extensively cover the history of each site – where existing sources or further reading is available, links to this will be provided. In cities where travel information is readily available from other sources eg. in Beijing or Shanghai, this will not be elaborated on.