

The Seine *of the* East

Liangmahe is known for its natural, diverse and inclusive landscape.

Located in the east of Beijing, Liangmahe starts from Dongzhimen, flows northeast through Jiuxianqiao, and enters the Ba River east of Xiba Village.

With a total length of 9 kilometers, walking along the river provides a unique experience of getting close to nature.

This water explorer includes 4 kilometres of Liangmahe, and two parks where this river flows through.

The tour is partially accessible by bike and wheelchair.

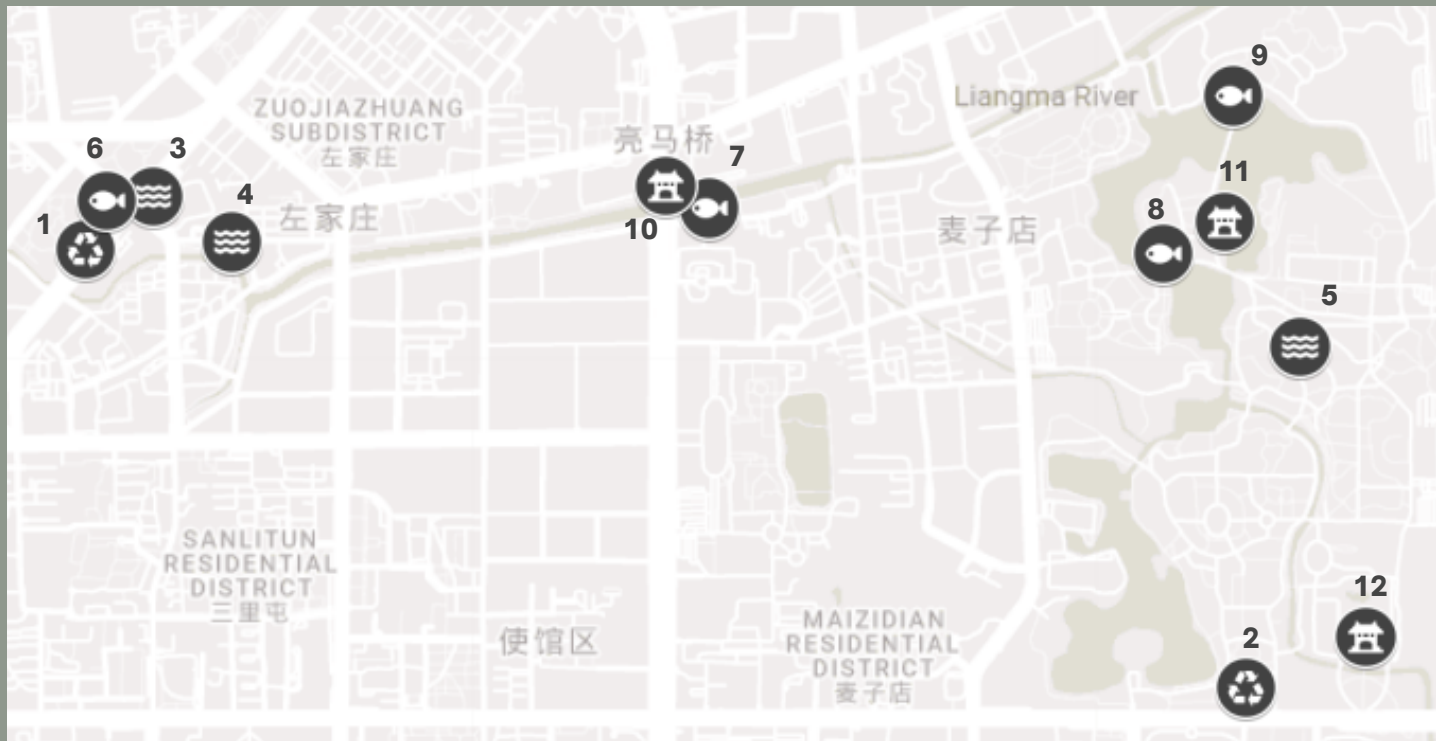
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Liangmahe **Water Explorer**

a self-guided tour



- * **TRAVEL TIME**
- * Liangmahe (60 min walk, 30 min bike)
- * Liangmahe Park (20 min walk)
- * Chaoyang Park (90 min walk, 45 min bike)
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- * **PACKING LIST**
- * mask and green code
- * sun, rain or wind protection
- * comfortable clothes and shoes
- * water bottle and snack
- * rubbish bag and gloves
- * colour pencils, paper and pen
- * _____

SUSTAINABILITY 

Urban green spaces and water surfaces act as buffer zones, reducing flooding during heavy rainfall and capturing water during droughts.

- 1 Liangmahe Park.** Rich in biodiversity - reeds, irises, weeping willows, acacias, maples and oleanders grow here.
- 2 Chaoyang Park.** Largest urban park within Beijing's Fourth Ring Road.

WATER 

Urban water management at a systems level occurs through policy design, informed by stakeholder engagement. Locals can also help through river clean ups, and keeping pollution out of rivers.

- 3 River information board 1.** This water area is for landscape and entertainment. We need to protect water resources.
- 4 River information board 2.** The river chief is responsible for Liangmahe's water management. Rubbish and pollution are not allowed in the river.
- 5 H2O sculpture.**

ECOLOGY 

Biodiversity supports climate change resilience. Nature-based solutions are an example.

- 6 Fishing notice.** Limiting fishing periods reduces pressure and helps fish achieve a sustainable population size.
- 7 River vegetation.** Willows and acacias are local species that do not need special care and watering.
- 8 Aquatic flowers.** Lotuses are common. There are more than 10 kinds of water lilies, calamus and water onions.
- 9 Wild duck island.** A healthy and diverse ecosystem, many wild ducks gather here.

CULTURE 

Liangmahe reflects Beijing's rich cultural and historical legacy, through modern and ancient monuments.

- 10 Liangmaqiao.** Merchants used to rest here. They washed their horses and dried them, leading to the name of liangmahe, or drying horse river.
- 11 Sculpture of reclining dragons by the water.** The dragon is one of the totems of Chinese culture.
- 12 Yinan Hall.** Yinan Hall was the prince's palace.