

## Sandaoling - Day 4 - Tuesday 11 December 2018

We started with a familiar pattern of steamed pork dumplings for breakfast, a visit to Kenkouzhan before sunrise to see the passenger turn and a coal train from the Washery to Dongboli for shift change. We moved over to Dongboli for loco servicing and the first train out to the pit.





We caught the second train into the pit at the crossing near Dongboli which is a favourite location of mine. I've made a replica of the crossing sign with its impressionistic triangular loco sign for my veg garden at home.



We photted the first train out from the south side of the pit at Kenkouzhan before acting swiftly after being advised that a train was leaving Nanzhan for Yijing.



The advice was correct and 8089 worked tender-first from Nanzhan to Erjing where it ran round the train and propelled it to Yijing.



After lunch, we went to Yijing to find the train still loading. After around 1 hour it departed.





**Access to Erjing:** you can exit the Sandaoling security cordon at Nanzhan (without a check) and drive across the desert to Erjing. You can then continue past Erjing to Sandaoling entering along the Superman supermarket road from the east. Should you return to Nanzhan across the desert, you will incur a delay at the security checkpoint into Sandaoling.

**Access to Yijing:** You cannot continue to Yijing from Erjing but you can drive past the power station and access it that way.

We then returned to the open cast mine and hung around the washery branch.



One of the few locations for trees in a shot at Sandaoling



My final shot of the day was at the closed crossing between Kenkou and the Washery. I've done this before but it's nice to know it can still be done in December 2018.

Locos seen: 8073, 8195, 8197, 8089 (train to Yijing) and at least 2 others seen in steam at Nanzhan.

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