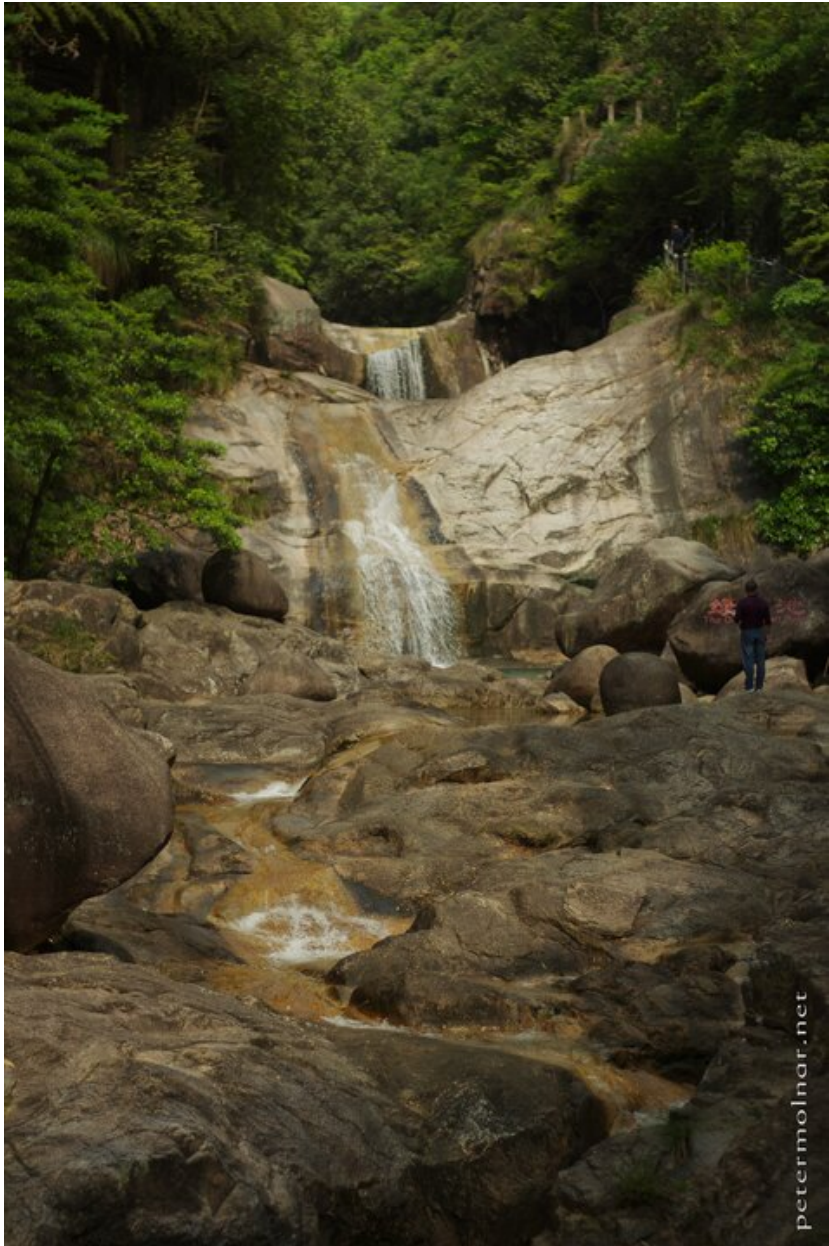


Emerald Valley



China has a system to rank scenic areas, which takes capacity, beauty, historical importance etc. into account. The AAAAA spots, like Huangshan, are the nicest, largest, most crowded places in China, because everyone hears about them. Regardless of this they are usually still worthy of visiting.

The AAAA category, on the other hand, are lesser known, quieter places, which still have a lot to offer. The Emerald (or Jade) Valley is one of these. It was developed soon after *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, because it was one of the filming locations, but in the 20 years since the movie, the area certainly had a drop in the mass of tourists. Despite all of that, it was still impossible to get pictures without people in it, so in 2019, in China, I gave up: I started taking my photos by calculating with the humans in the landscape and tried to make the best of it.

I took this picture with a fairly hollow depth of field, just to try something different out in landscapes. I have mixed feelings about the outcome, but considering I selected and uploaded it, I lean towards the positive.

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