

these lakes, formerly a moat outside the city wall, are now divided by the Green Belt bridge. On a little island in the river south of the lake district lie the ruins of the Kai yuan si temple, linked to the town by a bridge.

The hills in the north part of the town are rocky and picturesque with numerous legends associated with them. From the hill called Fu Bo shan there is a superb view over the surrounding countryside.

In the centre of the town is the Wang cheng, the former palace of the 14th century king of Kweilin. The residence, dating from 1393, was converted under the Ching dynasty into an examination hall, and now houses the Kwangsi Teachers Training College. The site and the gate of the old palace can still be seen. In the north part of the palace enclosure rises the Du xin feng peak, reached by steps cut into the west slope, with a good view from the top over the surrounding area. North of the hill lies the Crescent Moon pool, dating from the Ming dynasty.