



Luo He Ya Kou Shan (3765m)
(Tour of Qanghai Lake – China)



Why Luo He Ya Kou Shan ?

Firstly, because it was one of the few Outside-Category climbs in the Tour of Qinghai Lake 2015, and moreover its « Cima Coppi », that means its higher spot.

Secondly, because the Qinghai Lake is the biggest of the whole People's Republic of China.



What does « Luo He Ya Kou Shan » mean ?

The « marmoset of the twin peaks » who is writing this file humbly admits his difficulty in understanding the beauty and the poetry of the Chinese ideograms. A few leads :

On the board, the ideogram on the extreme right (口 = « kou ») means « mouth » and « Shan » « mountain ». « Kou Shan » should mean « mountain pass ». It suits us.

The ideogram on the extreme left (马 = « Luo ») should denote a camel, or maybe a mule.

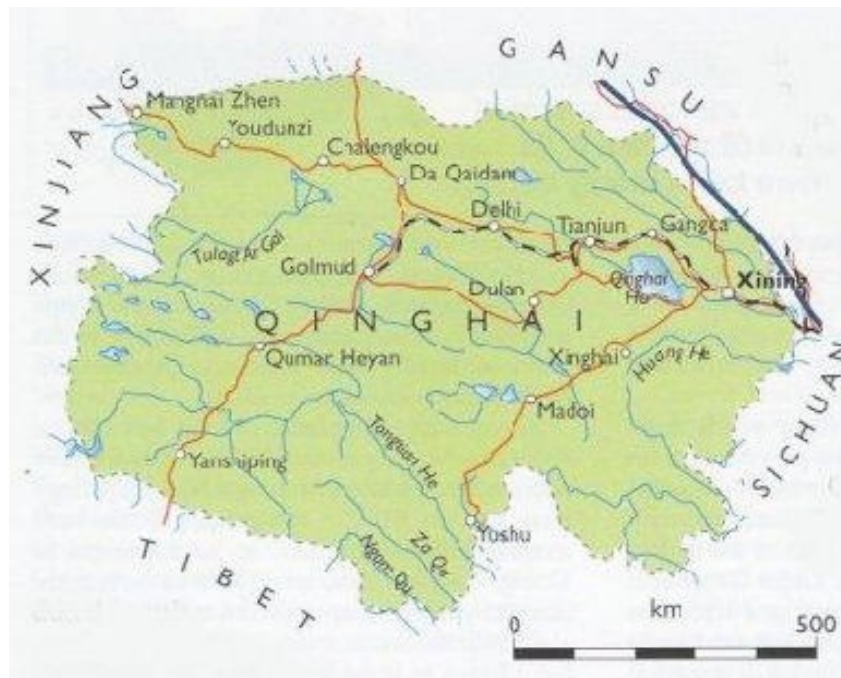
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« Ye » could mean « river » or « drink ».

So, we're supposed to look at a river and a camel.

If you can help us, you're welcome.

Qinghai Lake in China



Technical study of the climb (according to Openrunner)

Distance : 7,3km

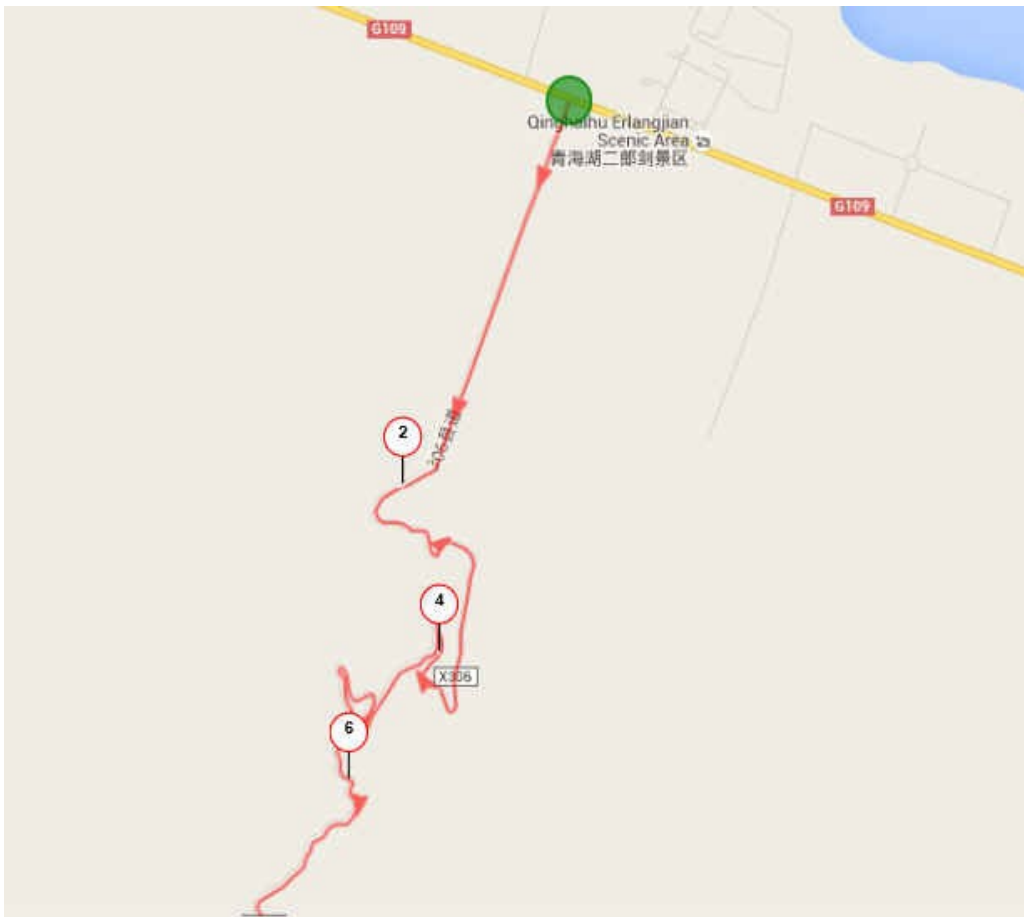
Elevation gain : 3765-3244m = 521m (7,1% average)

Grades km : 5,4 6,2 4,3 3,3 7,9 5,9 14,2 16 (last 300m)

A close-up on the last 11hm grades reveals a big monster : 15 16 7 19 25 / 27 31 27 18 4. And more precisely an elevation of 147m on 600m, i.e. 24,5% average.

Unfortunately, no other source has allowed us to confirm these very tempting informations. Only the body language of this two exhausted riders, who seem to emerge from the fires of Hell..





The road to hell

Luo He Ya Kou Shan is also worth seeing. A very nice viewpoint (Guanhaiting) towers over the lake.





Guanhaiting in low-angle shot



The leaders of the pack, scattered in the first hairpins

Two pictures taken on the other side (South)

