

Basic Detail Report



Title

Thousand Hills Rivalling in Beauty Ten Thousand Streams
Competing in Speed

Artist

Wei Zhike

Date

1624

Dimensions

L: 270 1/2 in.; H: 7 11/16 in.

Medium

Handscroll; colors on paper

Classifications

Paintings

Object number

1954.14

Collections

Paintings

Label Text

Also well-known as a poet, Wei Zhike specialized in scenes of Nanjing and the surrounding countryside along the Yangtze (or Cháng Zīāng) River. This scroll, which presents a meandering journey through rocky hills and farmland, was never intended to be seen all at once. Rather, a seated viewer unrolled it only an arm's-length section at a time, viewing it from right to left. Looking at handscrolls was therefore an intimate and interactive experience—like looking through a book. Because each section of the scroll was revealed gradually, the act of exploring the painting incorporated a sense of discovery and anticipation.

Not On View