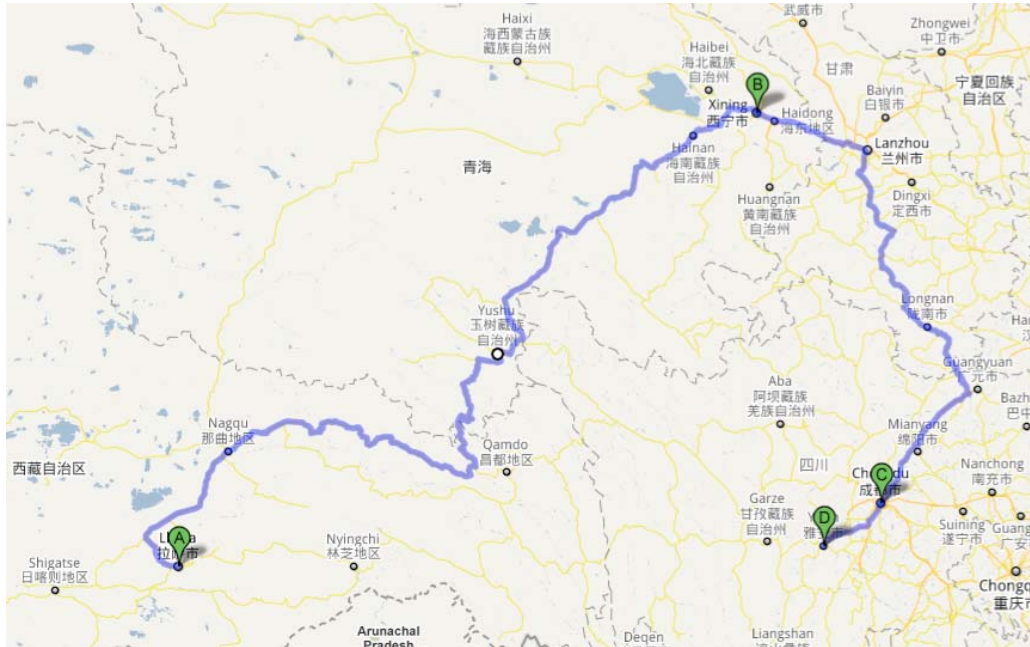


Earthquake Update

While we deeply regret the loss of life, it is our understanding that no captive pandas have been harmed in the recent earthquake in neighboring Qinghua province.



Google Maps

Our best estimation with the given information is that the earthquake's epicenter appears to be about 600 kilometers or 373 miles from Chengdu, Sichuan, China. News reports have put the epicenter halfway between the cities of Xining (B) and Lhasa (A) in the Qinghua province.

The Chengdu Giant Panda Center (C), which houses Mei Lan from Zoo Atlanta, among others, and the Panda Center at Bifengxia (D), which houses about 90 pandas including Tai Shan of the National Zoo, appear to be unaffected by the earthquake.

If we receive any further news, we will keep you posted.

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