

School Guidelines - for planning and implementing outdoor/ fieldwork activities at Country Parks

The hiking trails and educational facilities in Country Parks offer diversified outdoor learning opportunities for students to explore our natural assets. To enjoy a safe and environmentally friendly excursion, teachers are advised to refer to the following Guidelines and give a briefing to students to arouse their awareness on hiking safety before conducting outdoor activities in country parks.

Safety

1. Teachers are advised to refer to the “Guidelines on Outdoor Activities” issued by the Education Bureau before conducting outdoor activities with students in country parks.
2. Please click [here](#) to download the “Country Park Hiking Safety Guidelines”.
3. Please click [here](#) to obtain online information about Mobile Coverage of Hiking Trails in Country Parks from the Office of the Communications Authority.
4. Please click [here](#) for Hiking Trail information.
5. Please click here for country parks [barbecue sites](#), [campsites](#) and [mountain bike trail](#) information.



Countryside Code

1. Do not vandalize natural features.
2. Do not litter.
3. Do not pollute water.
4. Do not destroy vegetation, wildlife and their habitats.
5. Do not light fire except in designated [barbecue areas](#) and [campsites](#).
6. Do not erect tent or shelter except in designated barbecue areas and campsites.
7. Do not hunt or take away wildlife and plants.
8. Do not feed wild animals.
9. Do not cycle on non-designated [mountain bike trail](#).

10. Vehicular permit from AFCD / other relevant departments is required for driving within country parks.
11. A permit is required from AFCD / other relevant departments if any sporting competition, public speech, commercial or fundraising activities is to be held in country parks.
12. Respect villagers and do not damage private properties, crops and livestock.
13. Respect other visitors and keep the noise down.
14. Protect countryside and preserve the natural landscape.

Protect Countryside, Support Waste Reduction

To maintain the naturalness of our countryside, you can help to make economical use of resources by reducing, reusing and recycling materials during hiking. Here are some environmentally friendly tips.



1. Bring your own dining utensil. Avoid using disposable utensils.
2. Bring your own water bottle. Avoid using disposable plastic water bottles.
3. Use handkerchiefs instead of tissues.
4. Bring fresh food. Buy less packaged food.
5. Avoid wasting food, bring enough food and take packed food or fruit as alternatives.
6. Bring your own garbage bags. Separate wastes and bring to large refuse collection point for recycling or disposal.
7. Wash and reuse durable and reusable materials such as barbecue forks.

Education Resources

1. [**“Nature in Touch” School Education Programme**](#)
2. [**Geopark**](#)

Telephone numbers of Country Park Ranger Offices

(Enquiry for hiking routes during office hours).

<u>Woodside Biodiversity Education Centre</u>	2670 1030
<u>Ngong Ping Nature Centre</u>	2259 3916
<u>Lions Nature Education Centre</u>	2792 2234
<u>Aberdeen Tree Centre</u>	2555 2179
<u>Tai Mo Shan Country Park Visitor Centre</u>	2498 9326
<u>Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre</u>	2489 1362
<u>Clear Water Bay Country Park Visitor Centre</u>	2719 0032
<u>Sai Kung Country Park Visitor Centre</u>	2792 7365

Fire Control Centre (24 hour hill fire reporting hotline)

Fire Control Centre	2720 0777
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