

AFCD Lions Nature Education Centre

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展覽館開放時間
Exhibition Halls Opening Hours
09:30 - 16:30

逢星期二，農曆新年年初一及初二休館
Close on Tuesday and the first two days of
Chinese New Year

停車場開放時間
Car Park Opening Hours
09:30 - 16:30

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- A 地質公園遊客中心 Geopark Visitor Centre
- B 漁館 Fisheries Hall
- C 農館 Agriculture Hall
- D 貝殼館 Shell House
- E 昆蟲館 Insectarium
- F 岩石學堂 Rock Classroom
- G 岩石學園 Rock Academy

- ? 詢問處 Enquiry
- i 告示版 Information Board
- 蕉坑自然教育徑 Tsiu Hang Nature Trail
- ☕ 涼亭 Shelter
- 🚻 廁所 Toilet
- 👨‍👩‍👧 郊遊地點 Recreation Area
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Conservation Department

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Parent Leaflet



Words to Parents

Children aged 3-6 should accumulate at least 180 minutes of physical activity, which can be split into several bouts daily, including light, moderate and vigorous levels of activities¹. Therefore, one of the ideal and healthy parent-child activities over the weekends is to have outdoor fun, breathe in fresh air and take the opportunity to learn about the natural environment.

Children's learning experience can be enriched and their areas of knowledge broadened through their personal observation and experience in a natural environment. Their first-hand learning experience is more effective than learning through teaching kits and workbooks from the market².

Lions Nature Education Centre administered by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) enables parents to explore the nature with their children. The Centre is located at Sai Kung, consisting of exhibition halls and outdoor areas, displaying various kinds of field crops and arboretum, rocks and other interesting natural attractions. The Centre covers about 16 hectares in area; the place was once a government farm and designated as the Tsiu Hang Special Area in 1987. In 1991, the place became a nature education centre.

To provide appropriate outdoor environment and facilities for children to have exploration, play and various activity-based experiences, in collaboration with AFCD and capitalising on part of the outdoor facilities at the

AFCD Lions Nature Education Centre to serve the functions of resource centres for KGs, EDB has produced a Learning Activity Resource Package **"Countryside Adventure"** for teachers' use. The package ties in with the learning objectives of "Nature and Living"³ in the *Kindergarten Education Curriculum Guide (2017)* compiled by the Curriculum Development Council, aiming at:

- Cultivating and developing children's curiosity and exploratory spirit;
- Fostering their mastery of sensory exploration/ observation methods;
- Understanding the close relationship between nature and human life;
- Developing their respect for, appreciation and sense of treasuring the natural environment and resources; and
- Nurturing their values and attitudes about care for nature.

To meet the above aims, we have produced this leaflet for parents' reference.

¹ Department of Health (2014). *Physical Activity Guide for Children Aged 2 to 6*.

² Education Bureau & Curriculum Development Institute (2007). *Guide to the Pre-primary Curriculum - Parent Booklet*.

³ Curriculum Development Council (2017). *Kindergarten Education Curriculum Guide*.



Roles of Parents

Setting Good Examples

Actions speak louder than words and children imitate parents' behaviours. Parents should express their strong interest in animals, plants and natural environment, and demonstrate how to explore nature through multiple senses, such as using eyes to appreciate landscape, ears to hear the nature, hands to feel the plants gently, and nose to smell their scents, so as to stimulate children's curiosity and strengthen their learning motivation.

Adjustment of Mind Set

Most parents in Hong Kong put more emphasis on academic aspect than play. Through outdoor activities in nature, parents and children can relax their bodies and minds, and learn about different animals and plants, as well as the natural environment.

Values & Attitude

During interaction with children, parents should guide them to understand the importance of care to the nature, and implement an environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Active support, feedback, encouragement and praise given by parents during interaction with children can foster children's learning motivation.

Safety Concern

As children lack sense of safety and crisis, parents should pay attention to the surrounding environment and remind children to give due regard to safety.

Proposed Parent-child Activities

- 1 The AFCD Lions Nature Education Centre provides various facilities and places, such as the Tsiu Hang Nature Trail, Dragonfly Pond, Bamboo Grove, and Orchards, etc. for free exploration of parents and their children. At Tsiu Hang Natural Trail and Bamboo Grove, parents can encourage children to quietly smell the scents of plants or go for a leisurely walk at the woodland area. At the Orchards, parents and children can observe different species of fruits and compare and contrast their growing conditions. At Dragonfly Pond, parents can encourage children to observe the behaviours of dragonflies and listen to the sounds of the surrounding environment carefully. The above activities enable children to understand the close relationship between nature and human life, as well as to experience the beauty of and fun in nature.
- 2 After the visit, parents and children may grow plants together at home and observe the growing process, so as to have first-hand experience of the fun in planting.
- 3 Through the discussion of the origin of food during meal time, parents can convey the message of treasuring food resources by explaining how tedious the farming process can be in order to harvest different kinds of crops. Parents can also demonstrate to children how to recycle and reuse waste by upcycling the disposable plastic bottles with rose attachment (or shower head nozzle) to create watering containers.