

DRAFT MAP OF THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK
Explanatory Statement

1. **AUTHORITY**

This statement forms part of the draft map (Plan No. CP/PC^C) for the replacement of the map (Plan No. CP/PC^B) of the Plover Cove Country Park (the Country Park) approved on 21 March 1978 by the then Governor-in-Council and deposited in the Land Registry. The draft map has been prepared by the Country and Marine Parks Authority in accordance with sections 8 and 15(1) of the Country Parks Ordinance (Chapter 208).

2. **LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES**

2.1 It is proposed to incorporate two enclaves, namely Fan Kei Tok and Sai Lau Kong, into the Country Park. Fan Kei Tok is an inland enclave located north of Wu Kau Tang and is wholly surrounded by the Country Park. The enclave is generally natural in setting compatible with the surrounding country park areas and is extensively covered by woodland. It is about 4.6 hectares (ha) in size and comprises two parcels. The western parcel covers part of a popular country trail.

2.2 Sai Lau Kong is an enclave at a headland bounded by Yan Chau Tong Marine Park to the east and Ngau Shi Wu Wan to the west and adjoining the Country Park to the south. About 1.9 ha in size, it is extensively covered by woodland indistinguishable from the surrounding country park area, with sandy shores lining the east and west coasts. Sai Lau Kong accommodates a small fishing village at the eastern coast which is a distinctive feature linking up the headland and the coastal landscape.

2.3 The Country Park encompasses contrasting landforms. Meeting the sea on three sides, the Country Park features a range of undulating peaks in the central part and is predominantly comprises grassy hills and scattered woodlands. It stretches from Yung Shue Au on Starling Inlet to Pak Sha Tau at the southern end of the Plover Cove Reservoir. The Plover Cove Reservoir lies on the southwest of the Country Park and occupies about one-fourth of the area of the Country Park. The northeastern coast of the Country Park adjoins the Yan Chau Tong Marine Park while it connects with the Pat Sin Leng Country Park at the west with the Bride's Pool Road lying in between.

2.4 Apart from the incorporation of the two enclaves, the draft map of the Country Park remains the same as that of the existing one. The boundaries of the Country Park are shown on the draft map and follow recognisable topographic features such as

road, coastline, footpaths, etc. as far as possible. The total area of the Country Park covered by the draft map, after the incorporation of the two enclaves, is about 4,600 ha.

3. OBJECTIVES

3.1 The proposed incorporation of the two enclaves into the Country Park will improve the integrity of the Country Park and, therefore, enhance management of the area and bring along positive impacts on the conservation and recreational development of the area.

3.2 The Country Park (after replacement of the approved map by the draft map) will aim primarily at the provision for hiking, camping, barbecue, picnic and other recreational activities that support nature exploration and appreciation for the general public. Vegetation and wildlife are to be protected, and special attention will be paid to conserve the natural habitats and unspoilt landscape of the area. The need to maintain the water body in the Plover Cove Reservoir and its catchment area in good condition and free from pollution is also an important consideration.

3.3 The Country Park largely overlaps with the Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region (the Sedimentary Rock Region) of the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China, which comprises comprehensive sedimentary rock formations formed from the Devonian to the Paleogene. The special geological features of the area will be properly conserved.

4. ACCESS

The public may access the Country Park by road from Tai Mei Tuk or Luk Keng along the Bride's Pool Road. The Road gives access to the main recreation areas of the Country Park and there is public transport along this route to meet the needs of both visitors and villagers. Besides, visitors can access the Country Park by sea along the north coast.

5. ZONING

The Country Park is broadly divided into three zones appropriate to different uses. The zoning will be reviewed and adjusted to meet future requirements.

- a) Recreation Zones are localised along the Bride's Pool Road and at the Tai Mei Tuk headland. Barbecue and camping facilities are provided in these zones in suitable locations where the fire risk can be contained. Designated

barbecue sites and camping sites are clearly identified with signs, while the use of fire elsewhere in the Country Park is prohibited under the Country Parks and Special Areas Regulations. Picnic facilities are provided for visitors to enjoy the countryside and appreciate the nature.

b) Wilderness Zones are hilly and less accessible areas which provide an essential scenic background to the recreation zones, giving opportunities for the public to enjoy the natural scenery, tranquility and wilderness of the Country Park. Apart from a network of maintained footpaths and trails for hiking, only minimal facilities, such as information boards, viewing points, distance posts, etc., are provided in these zones where appropriate.

c) Conservation Zones are areas reserved primarily for the purpose of nature conservation. Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Special Areas within these zones have been designated. Access to these zones is not encouraged. This is to minimise any potential disturbance to fauna, flora and geological features in such areas.

6. VISITOR FACILITIES

6.1 The Country Park has a wide range of recreational facilities. Picnic tables and benches, barbecue pits and litter bins are provided in addition to shelters and toilets in key locations. Information boards, viewing points and display signs indicating the location of facilities and describing features of the Country Park, are erected at entry points, look-outs and other strategic locations.

6.2 The Country Park has several routes for hikers of different interests and fitness levels. The Bride's Pool Nature Trail near the outlet of Bride's Pool offers a delectable nature experience as well as geomorphological features, including potholes, plunge pool and the Bride's Pool cascade. The Lai Chi Wo Nature Trail links up the Lai Chi Wo coast, Lai Chi Wo Village and its fung shui wood with on-site interpretative panels that introduce the local ecology and heritage. It is also a geo-tour route of the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China. While Wu Kau Tang Country Trail is an ideal destination for field study and nature appreciation, the Plover Cove Reservoir Country Trail which measures 15.5 km in length is only recommended for experienced hikers in good physical conditions. Both Tai Mei Tuk Family Walk and Fung Hang Family Walk are designed for family visitors.

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DRAFT MAP OF LANTAU SOUTH COUNTRY PARK

Explanatory Statement

1. **AUTHORITY**

This statement forms part of the draft map (Plan No. CP/LT(S)^B) for the replacement of the map (Plan No. CP/LT(S)^A) of the Lantau South Country Park (the Country Park) approved on 4 April 1978 by the then Governor-in-Council and deposited in the Land Registry. The draft map has been prepared by the Country and Marine Parks Authority (the Authority) in accordance with Sections 8 and 15(1) of the Country Parks Ordinance (Chapter 208).

2. **LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES**

2.1 It is proposed to incorporate the enclave of the site near Nam Shan into the Country Park. The site near Nam Shan (the enclave) is located on a slope east of Yi Tung Shan and is enclosed by the Country Park. It is about 5.9 hectares (ha) in size with two-third of the area covered by woodland indistinguishable from the surrounding country park area, and the remaining part covered with active agricultural land and a few village buildings. The enclave is close to two popular hiking trails. It has an overall natural appearance and complements the surrounding country park area.

2.2 The Country Park borders with Lantau North and Lantau North (Extension) Country Parks in the north and ends at South Lantau Road in the south. It embraces the area of mountainous land to the south of the ridge-line between Sunset Peak and Lantau Peak and stretching from Mui Wo to the west coast of Lantau near Yi O. The Country Park is featured with the splendid Lantau Peak, the Shek Pik Reservoir and rugged mountains, woodland plantation and unspoilt coastline.

2.3 Apart from the incorporation of the enclave, the draft map of the Country Park remains the same as that of the existing one. The boundaries of the Country Park are shown on the draft map and follow recognisable topographic features such as roadsides, coastline, footpaths, etc. as far as possible. The total area of the Country Park covered by the draft map, after the incorporation of the proposed area, is about 5,646 hectares.

3. **OBJECTIVES**

3.1 The proposed incorporation of the enclave into the Country Park will improve the integrity of the Country Park and enhance management and conservation of the area. .

3.2 The Country Park (after replacement of the approved map by the draft map) will continue to aim primarily at the provision for hiking, camping, barbecue, picnic and other recreational activities that support nature exploration and appreciation for the general public. Vegetation and wildlife are to be protected and special attention will be paid to conserve the unspoilt landscape and scenic value of the area. The need to maintain the Shek Pik Reservoir and its catchment area in good condition and free from pollution is also an important consideration.

4. ACCESS

A number of roads, including Tung Chung Road and South Lantau Road, provide access to the Country Park and are served by public transport. Buses connecting with the ferries at Mui Wo and Mass Transit Railway at Tung Chung serve the major entry points of the Country Park.

5. ZONING

The Country Park is broadly divided into three zones appropriate to different uses. The zoning will be reviewed and adjusted to meet future requirements.

a) Recreation Zones are concentrated at entry points from the public accesses and focal points along the extensive hiking trail networks, e.g. Lantau Trail. Camping facilities are provided to facilitate the public to experience the natural environment in the countryside and to support the long-distance hikers for stopover purposes. Barbecue facilities are being provided in these zones in suitable locations where the fire risk can be contained. Designated camping sites and barbecue sites are clearly identified with signs and the lighting of fires elsewhere in the country park will be prohibited by the Country Parks and Special Area Regulations. Picnic facilities are provided for visitors to enjoy the countryside and appreciate the nature.

b) Wilderness Zones are hilly and less accessible areas which provide an essential scenic background to the recreation zones, giving opportunities for the public to enjoy the natural scenery, tranquility and wilderness of the Country Park. Apart from a network of maintained footpaths and trails for hiking, only minimal facilities, such as information boards, viewing points, distance posts, etc., are provided in these zones where appropriate.

c) Conservation Zones are areas reserved primarily for the purpose of nature conservation. Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Special Areas within these zones have been designated. Access to these zones is not encouraged.

This is to minimise any potential disturbance to fauna, flora and geological features in such areas.

6. VISITOR FACILITIES

6.1 The Country Park has a wide range of country and leisure facilities. Picnic tables and benches, barbecue pits and litter bins are provided in addition to shelters, and toilets in key locations. Information boards, viewing points and displays indicating the location of facilities and describing features of the Country Park are erected at entry points and other strategic locations.

6.2 The Country Park has several routes for hikers of different interests and fitness levels. The 70 km long Lantau Trail is one of the long distance hiking trails in Hong Kong. It traverses both the Country Park and Lantau North Country Park. Beginning in Mui Wo, it snakes across the uplands for a full circle to end also in Mui Wo. Chi Ma Wan Country Trail leads from Pui O to the promontory via Mong Tung Wan. While the surrounding scenery is delectable, it is over 18 km long and is more suitable to experienced hikers. Keung Shan, South Lantau, Fan Lau, Shek Pik and Tei Tong Tsai Country Trails are tailored for visitors who wish to see different parts of the Country Park. A few mountain bike trails are also provided within the Country Park.

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