

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Guidelines on Permit to bring vehicles into Country Parks or Special Areas
(except Permit for Sai Kung East and Sai Kung West Country Parks
(Pak Tam Chung Barrier))

- (1) These guidelines do not apply to an application for bringing vehicles into Sai Kung East and Sai Kung West Country Parks (Pak Tam Chung Barrier). Applicants please refer to “Guidelines for application of Pak Tam Chung Barrier permit” for application for bringing vehicles into Sai Kung East and Sai Kung West Country Parks (Pak Tam Chung Barrier).
- (2) Applications must reach the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) at least 3 working days before the date to bring vehicles into country parks or special areas. As processing takes time, late applications will not be accepted.
- (3) There is strict control on vehicular entry into country parks or special areas, and applications for such permits will normally not be approved unless such entry is absolutely necessary. The Department will only consider issuing permits to residents/villagers residing, persons carrying out official duties or works and other activities approved by the Department. Application for recreational purposes will not be considered.
- (4) For applications from residents/villagers residing inside country parks or special areas, residents/villagers should produce proof of latest address, such as a copy of water bill, electricity bill or tenancy and a copy of vehicle registration documents. Each application must be accompanied by a copy of latest documents required and will be considered individually.
- (5) For applications from persons carrying out official duties or works inside country parks or special areas, applicants should give details on nature and location of works, a copy of government documents or memos, locations plans and a copy of vehicle registration documents. For works within country parks or species areas, applicants are also required to produce a copy of the approval given by the Country and Marine Parks Authority to the works. Permits should be sought before bringing vehicles into country parks (vehicles classification such as private car, light goods vehicle, motorcycle, excavator, loader, village vehicle, etc.). Vehicles over 5.5 tonnes are not allowed to enter country parks.

- (6) If there is a need to bring vehicles into country parks because of holding fund-raising activities, sporting competitions, public meetings, making public speeches or commercial location filming, applicants should indicate specifically when submitting the application for the activities. Vehicles over 5.5 tonnes are not allowed to enter country parks. Applicants should also as far as possible avoid applying for permission to bring vehicles into the following country park areas:
- Tai Mong Tsai Road beyond Pak Tam Chung Barrier;
 - between Shing Mun Fung Shui Woodland and Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve; and
 - between Twisk Management Centre and Tai Lam Chung Management Centre.

Applications will be considered on their own merits, taking into account the location and time of the activity and its impact on other visitors. The AFCD is not bound to approve all vehicle permit applications because of giving approval for holding fund-raising activities, sporting competitions, public meetings, making public speeches or commercial location filming within country parks or special areas previously.

- (7) Applicants issued with AFCD's permits still need to apply for other permits required by law. They should check for themselves whether they need to approach other government departments such as the Water Supplies Department in respect of the activities.
- (8) Applicants must observe closely the conditions listed on the permits. The AFCD reserves the right to revoke any permits issued and may prosecute the applicants concerned who are found to have violated any provisions under the Country Parks and Special Areas Regulations or any conditions of the permits.

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