

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Application for Country Parks Permits
General Matters - Frequently asked questions

The following questions and answers are for general reference only. The answers are subjected to change under different situations for individual cases. Applications similar to those described in the following may not necessarily be approved.

1.	Q:	Are all Country Park venues open to public throughout the year?
	A:	<p>Applicants and permit holders are advised to pay attention to the availability/closure of facilities, sites, roads and trails within country parks and special areas for planning your activities, particularly after typhoon, rainstorm or any major incidents.</p> <p>Information on the latest news of country park facilities, trails and sites: https://www.hiking.gov.hk/news</p>
2.	Q:	Is it necessary to apply for an organized activity permit for organizing school picnics or barbecues in country parks?
	A:	<p>Permits are not necessary for organizing school picnics or barbecues in country parks. However, if the activities involve fund-raising, public meeting and speech or are competitive in nature, you have to apply for a relevant permit for the activity.</p>
3.	Q:	I want to take my wedding photos in country parks. Do I need to apply for a permit?
	A:	<p>Generally speaking, visitors do not need a permit to take photos in country parks for private purposes. However, if commercial activities are involved (e.g. paid photography services, filming of advertisements), you have to apply for a <u>commercial filming permit</u>.</p>
4.	Q:	Our company is organizing a marathon, the route of which passes through a small track in a country park. Do we need to apply for a permit?
	A:	<p>Under the Country Parks and Special Areas Regulations (Cap.208A), anyone who wants to hold any event that involves fund-raising, public meeting and speech or is competitive in nature within country parks and special areas shall submit application to the Country and Marine Parks Authority and obtain a relevant permit before the event.</p>

5.	<p>Q: Can I ride a bicycle in country parks?</p> <p>A: The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) provides a number of designated mountain bike trails in country parks. Those who want to ride a bicycle in country parks can only ride on these designated mountain bike trails. Outside of these designated trails and apart from those ordinarily residents within country parks or special areas, no person are allowed to bring, either by riding, carrying or pushing, any bicycle into country parks or special areas. Use of designated mountain bike trails by other vehicles, including motorcycle and electric bicycle, are generally not allowed. Offenders may be subjected to prosecution.</p> <p>More information on mountain biking in country parks and AFCD designated mountain bike trails: https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/country/cou_vis/cou_vis_mou/cou_vis_mou.html</p>
6.	<p>Q: Can I drive a private car or bring any other vehicles into country parks?</p> <p>A: You have to apply for a <u>vehicle entry permit</u> if you have an absolute need to drive your vehicle or bring any other vehicles into country parks (e.g. for research and work-related purposes inside country parks). Except for those ordinarily residents within country parks or special areas, or public officers on official duties within country parks or special areas, the AFCD will not in principle issue vehicular entry permits for the purpose of travelling, recreation, sightseeing, etc.</p>
7.	<p>Q: Can I go camping in country parks?</p> <p>A: Camping is allowed at designated camping sites but not in other areas within country parks.</p> <p>More information on AFCD designated camping sites: https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/country/cou_vis/cou_vis_cam/cou_vis_cam.html</p>
8.	<p>Q: How can I apply for a fishing licence?</p> <p>A: You may apply to the Water Supplies Department (WSD) for a fishing licence to fish in the reservoirs. For details and enquiry, please call 2824 5000 or visit WSD's website: https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/customer-services/other-customer-services/fishing-in-reservoirs/application-for-fishing-licence/index.html</p>

Country Park Permits application forms and guidelines:

www.afcd.gov.hk/english/application_form/permit/permit_cou/cou_app_pricp.html

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