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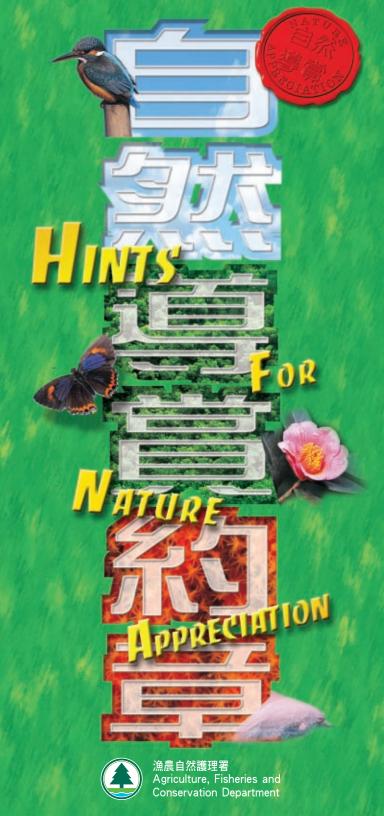
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遠足旅行時,市民應緊記:-

- 切勿攜帶大量現金及貴重財物;同時亦應減少攜帶信用卡的數目,所攜帶的信用卡,以信貸額較低及沒有提款功能為宜;
- 最好與多位朋友結伴同行;
- 出發前,將你的行程通知朋友或家人,同時亦須告知他們 完成行程大約所需時間;或可相約於完成遠足旅行之後致 電給他們;
- 應帶備詳細地圖;
- 帶備手提電話以應付不時之需;
- 記錄手提電話的序號及型號。若有多人同行,可將其中一部手提電話關掉,放在背囊內;
- 遇見可疑人物,應立刻報案;
- ◆若不幸遇劫,應保持鎮定。為免性命受到不必要的傷害, 切記不要反抗,並應順從匪徒的指示;
- 留意匪徒的逃走方向、外貌、膚色、服飾、口音及其他特徵,以便日後協助警方認出匪徒。

Introduction

Nature appreciation is a pleasant experience but some good preparatory work will ensure you an enjoyable and safe trip.

- Wear appropriate clothes, shoes and hats. Long sleeves shirts and trousers could prevent from being scratched by dense vegetation.
- It is always advisable to bring along field study guides, checklists and notebooks for identification and record purposes.
- Read relevant books before each trip. "Eyes On Nature" field study guides published by the Friends of the Country Parks provide lots of interesting and useful information.
- 4. You should plan your route carefully. Leave details of your route and return time with someone, to raise alarm if you do not come back.
- Always take a Countryside Series map, a compass, ample amount of water, food, a torch, and a mobile phone. Carry a basic medical kit with painkillers and bandages.
- 6. If you venture off a trail, into forest or along streams, leave a marker. If you get lost or are injured, the trail marker will indicate your where abouts. Overgrown paths are slow and can be dangerous. If you meet one, it is often quicker and safer to go back and find another route.
- 7. If in trouble --- always stop. Slowly assess your situation, and then make a reasoned decision. If you must telephone or hike out for help, always record the nearest Distance Post. Spaced about 500 meters apart, with number like "H056", these marker posts allow rescuers to reach exact positions effectively and quickly.

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Respect villagers and do not damage their private properties, crops and livestock.
- 2. Do not vandal natural features.
- 3. Do not light fire except in barbecue areas and camp sites.
- 4. Do not pollute water.
- 5. Do not leave litter.
- 6. Do not destroy vegetation, wildlife and their living environment.
- 7. Protect countryside and preserve the natural landscapes.
- 8. Respect other visitors and keep the noise down.

鹿頸 Luk Keng



MARINE CODE

- 1. Do not dig up the sand and rubbles.
- 2. Do not overturn stones and boulders.
- 3. Do not hurt or disturb any marine wild life.
- 4. Do not collect any live or dead specimens.
- 5. Do not litter.
- 6. Do not deploy gillnets and fish traps within coral areas.
- 7. Do not pollute water bodies.
- 8. Do not anchor in coral areas.
- 9. Do not stand on the corals.
- For novice divers, master proper buoyancy before visiting coral areas.
- 11. Respect our marine environment.

東平洲 Tung Ping Chau



BIRDS

DOs & DON'Ts for Bird Watching

- Walk lightly and talk softly while moving around in the forest so as not to disturb the birds.
- When encountering birds, note carefully their shape, colour, behaviour and calls first. Check field guides afterwards. This would strengthen the visual image in your mind and improve identification skills.
- Don't chase birds around simply because you want to see them.Birds do deserve a peaceful life.
- Don't throw stones or take other improper actions to force birds to move and show themselves.
- Don't get too close if you find bird nests. Frightened birds will abandon their nests even if there are eggs.
- Don't hunt birds nor pick up eggs. Both are illegal and you would be liable to prosecution.
- Don't worry if you don't record many species. Seeing a few common birds is already the joy of life.

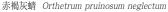




INSECTS

DOs & DON'Ts for Insect Watching

- Keep watching out for bees and wasps nests. Many insects give
 off irritating chemicals (e.g. bugs) or stinging reactions (e.g. bees
 and wasps) when touched. Avoid handling insects and their nests
 as they are protected by adults that may bite or sting you.
- Wear long-sleeved clothes and trousers or put on insect repellent to avoid insect bites.
- Don't take away any insect from the natural environment, no matter it is alive (it has the right to survive) or dead (it is nutrient sources of other plants and animals).
- 4. Don't disturb wildlife all creatures, no matter small or ugly, have a role in ecosystem and should be respected. Don't squash or hit any wildlife (including insect and snake!) just because of their unpleasing appearances or mild disturbances to us.
- Don't interfere with natural structures made by wildlife spider webs, termite nests, bird nests, etc. are structures essential to their survival. They deserve preservation in the natural settings.





BUTTERFLIES

DOs & DON'Ts for Butterfly Watching

- Do wear clothes with a colour combination that merge peacefully with the natural environment and you can get closer to butterflies for observation.
- Do bring along a pocket butterflies field guide for identification as you have many chances to encounter butterflies in the wild.
- Blooming under sunlight is an ideal place for butterfly observation.
 Some interesting species may also be found in woods, streamside and upland.
- Don't collect or disturb any butterflies including their eggs, larvae and pupae.
- Don't step on or damage vegetation while you are watching butterflies, please conserve their natural habitat.
- Don't approach or disturb butterfly aggregate in fall and winter, let them stay over winter quietly.
- Don't just focus on searching rare species. Observation of their behavior, even a common species, is also a valuable ecological record.



MAMMALS

DOs & DON'Ts for Mammal Watching

- Don't purposely disturb animals when searching for them, as they
 may never return to an area for others to enjoy.
- Look for the correct species at the correct time, many are nocturnal and are best seen at dawn or dusk.
- Occasionally spend a moment in silence listening for the tell-tale sounds of nearby animals.
- Only move quietly and slowly when searching for, or watching wildlife or you will frighten animals into flight or hiding.
- Stick to small groups if you want to find wildlife, 3-4 people move much more quietly than a large group.
- Look for wildlife off the main paths, along side routes and small trails



Monkeys

DOs & DON'Ts for Monkey Watching

- 1. Appreciate the behaviours of macaques and their foraging skill.
- Observe their differences in body shape and fur colour in different seasons of a year.
- 3. Notice their group activities, like grooming.
- 4. Observe how mother macaques take care of their babies.
- Appreciate the relationship of macaques and their environment, and understand the role of the macaques in a forest habitat.
- 6. Don't feed macaques. They can obtain food from the forest.
- 7. Don't throw food or objects at macaques.
- 8. Don't disturb or tease macaques. They may attack you.
- Don't approach macaques. Keep children away from them, especially baby macaques.
- 10. Don't make loud noises. Loud noises confuse macaques.



長尾獼猴 Longtailed macaque

WAR RELICS

DOs & DON'Ts for War Relic Visiting

- Respect the relics you come across. These may be the spots where some people met their death.
- 2. Don't deface or destroy any object you encounter.
- Don't force open the doors of the pillboxes, shelters or bunkers if they are locked. This will only further damage the structures.
- 4. Don't take away anything from the sites.
- Don't venture into unstable tunnels and ruins especially after rain. Some of the sites may have been abandoned for more than half a century.
- 6. Avoid unnecessary dangerous situation.

高振強 T.K. Ko

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松林炮台的兩處炮床 The two gun emplacements at Pinewood Battery

DOLPHINS

DOs & DON'Ts for Dolphin Watching

- 1. General Rule: Always look from a distance, do not seek to contact, touch, feed or harm dolphins in the wild.
- When dolphins are sighted, maintain forward progress at a steady and low speed or stop the vessel. Never change the boating course suddenly or cut across the animals' direction of travel.
- Only one dolphin watching vessel should be within 500 metres of a group of dolphins at any one time. Other dolphin watching vessels should wait outside this area if they want to pursue the same group of dolphins.
- 4. When approaching dolphins, always parallel the dolphins' course at low speed. Never approach dolphins head on; only approach them at an angle from the side. Never change direction suddenly or conduct reverse throttling.
- Never separate mothers and calves. Do not chase the dolphins. Do not force them to swim towards vessels, fishing nets, or the shore.
- 6. When observing dolphins, reduce speed to less than 5 knots. Do not approach the dolphins closer than 50 metres.
- Limit your observation time to 15 minutes or less to avoid excessive stress to the animals due to prolonged exposure to one or more vessels. Always depart the dolphins from the side with a steady and low speed.
- 8. During traveling, if dolphins approach within 100 metres of your vessel, the boater should pay attention and maintain the set course at a low speed until the dolphins are more than 100 metres away.
- 9. When observing dolphins that are following pair trawlers, the following need to be observed:
 - The position of the dolphin watching vessel relative to the marker buoy of the trawl net should change as slowly as possible.
 - Do not move away immediately at high speed after the trawlers have hauled up the net. Move away from the area at low speed very cautiously and only after the dolphins have dispersed.
- 10. Respect the dolphins and let them choose to approach or leave. If a group of dolphins is difficult to observe and elusive, leave them alone and try to find a more cooperative group.











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