

Notice to Members of HKBWS



How to enter Mai Po Nature Reserve?

Members should note that entry to the Mai Po Nature Reserve is restricted in order to minimize disturbance to the wildlife. Applications for permits to enter the restricted area will not normally be entertained unless the applicants are experienced bird watchers, scientists conducting research or on official duty to the area.

Members are advised to **state their reason(s) clearly** when initially applying and when applying for renewal permit:

(1) Mai Po Marsh Entry Permit

- An annual permit for entering the Mai Po Marshes Nature Reserve

Please send a letter with reasons together with photocopies of the following documents:

- HKID card or passport
- Membership subscription receipt of Hong Kong Bird Watching Society
- Previous "Mai Po Marsh Entry Permit" (if any)

by post to: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
5-7/F., Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

or by fax at: (852) 2377 4413

A sample letter for HKBWS member is available at the following website: www.hkbws.org.hk/BBS/

Please mark "Apply for Annual Permit" on the envelope.

For enquiry, please contact AFCD by phone at 2150 6925 or by email to mailbox@afcd.gov.hk.

All permit holders entering Mai Po Marshes are required to register at the Nature Warden Post every time when they enter the Restricted Area.

(2) Frontier Closed Area Permit

- For access the Boardwalk hides beyond the security fence at Mai Po, entry is strictly controlled by the Hong Kong Police Force.

World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong will help you to apply this permit. To apply or renew FCA permits, please send your letter and photocopies of relevant documents to:

*Administration Officer
Mai Po Nature Reserve
San Tin, Yuen Long, N.T.*

Relevant documents (photocopy) include:

- HKID card or passport
- Hong Kong Bird Watching Society membership subscription receipt
- WWF membership card
- The most updated "Ma Po Marshes Entry Permit" (issued by AFCD, see (1), if any)
- You are required to give a cheque or cash of HK\$100 payable to "World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong" when you are informed to pick up the permit.

For enquiries, please contact WWF (Hong Kong) at 2526 1011.



Bird Record Submission

Keeping bird records of Hong Kong very important for their protection.

Members are encouraged to tidy up your records after each bird watching tour and send to us. We welcome both common and rare species. This could help us to analyze migration patterns and population trends, and as useful background for us to initiate relevant studies.

The Records Committee has uploaded the existing EXCEL Report Form in our website which included an updated checklist of birds of Hong Kong and data records sheet for download.
(www.hkbws.org.hk/BBS)

A record form for rare species is also available there.

Records can be submitted by e-mail (recorder@hkbws.org.hk or hkbws@hkbws.org.hk) or by mail to:
7C, V Ga Building, 532 Castle Peak Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon. Hong Kong

Rare Species are recommended to be submitted as soon as possible. You can send it by e-mail (gjcarey@asiaecol.com.hk) or mail to: 127 Commercial Centre, Palm Springs, Wo Shang Wai, Yuen Long, N.T.

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