

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society

Guidelines and application for Bird seminars, Bird Watching Tours and Relevant Activities (Effective from 1 May 2019)

1. Bird seminars

- The duration of each seminar will range from forty-five minutes to one hour and a half, depending on the applicant's need.
- There is no limit on the number of participants
- Charge:
 - Non-profit organisations: HK\$850 each time
 - Commercial organisations, governmental departments or public organisations: HK\$1,500 each time
- A transport surcharge of HK\$50 is chargeable for any seminar to be held in a venue which is not close to an MTR station
- A certain quantity of leaflets relevant to the seminar will be supplied by HKBWS free of charge
- The applicant shall be responsible for providing a venue, audio equipment, computer and projector.
- Seminar topics: The fun of Bird watching/Bird Conservation in Hong Kong (or other topics as may be agreed with the applicant)

2. Outdoor Guided Bird Watching Tours

- The duration of the tour itself is approximately two to three hours, depending on the site. The tour will take a maximum of four hours when counting in the traffic time.
- An interpreter will be assigned for each tour group, which will comprise not more than 20 persons.
- The applicant shall arrange its own transport.
- Charge:
 - Non-profit organisations: HK\$1,300 per group
(An additional charge of HK\$200 is payable per group in the case of a bird watching tour in Mai Po, which does not cover a trip to the floating boardwalk)
 - Commercial organisations, government departments or public organisations: HK\$1,800 per group
(An additional charge of HK\$400 is payable per group in the case of a bird watching tour in Mai Po, which does not cover a trip to the floating boardwalk)
- The above charge is inclusive of the interpreter's fee and the costs of the complimentary leaflets on birds, but does not cover the costs of transport, entrance fee, insurance and other expenses.
- Children at or under the age of 4 are not allowed entering Ma Po Nature Reserve according to the guidelines of the Reserve.

3. Bird Watching Courses

Non-profit organisations

- Programme: two seminars plus two outdoor bird watching tours
- Number of participants: 20 persons per group
- Bird watching sites: once in Kowloon Park and once at another site which may be selected by the applicant, provided that an additional charge of HK\$200 shall be payable per group should Mai Po be selected as the bird watching site, which tour does not cover a trip to the floating boardwalk
- The charge does not cover the costs of transport, entrance fee, insurance or other expenses
- The applicant shall be responsible for providing a venue, audio equipment, computer and projector for the seminars
- Charge: HK\$3,500 per group (if seminars and outdoor bird watching tours are arranged for two groups at the same time, the second group will enjoy a 20% discount on its charge, meaning a total charge of HK\$6,300 for two groups) (exclusive of the HK\$200 surcharge which is payable if Mai Po is selected as the bird watching site)

Commercial organisations, governmental departments or public organisations

- Programme: two seminars plus two outdoor bird watching tours
- Number of participants: 20 persons per group
- Bird watching sites: once in Kowloon Park and once at another site which may be selected by the applicant, provided that an additional charge of HK\$400 shall be payable per group should Mai Po be selected as the bird watching site, which tour does not cover a trip to the floating boardwalk
- The charge does not cover the costs of transport, entrance fee, insurance or other expenses
- The applicant shall be responsible for providing a venue, audio equipment, computer and projector for the seminars
- Charge: HK\$5,500 per group (if seminars and outdoor tours are arranged for two groups at the same time, the second group will enjoy a 20% discount on its charge, meaning a total charge of HK\$9,900 for two groups, which is **inclusive** of the surcharge payable for a tour in Mai Po)

4. Choices of Outdoor Bird watching Sites:

- Shing Mun Country Park (forest birds)
- Mai Po Nature Reserve (waterbirds)
- Hong Kong Wetland Park (waterbirds)
(Participants to pay their own entrance fee to the Wetland Park)
- Tai Sang Wai (waterbirds and fishponds)
- Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve (forest birds)
- Kowloon Park/Hong Kong Park (common birds)

5. Wetland Eco-tours

Long Valley Eco-tour

- **Purpose** – to get to know Hong Kong’s most important as well as its biggest remaining freshwater wetland
- **Brief introduction** – Long Valley is a large piece of land in the shape of a triangle located between Beas River and Sutlej River on the Sheung Shui plain of the New Territories. It is Hong

Kong's only remaining freshwater wetland made up of flooded fields. While most farmland in Hong Kong has disappeared due to urban development, Long Valley remains a site of active agricultural activities. The crops cultivated there include water spinach and watercress, which are the most common, and flowering Chinese cabbage and Chinese lettuce. The diversified habitats attract a large variety of birds and other wildlife. Since 1993, more than 310 bird species have been recorded in Long Valley, representing more than 50% of all bird species recorded in Hong Kong, which is a testament to the ecological importance of Long Valley.

- **Programme** – the nature interpreter will introduce visitors to the characteristics and geographic environment of the Long Valley wetland, the different types of micro-habitats that can be found there, the relationship between agriculture and wildlife, main types of living creatures (including common birds), the culture and history of nearby villages, and current conservation status and measures, etc.
- **Duration** – Approximately two hours for each guided tour
- **Charge** – As the footpaths in the fields are narrow, the number of participants in each tour group is capped at twelve. Charge per group: HK\$720 (for nonprofit organisations) or HK\$1,200 (for commercial organisations, governmental departments or public organisations). The above charge is inclusive of the nature interpreter's fee and the costs of leaflets, but does not cover the costs of transport, insurance or other expenses.

■ **Mai Po Nature Reserve**

WWF now requires all groups entering the Mai Po Nature Reserve to take out third-party insurance for that particular visit before they can gain access to the Mai Po area. The applicant shall be responsible for taking out its own insurance.

■ **Renting of binoculars**

Each applicant may rent up to ten pairs of binoculars from HKBWS (subject to stock). Rent per pair per occasion: HK\$30, deposit per occasion: HK\$500. The applicant shall be responsible for collecting and returning the binoculars from and to HKBWS.

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(Effective from 1 July 2017)
Application Form

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We are applying for the organisation of the following activity (please ✓)

Bird watching Seminar

Proposed date of seminar: _____ (day) (month) (year) (day of the week)
Proposed venue of seminar: _____
Topic of seminar: _____ Time: _____
Type of participants: _____ Number: _____

Outdoor guided bird watching tour

Proposed date of tour: _____ (day) (month) (year) (day of the week)
Time of tour: _____ am pm (please ✓) (specific time to be agreed)
Site of tour: _____
Type of participants: _____ Number: _____

Bird watching course

Proposed date of seminar: Seminar One: _____ (day) (month) (year) Time: _____
Proposed date of seminar: Seminar Two: _____ (day) (month) (year) Time: _____
Proposed date of tour: Kowloon Park: _____ (day) (month) (year) Time: _____
Proposed date of tour: Second Tour: _____ (day) (month) (year) Time: _____
Venue of seminars: _____
Site of Second tour: _____
Type of participants: _____ Number: _____

Long Valley ecological tour

Proposed date of tour: _____ (day) (month) (year) (day of the week)
Time of tour: _____ am pm (please ✓) (specific time to be agreed)
Type of participants: _____ Number: _____

Name of organisation: _____

Address of organisation: _____

Contact name: _____ Telephone: _____

Position: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Renting of binoculars: _____ pair(s) Renting date(s): _____

Remarks: _____