

Notes to Application for Use of Pui O Campsite Managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

A. Schedule of Application:

- (1) Camping period: 8 February to 2 March 2026
- (2) Period for submission of application: 9 to 16 January 2026
- (3) Date of ballot: 17 to 21 January 2026
- (4) Announcement of balloting results via SmartPLAY: 17 to 21 January 2026

B. Points to Note on Application

- (1) Applicants must be aged 18 or above and a holder of the Hong Kong Identity Card.
- (2) There are a total of 54 camp bays at the campsite for free public use. Each applicant may only submit one application form for using one camp bay for a period of not more than 4 consecutive nights. Repeated applications will not be entertained. Camp bays will be allocated by ballot.
- (3) To make a booking, applicants must register themselves as SmartPLAY users and, upon identity authentication, submit their electronic ballot applications from 9 to 16 January 2026 via the SmartPLAY website at www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/home, the mobile app (My SmartPLAY) or Smart Self-service Stations. Registration as SmartPLAY users is free of charge. For details on how to register, please click the link at www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/website/en/user-registration/how-to-register.html.
- (4) Successful applicants will be notified by SmartPLAY. Those receiving no notifications at the announcement of balloting results may assume their bookings unsuccessful. No separate notice will be sent to unsuccessful applicants. Successful applicants must complete the confirmation process within 7 days before the deadline via SmartPLAY.
- (5) If there are remaining camp bays available for use, residents and tourists can make on-site applications at the camp office on a first-come-first-served basis.
- (6) Applicants must provide accurate information, otherwise their applications cannot be processed. The information provided will be strictly for the purposes of application at Pui O Campsite, compilation of statistics, contact during the camping period and opinion surveys. Only persons authorised by this Department will have access to such information. The information collected by this Department about the applicants must not be disclosed to any other parties without such persons' prior consent. There must be no amendments to the information related to both proposed time slots and venue users after the application deadline.

C. Conditions of Use of the Campsite:

- (1) Applicants should check in in person **between 12:00 nn and 1:15 pm** on the first camping day at the camp office, bringing along the original Hong Kong Identity Card for verification of identity by camp staff, failing which their camp bays will be released to other applicants.
- (2) When submitting electronic balloting applications via SmartPLAY, applicants are required to confirm a declaration, undertaking to comply with the Bathing Beaches Regulation (Cap. 132 sub. leg. E) and the conditions of use of the campsite. When making an on-site registration, they must produce their Hong Kong Identity Card/valid travel document to camp staff to complete the booking procedures. During their stay, campers must produce their identification document upon request for verification by camp staff.
- (3) Use of forged identity documents, once found, will be referred to law enforcement agencies for follow-up actions, and the registration made will be rendered void.
- (4) Successful applicant will be issued a permit for use of the campsite and must be present throughout the camping period. Such a permit is not transferable.
- (5) Campers with permit for use should **erect their tents** at the assigned camp bay/designated camping area **within 1 hour** after checking in, or their application will be cancelled and the camp bay/camping area will be released to other campers.
- (6) Camp places are for personal use only. If a person is found engaging in commercial activities at the campsite or breaching the conditions of use, his/her permit will be cancelled immediately and the person concerned will be barred from using the campsite at once.
- (7) At the campsite, campers:
 - (i) should look after the accompanying children and persons with disabilities;
 - (ii) should take care of their personal belongings;
 - (iii) should erect their tents in the designated camping area; and
 - (iv) must use the shower and toilet facilities at Pui O Beach.
- (8) In order to protect the environment and keep the campsite clean and tidy, please:
 - (i) dispose of rubbish at the Rubbish Collection Point;
 - (ii) hang your laundry on the designated clothes lines;
 - (iii) save water; and
 - (iv) keep the noise down between 11:00 pm and 8:00 am.
- (9) Campers **must NOT**:
 - (i) erect tents outside the designated camping area;
 - (ii) use tents that occupy more than 6 square metres of the camping area;
 - (iii) allow their tents or tent ropes to block the paths or cause a nuisance to others;
 - (iv) light fires outside the designated barbecue area;
 - (v) smoke, consume alcohol, gamble, boil wax, cycle or climb trees in the campsite; and
 - (vi) bring pets or birds.Offenders may be subject to prosecution.
- (10) Inclement weather arrangements
 - (i) The campsite will be temporarily closed if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above or Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory. In addition, the campsite facilities may, for safety or operational reasons, be closed at the

management staff's discretion if deemed not suitable for use by campers. In case of the above events, campers must leave the campsite early, so long as it is safe to do so.

(ii) Campers and visitors should stay indoors or under the shelter during thunderstorms.

(iii) Campers will not be allocated another camp place if they fail to use their camp place during the specified period due to adverse weather or other special circumstances.

(11) The LCSD reserves the right to amend the conditions of use of Pui O Campsite at any time without further notice.

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