

Application Instructions for Entry Permit for Shei-Pa National Park Ecological Protection Area during the Snow Season

1. Snow season: Between January 3 to March 31 (according to the Park's announcement; the required snow climbing outfits/equipment can be adjusted depending on the snow status).
2. Eligible applicants: mountain-climbing teams with at least 3 members, in which all the members shall have the outfits and equipment required on the snowfield, and the team leader shall have a snowfield training certificate or mountain-climbing guide license (Please see the attachment 1).
3. Applications for mountain climbing routes:
 - (1) General applications: Limited to mountain climbing routes which are open in the Shei-Pa National Park Ecological Protection Area, but Shengleng Trail is temporarily closed during the snow season.
 - (2) Snowfield training applications: The East Xue Trail and Glacial Cirque No.1 campground is open for applications from snowfield training teams (Please see the attachment 2).
 - (3) Holy Ridge:
 - (a) Shengleng Trail is open or closed depending on the snow status.
 - (b) All teams must submit a Mountain Climbing Plan and a Risk Assessment Form. (Please see the attachment 3 and 4)
 - (c) A Climbing Program:
 - i. Snow Climbing Outfits, Equipment , Food and water.
 - ii. All members shall have a certificate or the experience of snow field climbing.
 - iii. Itinerary
 - iv. Safety Management: Strain Path, Safety Assessment, Evacuation Plan
 - v. Leave No Trace Principles
 - vi. The duty of an Emergency coordinator
4. Number of applicants:
 - (1) General applications: Limited 3 to 6 members per team(team leader included).
 - (2) Snowfield training applications: Limited 3 to 10 members per team(team leader included).
5. Application period for Park entry permits:

Both General applications and Snowfield training applications shall be filed within 7 days to 1 month prior to Park entry.
6. Please fill out the Park entry application form in accordance with the Park's online entry application regulations, and prepare the following application documents for upload when filing the application.
 - (1) Self-check list for snow climbing outfits/equipment and techniques required for climbing the mountain trails of Shei-Pa National Park during the snow season.

Team leader's snowfield training certificate or mountain-climbing guide license: (No need to submit your certificate & license, if the team leader has a certificate or license, then tick the checkbox in "self-check list for snow climbing outfits/equipment and techniques

required for climbing the mountain trails of Shei-Pa National Park during the snow season")

- (a) The snowfield training certificate shall be issued by a legal institute, or the proof shall certify that the leader in question has climbed a world renowned snow-climbing trail with solid evidence.
 - (b) Climbing guides shall obtain a certificate in accordance with the "Regulations Governing Certification of Mountaineering Guide Qualifications" stipulated by the Sports Administration, Ministry of Education.
- (2) Documented proof of ability for the team leader and team members' climbing experience: It shall be processed in accordance with the Park's management measures for different grades of mountain climbing routes in the ecological protection area.
 - (3) Snowfield training plan (only required for Snowfield training applications): Including a detailed list of itinerary and activity planning, snowfield training content, team leader's mountain climbing experience and group's outfits and equipment.
7. In response to snowfield training applications, please select "East Xue Trail" as the Primary Route and "Snowfield Training" as the Secondary Route. For applications from snowfield training teams with a public welfare focus (e.g. firefighting units and disaster rescue groups), the Park will take priority in reserving the beds for the snowfield training.
 8. For cases permitted for Park entry during the general period, required documents shall be supplemented for snowfalls during the general period. For mountain-climbing teams with at least 3 members, if they still wish to enter the Park, booking succeeded bed/campsite in the original Park entry can be reserved, but they shall supplement the documents required for Park entry during the snow season within 3 days after the announcement date, and can enter the Park after passing the Park's review. Nevertheless, approved Park entries for teams with fewer than 3 members will be revoked.
 9. Teams entering the Park shall undergo the Park's inspection of the snow climbing outfits/equipment and related documents. In case that the team leader is absent or does not comply with the regulations, the whole team's Park entry shall be canceled. On the other hand, if team members fail in complying with the regulations, the members in question shall be prohibited from entering the park.
 10. During the snow season, it is recommended that foreign teams have a Taiwanese team leader or hire a Taiwanese mountain-climbing guide.
 11. Any matter not covered herein shall be handled in accordance with the National Park Act and the relevant regulations governing the application for Park entry.

Shei-Pa National Park Headquarters
Self- Check List for Snow Climbing Outfits/Equipment and Techniques
Required for Climbing the Mountain Trails of Shei-Pa National Park during the
Snow Season

Individual Team Member	Name	Snow climbing outfits/equipment	Snowfield training certificate or climbing guide license	Self-check results
Leader		Head: climbing helmet *, snow goggles, thermal hat Feet: 12-point (or more) crampons *, waterproof mountaineering boots, gaiters, mountaineering socks. Hands: ice axe *, snow-proof gloves Hip: climbing harness Body: thermal snow coat and trousers Others: descender, ascenders, belay device, locking carabiners, snow stakes, climbing ropes, accessory cords, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> A Snowfield Training Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> A Climbing Guide License <input type="checkbox"/> The Experience of a world renowned snow-climbing trail * A requisite for leaders to match at least one element. * No need to submit your certificate & license.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 1		Head: climbing helmet *, snow goggles (or sunglasses), thermal hat		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 2		Feet: 10-point (or more) crampons *, waterproof mountaineering shoes, gaiters, mountaineering socks		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 3		Hands: ice axe (or trekking poles) *, snow-proof gloves		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 4		Hip: climbing harness Body: thermal snow coat and trousers Others: 8-shaped rings, locking carabiners		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

Notes:

1. The team leader shall fill in the team members' names, carry out an advance check on the outfits/equipment and certificate documents required to be prepared, and be responsible for the safety of the team members during the activity period. In addition, the team leader and each team member must know how to operate and use the outfits/equipment.
2. Prior to park entry, the team leader and each team member shall receive an inspection of snow climbing outfits/equipment and related documents from the Park. Items marked with “ * ” are the focus of the inspection for general applications. For snowfield training applications, all equipment must be inspected. If the team leader is absent or fails to comply with the regulations, the whole team's Park entry will be canceled. On the other hand, if team members fail in complying with the regulations, the members in question shall be prohibited from entering the park.
3. Please do not wear rain boots, and crampons shall not be simple ones. Step-in crampons are only suitable for some specific shoe models. Please be sure to check if your crampons and climbing shoes meet the requirements before going mountain climbing. As for climbing helmets, only standard climbing helmets with certification are qualified.
4. Snowfield training certificates shall be issued by a legal institute, or the certificate shall certify that the applicant has climbed a world renowned snow-climbing trail with solid evidence. Climbing guides shall obtain the certificate in accordance with the “Regulations Governing Certification of Mountaineering Guide Qualifications” stipulated by the Sports Administration, Ministry of Education.

Signed by the team leader:

Date:

※only a completed and signed document will be accepted

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