

Shei-Pa National Park Conservation Areas:

Information on the Application for Park Entry Permit during the Snow Season

- I. Snow Season: On January 2, 2024 to March 31, 2024.
- II. Eligibility: All group member necessary need a capability to operating important snow safety gear. The leader should check his/her own snow terrain training experience and eligibility of his/her Mountaineering Guide Certificate. Afterward, the leader need to upload documents to Shei-Pa National Park (see Attachment 1).
- III. Climbing Route Applications:
 - i. Regular Application: Access to open climbing routes within the conservation area of Shei-Pa National Park. One of the routes, “Shengleng”, when the group wants to apply for the route, it is must need to submit a document about “Safety Management and Risk Assessment” (Attachment 2).
 - ii. Snowfield Training Application: Access to East Xue Trail and specific campgrounds for groups applying to train on snowy terrain (see Attachment 3).
- IV. Number of Applicants:
 - i. Regular Applications: At least 1 members, with a maximum of 6 members per group (including the group leader). It is also suggested that at least 3 members (one group) to apply Shengleng Trail.
 - ii. Snowfield Training Applications: At least 2 members, with a maximum of 10 members per group (including the group leader).
- V. Application Deadlines:

Both regular and snowfield training applications can be submitted from 5 days to 2 month prior to park entry.
- VI. Please fill out the park entry application form in accordance with Shei-Pa National Park’s online application instructions, and prepare the following documents to upload with scans or photographs during the application.
 - i. A checklist of snow safety gear and skills for climbing Shei-Pa National Park’s trails during snow season.
 - ii. The leader and membership are required that snow climbing experience and ability. According to Shei-Pa regulations, the trails are all in varying difficulty classifications within the conservation area.

- iii. Snowfield Training Plan (unrequired for regular application): There is no fixed format, hence the schedule, activity plan, content of the snowfield training, climbing snow experience of the group leader or trainer, and a list of the group's snow safety gear shall include.
- VII. For snowfield training applications, please use the "Online Application for Taiwan National Park Permits" website. Select "Online Application" → "Apply for Park Permit" → "Shei-Pa National Park" → Read the application regulations and check the relevant boxes → "I Agree" → "Route Plan" → "Route" → "Primary Route: East Xue Trail" → "Secondary Route: Snowfield Training". Please also attach your snowfield training plan for review. Groups training for causes related to public welfare (e.g. firefighter units, disaster relief teams) will have priority in cabin/campground reservations.
 - VIII. If snow falls during the regular season, the regular season permits will be subject to change, Shei-Pa based on the public announcements of current weather conditions. Snow climbing groups will be able to keep their cabin/campground reservations under the original permits, but must submit the other documents required for snow season permits within 3 days of a public weather announcement, and pass to the Park's review before entry. When the group unsend the documents, the permits will be revoked.
 - IX. Groups entering the park are required to have their park entry application documents checked by the Park Administration. The entire group's park entry qualification will be revoked if the leader is absent. The group shall take note of the current mountain condition published by the Park Administration at all times. Besides following the necessary guidance of the Park Administration's personnel or volunteer patrol, please make sure that everyone is able to use the snow safety gear correctly, and be careful on icy routes and difficult terrain.
 - X. During the snow season, it is recommended that foreign groups have a Taiwanese group leader or climbing guide.
 - XI. Matters not covered herein will be handled in accordance with the National Park Law, public notices of prohibited actions, provisions outlined in the park entry permit application, and other relevant regulations.

Attachment 1

For Climbing Shei-Pa National Park's Trails during Snow Season Snow Safety Gear and Techniques Self-Rating Checklist

Group Member	Name	Snow Clothing/ Safety Gear	Group Leader's Snow Season Certifications	Self-Evaluation
Leader		Head: Safety helmet*, snow goggles, insulated hat (or face mask) Feet: Crampons*, waterproof hiking boots, gaiters, thermal socks Hands: Ice axe*(or trekking pole), waterproof snow gloves Body: Warm clothing, pants (wearing multiple layers of clothing in cold weather)	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowfield Training Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering Guide Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Experience climbing well-known snowy terrain in Taiwan or overseas Please check the applicable items. You do not need to submit the above items.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 1		Additionally, snow climbing group should check the content of the snowfield training and to carry necessary snow safety gear.		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 2				<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 3				<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 4				<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Member 5				<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

Notes:

1. The group leader should fill in each member's name, check all the required snow safety gear and documents in advance, and be responsible for the safety of all group members during the activity period. The leader and each member must also know how to operate and use all the snow safety gear and clothing.
2. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are especially important snow safety gear; the rest are recommended snow safety gear. For regular snow climbing groups, if the group leader is absent, the entire group will have its entry permit revoked. If a group member does not meet the regulations, the risk will be on that individual or their group.
3. Rain boots and simple crampons are highly unrecommended. Step-in crampons only work with

certain types of shoes, so please make sure your crampons and boots are compatible before starting a hike. It is recommended that hikers use standard certified safety helmets.

4. The snow training certificate must be issued by a legal registered institute, or group members must have proof of prior experience climbing well-known snowy terrain in Taiwan or overseas.

Mountaineering guide certificates must be issued in accordance with provisions outlined in the “Mountaineering Guide Qualifications” by the Ministry of Education’s Sport Administration.

Group Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____(mm-dd-yyyy)

※ only a completed and signed document will be accepted

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Attachment 2

Safety Management and Risk Assessment (Self-Rating Checklist)

Safety Management:

Countermeasure (Please state the difficult routes and describe how the situation will be handled if a hiking route is blocked)

Safety Evaluation (Please describe how injuries will be handled and prevented)

Support Plan (Please describe the communication between your group and the support personnel, as well as how emergencies will be handled)

Hikers shall be responsible for their own behavior,
and ascend with the aim to descend.

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Snow Season Entry Permit Application
Important Information for Snowfield Training

- I. Snowfield Training Route: The East Xue Trail is open for snowfield training groups to apply.
- II. Snowfield training group may apply for accommodation at:
 - i. Qika Campground
 - ii. Specific Cirque Campgrounds :
 - (1) Location: Mt. Xue Glacial Cirque 【Latitude and longitude on coordinate values: North latitude: 24.387236, East longitude: 121.237113】
 - (2) Elevation: 3,640 meters.
 - (3) The mileage sign is approximately on 10K.
 - (4) Campsite is only open for 30 people for each time.
 - iii. Campground Opening Criteria
 - (1) Snowfall at the Mt. Xue Glacial Cirque is more than 30 cm.
 - (2) All training members must be taking their trash and excrement with them when they are leave.
 - (3) Limited to 30 people per day (including regular training groups and special project groups).
- III. Applicants:
 - i. Regular Snowfield Training Group for Application:
 - (1) Application Method: Applicants are to apply through “Online Application for Taiwan National Park Permits” website. Select “Apply for Park Permit” → “Route Plan” → “Route” → “Primary Route: Xue Mountain Trail” → “Secondary Route: Snowfield Training Application”, and submit the snowfield training plan for review.
 - (2) Number of Applicants: Every group is limited to 10 members (including the group leader).
 - ii. Project Group Retained for Application:
 - (1) Application Eligibility: The group must be associated with social welfare

or rescue organizations.

1. Social Welfare: Non-profit corporations with a focus on teaching mountaineering safety and techniques for climbing in snow.
2. Rescue Teams: A government-associated rescue department or registered organizations specializing in rescue operations in mountains, and having participated in mountain rescue operations.

(2) Number of Applicants: In fairness to members of the general public applying for regular snowfield training or climbing, a quota of **10 people** per day is reserved for special project groups. Open for reservation from Sunday to Thursday. During the snow season, each organization or group may only apply for special project reservation once.

(3) Application Method: Please submit an official letter to the Park Administration 3 month prior to park entry. The letter must include a snowfield training plan, every member's information and proof of qualification. Late applications will not be accepted. Park staff will post approved applications on the Taiwan National Park Permits website and reserve the needed cabin/campground.

IV. During the snow season, the Park will post updates based on onsite staff reports of current weather conditions. If weather conditions are bad in Mt. Xue Glacial Cirque areas, please change your training route or dates accordingly, in order to protect Mt. Xue alpine plant ecosystem and glacial terrain.

V. Relevant to the government rescue department has obtained the date of unapplied in advance.

VI. If a major accident occurs, public announcements will make a cancel approved entry permits.