

AFCD continues closure of barbecue sites and campsites in country parks until May 20

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) announced today (May 6) that, to reduce social contact as far as possible, the barbecue sites and campsites in country parks will continue to be closed until May 20 (11.59pm on Wednesday night).

There are currently 163 barbecue sites and 41 campsites under the management of the AFCD, and all of them are closed between 6pm on March 28 and May 7. To reduce social contact as far as possible, the department decided to extend the closure until May 20. Details of these sites are available on the AFCD's website (www.afcd.gov.hk). During the closure of the facilities, no one should carry out barbecuing or camping activities in country parks, or enter barbecue sites or campsites in country parks. AFCD staff will step up patrols of the sites concerned. Appropriate follow-up actions will be taken against any violation of relevant regulations.

An AFCD spokesman noted that the department will continue to closely monitor the situation and review the above arrangement as appropriate. For enquiries, please call 1823. For the latest updates on the facilities in the country parks, members of the public can also visit the "Enjoy Hiking" website (www.hiking.gov.hk).

The spokesman reminded country park visitors to maintain personal and environmental hygiene and social distancing. Visitors should properly dispose of used masks and waste and take their litter home.