

Snow Season Application Instructions for enter into Yushan National Park Ecological Protected Area

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1. Snow Season: Declared when Paiyun Lodge has 5cm of accumulated snow. Estimated from mid-December to March annually (please refer to our Bulletin Board announcement for actual dates).
2. Trails:
 - a. Standard Snow Season Application: all Yushan National Park trails
 - b. Application for Snow Training Program Authorization: Yushan Mountain Trails
3. Application Window:
 - a. Standard Snow Season Application: 2 months – 7 days before entry date
 - b. Application for Snow Training Program Authorization: 2 months – 7 days before entry date
4. Application Requirements: The leader (or guide) of the team must have Snow Training Certification; all team members must have snow hiking equipment and experience.
5. Application Documents: <https://npm.cpami.gov.tw/en/>
 - a. Standard Snow Season Application
 - i. Complete the *Declaration for Snow Season Hiking in Yushan National Park*
 - ii. Complete the *Equipment, Fitness, and Skill Evaluation Checklist for Snow Season Hiking*
 - iii. Snow Training Certificate of the team leader
 - iv. Documents to prove team leader's and members' experience in snow hiking (must have 2 photos that show experience for: climbing mountains higher than 3000 meters, hiking for 3 days or longer, and hiking in snow condition).
 - b. Application for Snow Training Program Authorization
 - i. A proposed program for snow training (must include travel itinerary, activity schedule, curriculum details, info on team leader's snow training experience, and a list of snow hiking equipment engaged for the team).
 - ii. Complete the *Declaration for Snow Season Hiking in Yushan National Park*
 - iii. Complete the *Equipment, Fitness, and Skill Evaluation Checklist for Snow Season Hiking*
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higher than 3000 meters, hiking for 3 days or longer, and hiking in snow condition).

6. Teams approved for park entry must follow the below regulations:
 - a. Each team must have between 3-6 people, with at least one leader (guide) per team; team members cannot be substituted.
 - b. Applicants must apply for a Mountain Entry Permit from the Police Department, as the park areas are considered restricted mountain areas by law.
 - c. All members of the team must bring identity documents for inspection.
 - d. Upon entering the park, all must exercise extreme caution regarding personal safety and ecological preservation. Travel/hiking insurance is also required.
 - e. All members of the team must adhere to park regulations; any violations or perjury are punishable by law.
 - f. Snow Training Certification can only be from authorized agencies. Those who have climbed well known mountain routes around the world and submitted related proof can request to waive the Snow Training Certification requirement. However, please note such requests are honored at park authority's discretion.
7. Once Snow Season has been declared, all previously approved normal applications will revert to their pre-approval status. Teams still hoping to enter the park can maintain their reserved status, but must submit the required Snow Season application documents as soon as possible. Entry is only permitted after (re-)approval.
8. Entry into Yushan Mountains is prohibited during February.

Yushan National Park Headquarters

Equipment, Fitness, and Skill Evaluation Checklist for Snow Season Hiking/Training

Member No.	Name	Equipment (Members must know how to use the equipment)	Fitness and Hiking Experience Evaluation	Evaluation Result
1 (Leader)		<p>Essential items: <u>helmet, crampons, ice axe</u></p> <p>Hiking in the snow: headlamp, warm headwear, snow goggles, warm & waterproof clothing, hiking boots, wool socks, gaiters, waterproof gloves, thermos</p> <p>Climbing gear: <input type="checkbox"/> safety harness <input type="checkbox"/> belay devices <input type="checkbox"/> locking carabiner <input type="checkbox"/> ascenders/descenders <input type="checkbox"/> climbing rope <input type="checkbox"/> accessory cords</p> <p>Others: _____</p>	<p>Physical fitness and body condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Snow hiking experience above 3000m: <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 Hiking experience above 3000m over 3 days: <input type="checkbox"/> Abundant <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Other experience: _____</p> <p>Experience of high altitude climbing in the snow outside of Taiwan _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified
2		<p>Essential items: <u>helmet, crampons, ice axe</u></p> <p>Hiking in the snow: headlamp, warm headwear, snow goggles, warm & waterproof clothing, hiking boots, wool socks, gaiters, waterproof gloves, thermos</p> <p>Climbing gear: <input type="checkbox"/> safety harness <input type="checkbox"/> belay devices <input type="checkbox"/> locking carabiner <input type="checkbox"/> ascenders/descenders <input type="checkbox"/> climbing rope <input type="checkbox"/> accessory cords</p> <p>Others: _____</p>	<p>Physical fitness and body condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Snow hiking experience above 3000m: <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 Hiking experience above 3000m over 3 days: <input type="checkbox"/> Abundant <input type="checkbox"/> Normal</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified
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Notes:

1. Group leader should fill in the name of group members and check the essential equipment and experiences before departure, and **is responsible for the safety of all members during the hike.**
2. Groups are required to check-in at Paiyun Mountaineering Center. On-site staff will check if all required equipment is present before granting entry.

Declaration

Group _____, totaling ___ people, entering on ____/____/____ and departing on ____/____/____ to hike _____ (route), hereby declare that we understand the difficulties in hiking the routes in Yushan National Park during snow season and the risk of slipping/falling on snow, high altitude illness, hypothermia, and getting lost, etc. We concur with Yushan National Park’s efforts in protecting Yushan’s ecology and the safety of entering hikers. We affirm that we are physically fit, fully equipped with the required snow hiking equipment, and have adequate snow hiking skills to complete the hike. We have applied for travel/hiking insurance, will exercise extreme caution regarding personal safety and ecological preservation, **and the group leader will take full responsibility for the safety of the group.** We will abide by all National Park rules and regulations. We are willing to cooperate with any inspection by staff of Yushan National Park and/or Yushan Police Branch, Sixth Division, Seventh Special Police Corps of National Police Agency. For our own safety, when any of the above protocols are violated, we will voluntarily cancel the hike and depart immediately. We will follow instructions to depart if so ordered by authorities or suffer legal consequences as prescribed by relevant laws and regulations.

※ In case of cancellation, we will notify Yushan National Park as soon as possible.

This declaration and its contents have been conveyed to all members of the group, understood and agreed by everyone, and signed personally by each individual. We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signatures of all group members:

Date: