

Directions of Canoeing in East Longitudinal Valley National Scenic Area

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1. The East Longitudinal Valley National Scenic Area Headquarters, Tourism Administration, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (hereinafter referred to as the Administration), for the purpose of managing canoeing water recreation activities in the East Longitudinal Valley National Scenic Area (hereinafter referred to as the Scenic Area), has, based on article 9 of the Regulations Governing Water Recreation Activities (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), declared Directions of Canoeing in East Longitudinal Valley National Scenic Area (hereinafter referred to as the Directions).
2. Those engaging in canoeing water recreation activities in the Scenic Area shall comply with the Regulations, the Directions, and other relevant regulations.
3. Those who take tourists to engage in canoeing activities or those who provide equipment for tourists to engage in canoeing activities (hereinafter referred to as the Operators) shall have a legal registration for water recreation activities and have taken out liability insurance in accordance with Article 10 of the Regulations.
4. Before actually engaging in canoeing water recreation activities in the Scenic Area, the Operator shall submit the following documents to the Administration . Likewise if there is a change in the content of the document:
 - (1) A copy of the company registration or business registration document for the water recreation activities.
 - (2) A copy of the insurance certificate issued according to Article 10 of the Regulations.
 - (3) A list of qualified lifeguards and copies of their certificates.
5. Those who take tourists to engage in canoeing activities shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 23 and 24 of the Regulations, and shall provide lifeguards and lifesaving equipment.
6. In the event of an emergency, the Operator shall first take appropriate safety rescue measures, immediately request rescue assistance from the fire department, and notify the Administration .

7. The Operator shall provide well-maintained, undamaged canoes and equipment, and provide detailed explanations, demonstrations, and safety education on the equipment before engaging in canoeing activities. The Operator shall not abandon the tourists and not allow them to leave the group, and shall inspect the equipment of the tourists in accordance with the following procedures.

(1) Provide a well-fitting life jacket with a whistle.

(2) Ensure that the buckle and connecting belt of the tourist's life jacket are not in danger of damage or falling off.

(3) Ensure that tourists are properly wearing life jackets.

8. The following shall be adhered to in the canoeing water recreation activities in the Scenic Area:

(1) Those who engage in canoeing activities in their personal capacity shall not do so with a single person in a single boat, and shall be equipped with wireless communication equipment and life-saving buoys as means for rescue and notification. Before the activity, they must fully understand the function of the equipment and wear life jackets and whistles, and they must inspect the equipment and the boat.

(2) They shall not engage in canoeing activities after drinking alcoholic beverages. People with heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, and so on should first consider whether their health and physical fitness are suitable for canoeing activities.

(3) While engaging in canoeing activities, they shall not take off their life jackets or untie their buckles or connecting belts.

(4) To participate in the Operator's canoeing activities, one shall confirm the Operator's certificate and the validity of the safety equipment provided by the Operator.

9. During canoeing activities, the designed capacity of the canoe shall not be exceeded.

10. Those who take tourists to engage in canoeing activities in the Scenic Area or provide venues and equipment for tourists to engage in canoeing activities, shall, in addition to abiding by the preceding points, pay attention to the activities in deep pools, rapids, whirlpools, and dangerous artificial structures, and shall perform appropriate river observation and route assessments, remind tourists in time to avoid risky hydrological areas, and wear safety helmets and life jackets during the activities.

11. Individuals, groups, or organizations not engaging in profit-making activities in the Scenic Area shall also comply with the provisions of points 5 through 10.

12. Anyone who is in violation of the provisions of point 3 of the Directions shall be fined between NT\$30,000 and NT\$150,000 in accordance with Article 60, Paragraph 3 of the Act for the Development of Tourism, and shall be prohibited from engaging in the activity. Those in violation of the provisions of point 5 of the Directions shall be fined between NT\$10,000 and NT\$50,000 in accordance with Article 60, Paragraph 1 of the Act for the Development of Tourism and its activities shall be prohibited. Those who are for-profit in nature shall be fined between NT\$50,000 and NT\$200,000 in accordance with Article 60, Paragraph 2 of the Act for the Development of Tourism, and their activities shall be prohibited.