

Guidelines when setting a run in Singapore's Nature Reserves and Parks. (updated October 2016)

- Hares must give at least 3 weeks' notice to the JMs if intending to set a run in a Nature Reserve.
- **Only toilet paper is allowed** at the Nature Reserves. Flour and chalk are not to be used under any circumstances.
- Paper should be laid conservatively and inconspicuously to the general public.
- **Hares are responsible to clear up the paper by the next day or the sweeper is to clear up the trail.** (this is to be done irrespective of where the run is laid)
- Stick to the existing tracks (i.e. those clearly marked by NParks) if you are laying runs in the Nature Reserves.
- Strictly **NO CHOPPING** of plants in the Nature Reserves.
- **No Creating or cutting a new path** in the Nature Reserves.
- **No arrows** to be drawn on the roads or anywhere else in the Nature Reserves.
- No "open fire" cooking in NParks car parks. Point of consideration for the on on.
- Hares are accountable for their runs and **if in the event a fine is imposed the hares will have to bear the cost.** These fines are significant. Repeat offences will lead to even heavier fines and may result in that Hash Chapter being banned from running in Nature Reserves for 6 months.
- Outside the Nature Reserves, use flour only on the ground and not on tree trunks.
- Labrador Park, Pulau Ubin, Sungei Buloh, Kent Ridge Park and Mount Faber are also managed by NParks, so be mindful when setting runs there.

NParks now have a contact for each Hash Chapter in Singapore (in most cases the GM) and will call up any chapter that breaches any of these rules. A warning will also be issued to the chapter.

A fine will be imposed if a second breach is committed. **The hares will have to bear the cost of the fine.**

Hares will need to think even more carefully about their run sites and trails.
Hares will need to plan their run well in advance.

Sweepers will become increasingly important – for making sure all runners return safely and for picking up the paper.

Late comers to a run may find that there is no trail left to follow as the sweeper will have picked it up.

These guidelines have been agreed on by all Hash Chapters in Singapore in consultation with National Parks. We will keep you updated on any changes.

The following was lifted from an email from NParks to Seletar HHH recently regarding one of their runs. Please note the severity of the situation.

Quoted verbatim as follows:
(photos by NParks)

“Please also be informed that on 5 October 2016, trail makers were reported to be found along Nee Soon pipeline and Lower Peirce Boardwalk, with “SHHH” marked on some stretches of the Boardwalk. On 6 October 2016, a site check was conducted and the trail makers were still not cleared. Appended below are the photos for your reference.

As part of the follow-up, we seek your assistance to provide the following:

- Name and contact number of person who lead the run off-trail
- Name and contact number of person who drew the chalk markers and laid the powder”



End Quote.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Their authority is absolute.
The Hash exists only because the authorities allow it to.