Frequently Asked Questions
Visit to Semakau Landfill

1. I am not able to select a visit date within 3 weeks from today. Why is this so?

To ensure that there is sufficient time to assign the visit slots and arrange manpower required for the tour, visitors are required to send in their booking 3 weeks in advance.

2. Are we allowed to visit the landfill for educational tours if we have less than 15 participants for the trip?

In order to fully utilise the manpower and resources planned and used for the educational tour, it is a must to have minimum of 15 participants per trip.

3. Are children allowed to visit Semakau Landfill?

The minimum age requirement for visitors is 12 years old and accompanied by adults. On a case by case basis, children between the age of 7 to 11 are allowed to visit the landfill if they are accompanied and closely supervised by an adult (1 adult : 1 child). Children below 7 are unable to join the Semakau Landfill tour.

4. Are there any charges involved?

There are no charges for entrance into Semakau Landfill and the educational tours. However, visitors will need to bear the cost of chartering the ferry.

5. When is the period with complimentary ferry rides to Semakau Landfill?

As part of Clean and Green Singapore, NEA will provide complimentary visits to Semakau Landfill during the whole month of November. This visit includes a ferry ride and a fully guided tour. Booking for the visits will start on 1st October, 9am. Any bookings received before 1st October will not be considered.

6. Is there a dress code?

Visitors are advised to wear comfortable attire and covered shoes. Ladies are advised not to wear high heel shoes.

7. For the educational tour, do we need to make arrangement for a tour guide?

Semakau Landfill will arrange for the tour guide/s for the educational tours. Visitors are not required to arrange for their own tour guides to bring them around the landfill.

8. Are there any restroom facilities?

Yes, restrooms are located in the administration building. Mobile toilets are also available at two other locations along the tour route.
9. Are there any shelters at the jetty?
   Yes, visitors may seek shelter at the administration building located near the jetty.

10. Are visitors allowed to bring in food items?
    Yes, visitors are allowed to bring in drinks and light snacks. Please note that there are no F&B facilities on the landfill.

11. What is the content of the educational tour?
    During the educational tour, visitors will be briefed on the solid waste management system in Singapore and the landfill operation. Thereafter, the visitors will board the buses for a landfill tour. During the tour, visitors will be introduced to the facilities of the landfill. Visitors will also alight at the Southern Tip of the landfill to take photos and enjoy the sea breeze. This is the most scenic part of the landfill.

12. Can we snorkel or swim or fish on Semakau Landfill?
    Snorkelling, swimming and fishing are strictly prohibited on Semakau Landfill.

13. What are the other activities that can be carried out at Semakau Landfill?
    Visitors can take part in intertidal walk and bird watching activities at the landfill.

14. Are visitors allowed to camp overnight on the island?
    Due to safety considerations, visitors are not allowed to camp overnight on the island.

15. Is there a wet weather plan for the tour?
    The educational tour consists of 2 parts, namely the indoor briefing and outdoor bus tour. In the event of wet weather, the outdoor bus tour will continue. However, visitors will not alight at the Southern tip, but remain on the bus throughout the journey.
The western shore of Semakau Landfill is a diverse ecosystem consisting of mangroves, seagrass meadows and a vast intertidal reef flat, which are accessible to visitors during low tides. The walks can only take place when the tides are low enough for visitors to safely wade on the shore with proper footwear. Guided by experienced intertidal walk guides, the visitors will have an overview of Semakau Landfill’s different coastal habitats and the special plants and animals that make up the intertidal community.

Visitors will have to engage the service of experienced nature guides for the intertidal walks. Please refer to the following table for the contact details of the nature groups:

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* Please note that NEA does not conduct the walk.

**Applying for Intertidal Walk**

1. Send in the application via the online booking form.
2. Upon receiving the confirmation on the date of the intertidal walk, contact the nature groups for a quotation on the cost of engaging their nature guide/s.
3. Once the nature group is selected, obtain the intertidal walk programme schedule from them and inform NEA.
4. Charter the ferry for the visit. Visitors need to check with the nature group if the intertidal walk guides need to follow their ferry to Semakau Landfill. If so, visitors need to ensure that there are sufficient seats in their chartered ferry for the guides.