**Top Tips**

We welcome responsible caravan/motorhome/campervan visitors and we want you to have a fantastic holiday and keep coming back! To ensure our islands remain a great place to visit, please take time to read this leaflet and follow a few guidelines.

1. **Book ferries and campsites (where possible) well in advance and plan your journey carefully.** The Outer Hebrides can get very busy!

2. **Please do not dispose portable toilet contents anywhere other than the specially designed chemical toilet disposal points.** There are limited chemical toilet disposal points throughout the islands, but there are campsites where you can use the facilities for a fee.

3. **Dispose of waste appropriately. If you see an overflowing bin, please don’t add to it or leave waste next to it - wait until you can find another one.** Please do not dispose of waste in bins belonging to businesses or residents. Only use designated public bins. You can also dispose of household waste at the points listed on the map.

4. **Please use recycling points to minimise waste and help maintain the environment.**

5. **Support our fragile island economy.** Use the campsites provided, where possible. We have lots of shops and petrol stations which sell a wide range of goods; you can purchase all you need on our islands.

6. **Use a stove for cooking if possible - there are gas stockists through the islands.** If you must have an open fire, keep it small, under control and remove all traces before leaving. Please do not have an open fire on the machair (coastal grassland). Remember, if there has been a prolonged dry period, fires can easily get out of control.

**Overnight Parking**

We have many organised campsites available in some of the most scenic spots on the islands - please support them. If you decide to park up outside these sites, here are some guidelines:

1. **Some areas have designated overnight parking spaces, which we encourage you to use.**

2. **If there are no designated parking spots, please ensure you park off road.** There are few old roads that have been bypassed which may be an option. Please do not park overnight on the machair.

3. **Please do not park in passing places - this restricts traffic flow and can be dangerous.**

4. **Please do not park in local business car parks, block access or views and ensure you are not intruding on local residents or businesses.**

5. **Avoid over-crowding.** If another vehicle is parked in a secluded spot, try not to park right next to them, instead find your own spot elsewhere.

6. **Always leave access for emergency vehicles.**

7. **Leave our islands as you find them - take your rubbish with you.**

**Scottish Outdoor Access Code**

Please respect the machair (coastal grassland). It is a haven for wildlife and is vital to our islands, particularly local crofters, whose livelihoods depend upon the rich grazing. Damage can be caused by driving over it, as wheels break through the top layer, causing erosion. Please help us to protect the machair for our wildlife and future generations.

- Don’t drive in dune areas
- Use the car parks
- Stick to access tracks. Keep away from livestock, particularly young calves and lambs that are present. Keep dogs on a short lead, to avoid disturbing livestock and wildlife
- Litter is not only messy, it is also harmful to animals. Please take your rubbish with you
- Close gates after you. If they were already open, leave them open
- Do not light a fire on the machair
- Please do not park overnight on the machair
- Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code which is available at: www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot

**Guide for caravans, campervans and motorhomes**

For full, up to date information, facilities, campsite listings, what to see and do and what’s on please go to:

www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk
www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk/apps

**Driving in the Outer Hebrides**

1. **Keep left.**

2. **Be courteous to other road users - please check your mirrors regularly and pull in and let the traffic behind you pass.** Others may be driving to work or trying to catch a ferry.

3. **If you see a vehicle flashing it’s headlights, it maybe someone attending an emergency.** Pull in and let them pass.

4. **Please do not park on roads, in passing places or at the access to fields.** Use designated parking spaces.

5. **Take extra care when passing cyclists and walkers,** particularly on single track roads.

6. **Many areas of the Outer Hebrides are unfenced, and livestock often wander along the roads and verges.** Take extra care as they may suddenly decide to cross in front of you. Look out for deer along the roadsides, especially at night, as they can jump out suddenly.

**Driving on single track roads**

1. **Please use the nearest passing place to let traffic pass.**

2. **Never cross the road to pull in to a passing place.** Stay on your side and let the oncoming vehicle use the passing place.

3. **Pull in and let traffic behind you pass to avoid creating a queue.**

4. **Be aware that, on occasion, you may have to reverse to let a vehicle pass if you have just passed the nearest passing place.**

5. **If you see a large vehicle approaching in the distance, be prepared to stop in the next passing place and wait for them to pass you.**

6. **Note that, vehicles coming up a hill have the right of way and it is the vehicle going downhill that has to stop.**