



# Camping in the Outer Hebrides

## We Hope You Have a Great Stay on Our Islands

The latest Scottish Government guidance includes allowing camping in tents to resume throughout the country. While the islands are now emerging from lockdown, COVID-19 will still affect your visit in a number of ways. We need you to think and act differently this year for your own enjoyment and the safety and wellbeing of others. Make sure you are aware of what is open on your route, plan ahead and act considerately at all times.

### What to Expect

- Ferry capacity to and within the Outer Hebrides remains limited for both cars and passengers
- Several of our main campsites will not open this year, including those in popular areas such as West Harris (Horgabost) and Uig.
- Some campsites are not opening their shared facilities and/or are only accepting self-contained motorhomes.
- Public toilet facilities are limited. Many public toilets in more remote areas, run by community groups or volunteers, will remain closed. Those in the main population centres are open.
- Outside of campsites most showers are located in the island sports centres which remain closed in line with Government Guidance.
- Many of our communities have had no cases at of COVID-19, causing some anxiety about the return of visitors. Please don't act in a way that heightens that anxiety.

### How You Can Help

- **Plan ahead.** Book your transport. Book your pitches. Do not just "turn up" expecting a space
- **Camp responsibly** Stay in organized campsites. If you must camp outside of the sites, keep on the move and only remain in a single place for a single night. Avoid camping within our communities - camping next to your car is not wild camping.
- **Leave no trace.** Take everything out that you take in including ALL your litter. Remove any trace of your campsite including the fire. Do not pollute waterways. Bring a trowel and bury solid toilet waste at least 30m from a waterway.
- **Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.** [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot)
- **Follow Scottish Government Guidance.** Carry hand sanitiser. Remember face coverings. Maintain social distancing.
- **Support island communities and businesses.** Buy groceries. Grab a coffee or a meal. Stay on a site.