

# TIREE

## A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO OVERNIGHT PARKING, ACCESS & WASTE DISPOSAL

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### OVERNIGHT PARKING

If you intend to use your vehicle for accommodation, out-with your own or a friend's house-site, you must have a designated overnight parking space for each night of your stay. There are several sites available at a very reasonable price of £10 per night on Crofts across the island and at Balinoe Campsite. Upon arrival at Tiree, please visit the CalMac Office at the Pier-head where the Tiree Access Officer will organise the booking, and payment, of your parking spaces. Any vehicles parking illegally overnight will be asked to move to an approved site.

**Please read this brochure thoroughly before arriving on the island as it contains information on how to select and book an overnight parking site for your vehicle.**



Tiree has always welcomed visitors in motor homes/campervans and there were very rarely any problems in the past with these vehicles parking off road and along the beaches.

Unfortunately, the large increase in numbers of these vehicles over the last two years has made a notable impact on the land. To protect the island's natural beauty and environment, the community of Tiree has come together and through the Access Steering Group and in accordance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, has decided to put limitations on land use. These limitations have been introduced to protect the rights and livelihoods of the landowners, whilst improving the visitor experience and moving towards a more sustainable form of tourism.

## SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE

Motorised vehicle access or parking away from the public roads and road verges such as croft tracks, unfenced land and beaches, is not permitted unless authorised by the land owner by verbal agreement or by signage.

## CAMPING

Wild camping is permitted on Tiree in accordance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. Wild camping for backpackers, cyclists, kayakers etc, is lightweight, done in small numbers and only for up to three nights in any one place. Using vehicles for this type of camping or to access tent sites is not permitted by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. Tent pitches are available at the Balnoe campsite together with water, toilet and shower facilities.

## WASTE DISPOSAL

After taking guidance from SEPA, Tiree unfortunately cannot provide any facilities, as yet, for the disposal of waste from on-board toilets. This includes both traditional chemical toilet waste and newer greener alternatives. We ask that you dispose of any on-board toilet waste in an appropriate way before boarding the ferry and take all such waste with you on leaving the island. Do not bury the waste as this pollutes the soil and in turn the island's drinking water, whilst it also instigates erosion. The machair and dunes are protected under European Law and any dumping of waste is prohibited.

Tiree's refuse and recycling site at Gott is open Monday to Saturday for public use. Please do not put your rubbish in bins situated on the roadside, unless otherwise clearly indicated. These are for private household use.

## DAY PARKING

Areas have been designated at many of the beaches for vehicles to park. These have been provided to limit the damage to the sensitive machair ground. Please stay within the marked area and remove all rubbish when you leave. Additional parking areas are being planned for improving access at other popular beaches.

Tracks across the machair are there to facilitate land management, access to houses, or for emergency vehicles and are not for use by the general public. A disabled person may use a suitably adapted motorized vehicle i.e. a powered wheelchair on these tracks to access the countryside and beaches.

## VOLUNTARY PARKING PERMIT

To maintain and improve parking and access areas, Tiree has introduced a voluntary parking permit. These yearly designed, car stickers cost just £10 per year and all funds raised are spent on access, island wide.



# ISLE OF TIRRE



- Overnight Parking Sites for Motorhomes
- Ballnoe Campsite
- Daytime Parking for Beach Access



## SITE LOCATION AND INFORMATION

All designated sites are on firm ground and are fenced. They are all marked with a small TRD logo and individual pitches are numbered 1 to 3 at each site. **As all of the overnight parking sites are on working crofts, sheep and cattle are never far away, so dogs should be kept on a lead at all times.**

- 1 **KILKENNETH SITE** 2 Pitches Available  
*Views across to the West. Access may be difficult for the larger vehicle due to poor roads.*
- 2 **BARRAPOL SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Views across to Balephuill. Easy access, but not suitable for the largest units.*
- 3 **BEACHCOMBER SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Good level ground with easy access and central location. Water available on request.*
- 4 **BALEPHETRISH WEST SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Views across the bay. Easy access from road. Suitable for all vehicles.*
- 5 **BALEPHETRISH EAST SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Views across the bay. Easy access from road. Suitable for all vehicles. Water available on site.*
- 6 **BALEPHETRISH HOUSE SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*In secluded spot on foreshore of small sandy bay. Only suitable for the smaller units.*
- 7 **GOTT BAY EAST SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Central location with views out to Gott Bay. Larger vehicles may find difficulty with gates.*
- 8 **GOTT BAY CHURCH SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Views across the bay. Hard-standing area just yards from the beach. Suitable for all vehicles.*
- 9 **GOTT BAY WEST SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Slightly sheltered site with bay views, just yards from beach. Suitable for most vehicles.*
- 10 **TURBINE SITE** 2 Pitches Available  
*Panoramic views. Hard standing suitable for the larger unit. Access directly off main road.*
- 11 **CAOLAS NORTH SITE** 2 Pitches Available  
*Views over Gunna Sound. Access via track from main road on level ground.*
- 12 **CAOLAS SOUTH SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Views over Gunna Sound. Gravelled with easy access. Suitable for the larger low based units.*
- 13 **ROSSGILL SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Views over Gunna sound. Access with slight dip. More suitable for the higher based units.*
- 14 **PORT BAN SITE** 3 Pitches Available  
*Views over Gunna Sound. Only suitable for higher base units due to undulating access.*
- **BALINOE CAMPSITE** Many Pitches Available  
*Shower block and toilets. Contact Willie Angus MacLean on 07712 159205.*

## BOOKING YOUR SITE

On arrival at Tíree, drive up the pier, avoiding the ferry vehicle parking lanes on your right, and park in the obvious car park straight ahead of you (see map below), or if this is full, continue on the road towards Scarinish and park on the gravel area on the left immediately beyond the houses. Please then walk to the CallMac Office, which lies next to the ferry vehicle parking lanes, where the Access Officer will meet you and arrange the booking for your overnight parking sites for the duration of your stay on the island. The Access Officer will have further information for you about all the sites and payments can be made by cash or by credit/debit card. **If, for any reason, you fail to get booked into a site on arrival, please phone the Tíree Access Officer on 07765 449487 or 01879 220677 and they will arrange to meet you.**

## MAP OF PIERHEAD

