

Unlocking Unforgettable Journeys

Welcome to your off-grid adventure in Scotland! Before embarking on your journey, it's crucial to understand the legalities and guidelines outlined in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. This ensures a safe and respectful experience for both you and the stunning Scottish environment.



Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

The Land Reform Act grants everyone the right to access most land and inland water in Scotland responsibly. This includes the right to camp on most unenclosed land, known as "wild camping," as long as it's done responsibly and respectfully.



Scottish Outdoor Access Code

The Access Code provides practical guidance on how to exercise access rights responsibly. Here's a breakdown of specific actions that are illegal when camping off-grid in Scotland:

CHOOSING A CAMPSITE

When selecting a campsite, ensure it is on unenclosed land and away from buildings, roads, and enclosed fields. Avoid camping near houses and farms unless you have obtained the landowner's permission.

OVERNIGHT STAYS

You can camp in one spot for up to three consecutive nights without needing permission from the landowner, provided you follow the guidelines and leave no trace of your visit. Camping for longer periods or repeatedly in the same location may be considered illegal.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

It is illegal to leave any litter or waste behind. Practice Leave No Trace principles by taking all litter and waste with you when you leave. Failure to properly dispose of waste is not only illegal but also harmful to the environment.

POWER AND RESOURCES

While camping off-grid, bring your own power sources, such as solar panels or portable generators. Using natural resources without permission, such as cutting down trees for firewood, is illegal and damaging to the environment.

WATER MANAGEMENT

Be mindful of water usage and bring enough water for drinking, cooking, and cleaning. Dispose of wastewater properly to prevent contamination of natural water sources. Dumping wastewater directly onto the ground or into water bodies is illegal.

RESPECTING WILDLIFE

It is illegal to disturb or harm wildlife or their habitats. Observe wildlife from a distance and avoid feeding or approaching them. Leave nesting birds and their habitats undisturbed, especially during breeding seasons.

OPEN FIRES

Lighting open fires directly on the ground is illegal in many areas, particularly during dry periods when the risk of wildfires is high. Use a portable camping stove for cooking instead.

****Remember, while wild camping is permitted in most unenclosed land, there are exceptions, such as nature reserves and certain private properties. Always check for any specific rules or regulations in the area you plan to visit.**

By adhering to these guidelines and respecting the environment, you can enjoy a memorable off-grid experience while preserving Scotland's natural beauty for future generations to enjoy.