

# TIREE CROFT SITES 2020



**WILD DIAMOND BALINOE CAMPSITE**  
Tents, caravans and towed caravans are all welcome. Facilities include indoor eating & kitchen area, hot shower, wash hand basin & toilet facilities, fresh running water from exterior taps and complimentary wifi. Contact: [www.tireecampsite.co.uk](http://www.tireecampsite.co.uk) [info@tireecampsite.co.uk](mailto:info@tireecampsite.co.uk) 01879 220399 • 07712159205

*Tiree welcomes campers with cars, campervans, motorhomes and touring caravans. We hope that you enjoy your stay. Campers who are walking, cycling or kayaking are free to Wild Camp responsibly around the island under the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. However, because of the fragile nature of Tiree's machair (the grass areas near our coast and dune systems) we are unable to cater for informal camping from motorised vehicles (including motorcycles, cars, vans, campervans, motorhomes or touring caravans).*

*To assist visitors wishing to camp alongside their vehicle, or who want to bring their motorhome or touring caravan to enjoy our beautiful island, we have introduced Croft Sites across Tiree. In addition, Balinoe Campsite runs as a separate, private business.*

*Before visiting Tiree please read this information on how to book a Croft Camping pitch and/or for Balinoe Campsite contact details.*

## Camping

Responsible Wild Camping is free on Tiree for walkers, cyclists and kayakers under the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. Please keep this to small numbers and only stay in one place for up to three nights. As you will likely be using croft land, on which livestock may be grazing, we ask that you are discreet and keep any dogs under close control, ideally on a lead.

- 3** **CROSSAPOL** • Elevated site at west end of Crossapol Bay with great views to the Treshnish Isles. Popular for watersports. Hard concrete standing available for one van and two on grass.
- 4** **BALEPHETRISH WEST** • Flat site with views across Balepethrish Bay. Ideal for those evening sunsets. Beach is only meters away. Easy access from the road.
- 5** **BALEPHETRISH EAST** • Flat site with views across Balepethrish Bay. Ideal for those evening sunsets. Beach is only meters away. Easy access from the road.
- 6** **BALEPHETRISH HOUSE** • Secluded spot on its own small sandy bay. Ideal for families with small children. Restricted turning space.
- 9** **GOTT BAY EAST** • Small site just across the single track road from the beach. Sheltered site popular with families and small children.
- 10** **WEST HYNISH** • Lovely grassy spot away from it all with great views to Balephuill. Water available from last house on track down to the site
- 11** **BALEMARTINE** • Flat, grassy site with views to Ben Hynish and two-minute walk to nearby Sorobaidh beach.
- 12** **LODGE FARM** • Grass site on Gott Bay close to the Lodge Hotel. Beach just across the road.
- 13** **SUNSET CROFT** • Excellent access direct from the road up the track behind the wee thatched blackhouse, and through one gate. Stunning views from an elevated and well drained site that overlooks Tiree's premier surf beach.

## Booking a Croft Site

*To book a croft site, please contact Tiree Community Development Trust by telephone or email. The map on the reverse of this card shows the location of our croft sites, and a brief description is given for each. All sites are close to our wonderful beaches. Croft site pitches are charged at £12 per pitch per night. A maximum of three pitches are available at each.*

*Please note that croft sites charges go directly to the site owners. This helps to maintain the traditional crofting way of life predominant on Tiree.*

## Why We Want You to Use a Booked Site

*Tiree's environment is beautiful but fragile. Our landscape does not stand up to unregulated use by recreational vehicles, and can become damaged very quickly. Tiree is well known for its wildlife; in particular, our many species of wading and farmland bird. At certain times of the year, these birds nest on the ground. Their nests, eggs and chicks are easily harmed or disturbed by vehicles.*

*By using croft sites, the Balinoe Campsite, and by parking in marked areas around the island, you are helping us protect our environment and wildlife for future generations to enjoy. You can assist us in maintaining and developing these areas by purchasing a window sticker. All funds from these go back into environmental improvements.*

**Please ensure you have booked somewhere to stay overnight on Tiree before you arrive.**

**For further advice please contact:**

**Tiree Community Development Trust | office - 01879 220 074 | email - [camping@tireetrust.org.uk](mailto:camping@tireetrust.org.uk)**

## CROFT SITE DESCRIPTIONS

All designated sites are on firm ground and are fenced. They are all marked with a small green croft sign. All sites are on working crofts, sheep and cattle are never far away, so dogs should be kept under control and preferably on a lead at all times.

### 3 SITE 3 | CROSSAPOL

**Elevated site at west end of Crossapol Bay with great views to the Treshnish Isles and the Isle of Mull. Popular for watersports. Hard concrete standing available for one van and two on grass.**

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**Easy and firm access from the road.**

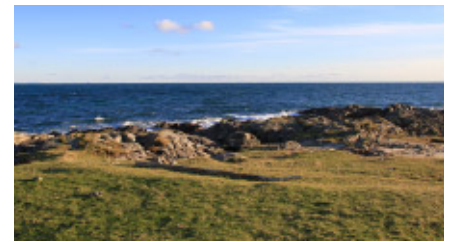
**Suitable for larger vehicles.**

There is space for one vehicle on a circular area of hard standing.

Additional vehicles will be parked on gently undulating grass.

The sandy beach can be accessed without crossing a road.

An excellent site for watersports.



#### DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Drive to and through Crossapol keep left along the coast. After next sharp right-hand bend, the site is 50m in front on left before cattle grid. Concrete drive with sites on right, please do not block driveway or turning circle. Site is before entrance to An Talla on the right.

### 4 SITE 4 | BALEPHETRISH WEST

**Flat site with views across Balephetrish Bay. Ideal for those evening sunsets. Beach is only meters away. Easy access from the road.**

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**The turn-in may be tight for larger vehicles.**

The pitch area is flat.

The sandy beach is accessed by crossing a single-track road.

An excellent site for watching Common Seals.



#### DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Drive along the bay with the sea on your right. Once you pass all the houses on the left, the site is on the left and signposted. The two sites, East and West, are next to each other.



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## SITE 5 | BALEPHETRISH EAST

**Flat site with views across Balephetrish Bay and the Outer Hebrides. Ideal for those evening sunsets. Beach is only meters away. Easy access from the road.**

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**The turn-in may be tight for larger vehicles.**

The pitch area is flat.

The sandy beach is accessed by crossing a single-track road.

An excellent site for watching Common Seals.



### DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Drive along the bay with the sea on your right. Once you pass all the houses on the left, the site is on the left and signposted. The two sites, East and West, are next to each other.

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## SITE 6 | BALEPHETRISH HOUSE

**North facing site overlooking the eastern end of Balephetrish Bay. Secluded spot on its own small sandy bay. Ideal for families with small children. Restricted turning space.**

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**Initial access is easy, but turning to exit is tight for larger vehicles.**

The pitch area is on a narrow spit with a stone dyke to the rear.

Camping area width = 10m.

The pitch area is flat.

The pitches face directly onto a small, sandy bay.

The sandy beaches can be accessed without crossing a road.

An excellent site for accessing the Ringing Stone.



### DIRECTIONS TO SITE

At Balephetrish - signposted to Balephetrish - turn down the road to house with coloured floats outside. Turning to the left, drive past the front of the house and follow the track round to the rear. The site is signposted to the left and rear of the buildings..

## 9 SITE 9 | GOTT BAY EAST

**South facing site overlooking the eastern end of Gott Bay, with views to Soa. Small site just across the single track road from the beach. Sheltered site popular with families and small children.**

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**Access tight for larger vehicles, due to the triangular shape of the plot.**

The pitch area is flat.

The sandy beach is accessed by crossing a single-track road.

An excellent site for watching Arctic Terns and migratory waders.

Close to Ruaig Farm, where fresh farm meats can be purchased.



### DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Travelling north from Scarinish turn right at pink house and follow signs for Gott and Caolas. After approximately 1.5 miles, as the road bears to the left slightly, the site is on the left behind a 5 bar gate, opposite a passing pocket.

## 10 SITE 10 | WEST HYNISH

**West facing site looking towards Skerryvore Lighthouse and Ceann a' Mhara. Lovely grassy spot away from it all with great views to Balephuill. Water available from last house on track down to the site**

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**Access from a 150m gravel farm track.**

Suitable for larger vehicles.

The pitch area is flat.

Cobbled beach - 50m away - can be accessed without crossing a road.

An excellent, remote site for watching Grey Seals and seabirds.



### DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Drive through Balephuill keeping the coast on your right. Follow the road through a sharp left and then right turn and continue down the hill to the very end of the road. Through the gate and take the left-hand track.



## 11 SITE 11 | BALEMARTINE

*Flat, grassy site with views to Ben Hynish and two-minute walk to nearby Sorobaidh beach. South facing, enclosed and sheltered site*

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**Access may be tight for larger vehicles.**

The pitch area is flat.

Views to Ben Hynish.

Adjacent to Farmhouse Café for coffee, meals and toilet facilities during business hours.



### **DIRECTIONS TO SITE**

*Approaching Balemartine, pass through a tight bend. The croft site is about 300m after this bend on the right, just before a row of houses. The camping pitches are through the gate within an enclosed field.*

## 12 SITE 12 | LODGE FARM

*Grass site on Gott Bay close to the Lodge Hotel. Large sandy beach just across the road. South facing site overlooking Gott Bay, close to The Lodge hotel.*

**Access width = 3.5m+**

**Suitable for larger vehicles.**

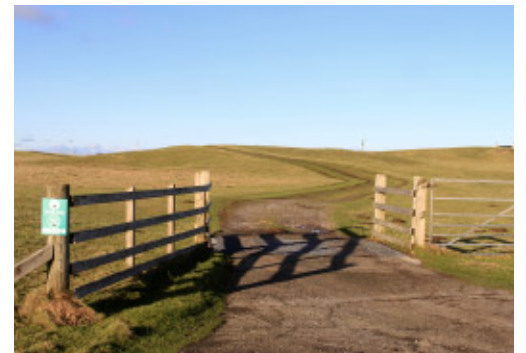
**Easy access from the road.**

The pitch area is on gently undulating grass.

The sandy beach is accessed by crossing a single-track road.

An excellent site for watersports.

Fresh eggs and crafts are sold by the proprietor.



### **DIRECTIONS TO SITE**

*Drive along Gott Bay straight past the Lodge Hotel. After the bends take the first gate on the left across the cattergrid. PLEASE park ONLY on the left side of the track just after entering the croft.*

## 13 SITE 13 | SUNSET CROFT

*Excellent access direct from the road up the track behind the wee hatched blackhouse, and through one gate. Stunning views from an elevated and well drained site that overlooks Tiree's premier surf beach. Elevated north-west facing site with views to the Outer Hebrides.*

**Access width = 3.5m**

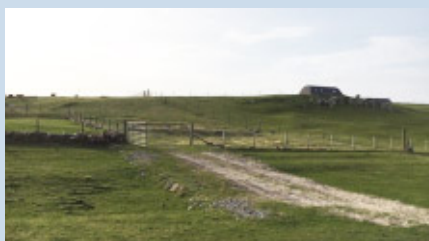
**Access along a 50m elevated farm track.**

The pitch area is on gently undulating grass.

The sandy beach - 300m away - is accessed by crossing a single-track road.

An excellent site for watersports.

Fresh eggs and lamb are sold by the proprietor.



### DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Once in Balevulin pass over the small bridge and turned right towards the beach. Take the first track on the left behind the wee thatched cottage and through one gate.

### INFORMATION FOR THOSE USING CROFT SITES

**When using a croft site, please help us to keep them clean and tidy for the next visitors. We hope you don't find this too intrusive. Following the few simple rules below will help to keep the croft sites and day-parking areas in good order:**

- Please do not have barbecues or fires on grassed areas (including dunes). If you do wish to have a barbecue or fire, there are plenty of sheltered beaches where you can do so. Please restrict fires to the beach sand, and make time to remove all traces when you have finished. **In particular, we ask that you check carefully for nails that may have fallen from burned driftwood. These are extremely dangerous to children and livestock.**
- Keep your pitch clean and tidy and leave it as you find it. All rubbish can be disposed of at the Argyll and Bute Council Gott Bay Recycling Centre (see: [isleoftiree.com](http://isleoftiree.com) for opening times).
- Black and grey water can be disposed of at Scarinish public toilets. Grey water may be drained into the gulley at the roadside outside the toilets. Black water must be disposed of at the Chemical Waste Disposal Point, in the fenced area to the right of the public toilets.

- The waste disposal point leads to a septic tank. Please do not block this or use it to dispose of wipes or disposable nappy liners. Please rinse the chute afterwards to keep it clean and clear for other users.
- Drinking water can be collected from the outside tap at the front of Scarinish toilet block.
- Please leave all gates as you find them.
- Dogs must be kept on a short lead and away from other croft site users and livestock. Please exercise your dog off-site and clear up all mess.
- There may be livestock and farm machinery close to any croft site or day-parking area. For safety, please keep children under supervision at all times and be aware.
- Respect the privacy and peace of other site users. Please keep noise to a minimum. Between 11pm to 7am, we ask that you observe a quiet time.
- Tents can be erected alongside vehicles, but please check beforehand with Tiree Community Development Trust.
- Site owners accept no responsibility for the loss or damage to persons or property arising from the use of a croft site.

