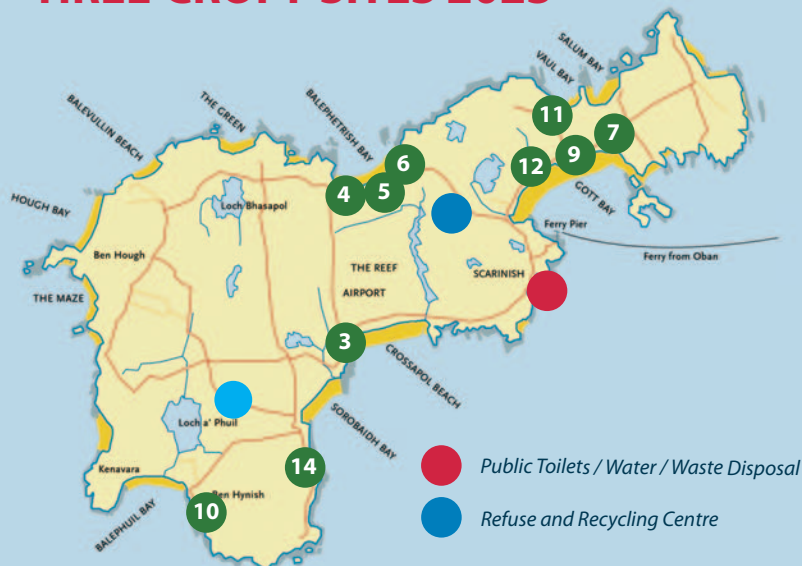


TIREE CROFT SITES 2023



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.
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www.tireecampsite.co.uk
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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.
OPEN FROM JUNE
- 4 BALEPHESTRISH WEST** • Flat site with views across Balephetrish Bay. Ideal for those evening sunsets. Beach is only meters away. Easy access from the road.
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- 6 BALEPHESTRISH HOUSE** • Secluded spot on its own small sandy bay. Ideal for families with small children. Restricted turning space. *OPEN FROM JUNE.*
- 7 RUAIG MACHAIR** • Flat site with good access for large vans and those with awnings. Views across the machair and a 5 minute walk to the beach.
- 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. *OPEN FROM JUNE.*
- 11 VAUL** • Flat site looking onto Vaul Beach. A quiet spot great for accessing the broch and watching the seals in the bay. Beach only meters away.
- 12 LODGE FARM** • Grass site on Gott Bay close to the Lodge Hotel. Beach just across the road.
- 14 3 MANNAL** • Flat site with good access for all sizes of van. A quiet spot and a fantastic location for watching seals and otters.

Booking a Croft Site

To book a croft site, please contact Tiree Community Development Trust by telephone or email. The map above 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

Ranger Mobile 07391 239502 | Email - 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 OPEN FROM JUNE

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.

Access width = 3.5m +

The pitch area is flat.

Easy and firm access from the road.

Suitable for larger vehicles.



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.

5 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 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

Travelling north from Scarinish turn right at pink house and follow signs for Balephetrish. 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.

6 SITE 6 | BALEPHETRISH HOUSE OPEN FROM JUNE

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.

7 SITE 7 | RUAIG MACHAIR

South facing site with views overlooking the machair at the east end of Gott Bay. Large site to the side of a single track road. New site for this year and good for large vans with awnings.

Access width = 3.5m

Access using the passing place opposite to turn into the site.

The pitch area is flat.

Sandy beach is a 5 minute walk away across the road and over the machair. A great base for exploring the east end of the island.

Great site for watching large flocks of waders and the dark skies.



DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Travelling north from Scarinish turn right at pink house and follow signs for Gott and Caolas. Keep the sea on your right. After approximately 1.5 miles the road bears to the left slightly. Go past the first 2 houses on your right and the entrance to the site is opposite the next passing place on the left behind a 5 bar gate.

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 OPEN FROM JUNE

West facing site looking towards Skerryvore Lighthouse and Ceann a' Mhara. Lovely grassy spot away from it all with great views to Balephuill.

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.

Small quarry near the site which is in very occasional use.

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 | VAUL

North facing site overlooking Vaul beach and onto the Small Isles and Skye. Quiet spot with the beach only meters away.

Access width = 3.5m

Access can be tight for larger vehicles as there is a slight raised incline from the road onto grass to get through the gate. This is a large site with plenty of space to park next to the wall and overlook onto the beach. The sandy beach is accessed by crossing the single track road. Great for watching seals or accessing the broch. There is a wooden electricity pole towards the far back of the field just to be aware for children to keep away.



DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Travelling north from Scarinish turn right at the pink house and head along Gott Bay. At the spotty house on the left take the left turning signposted to Vaul. Pass the house with all the cars and boats outside and the site is on the left accessed through a gate.

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 cattlegrid. PLEASE park ONLY on the left side of the track just after entering the croft.

14 SITE 14 | 3 MANNAL NEW FOR 2023

Flat site just after Mannal looking towards Hynish and great sea views. A quiet site on a secluded part of the island with great walks to Hynish and Happy Valley. Positioned within a 15 minute walk to Alan Stevenson House and Farmhouse Cafe.

Access width = 3.5m+

Suitable for all sizes of vehicle.

Easy access from the road.

The pitches on the right and left of the gate are flat.

Bell-mouthed gate access opposite passing place to allow easy access for larger vans. Great for sea watching and spotting otters and seals



DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Head to the west of the island and pass through the villages of Balemartine then Mannal. Go past the red phone box then the last two houses on the left. Opposite the first passing place after the houses is the entrance to the site on the right.

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 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. **PLEASE ONLY EMPTY GREEN, ECO-FRIENDLY FLUIDS INTO THE WASTE DISPOSAL POINT.**
- 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.