

Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture

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Sulby Claddagh Overnight Camping Permits - Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Q. Why is there a need for a camping permit system at Sulby Claddagh?**
A. So we know who is on site to enable better control of overnight camping.
- 2. Q. Is there a charge for a Sulby Claddagh camping permit?**
A. No. Presently, there is no charge for a permit.
- 3. Q. When can I apply for a camping permit?**
A. Camping permits in 2012 will be available from early February. You should apply for a permit well in advance of your visit, as permits will not normally be issued on site.
- 4. Q. Where can I obtain a camping permit from?**
A. From the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture Offices at St. John's (full address below).
Opening hours 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.30pm Friday.
- 5. Q. Do I need any other documents when applying for a permit?**
A. You will need to provide some form of officially recognised identification which includes your photograph and home address (e.g. driving licence or passport and an up-to-date utility bill).
- 6. Q. I had a permit in 2011, do I need to re-submit my documents?**
A. As long as your details (address etc.) remain unchanged, you do not need to re-submit your ID documents. However, you will still need to complete a 2012 application form.
- 7. Q. Can I make a postal or electronic application for a Sulby Claddagh camping permit?**
A. Yes, we can send you an application form either by post or electronically. This should then be returned with a copy of your identification documents (as above).
- 8. Q. How long does a permit last?**
A. It covers a whole season i.e. 1st May to 30th September and Easter weekend in any one year. (Camping on the Claddagh is not permitted outside this period).
- 9. Q. Do age restrictions apply to applicants for permits?**
A. Yes. A permit may only be obtained by a responsible adult, 18 years or over.
- 10. Q. What does a seasonal camping permit allow?**
A. The permit allows the holder to pitch a camping unit (tent, campervan, caravan, trailer tent, etc) staying for up to a maximum of 14 nights at a time, as stated in the Sulby Claddagh Byelaws.
- 11. Q. Does having a camping permit reserve a pitch at Sulby Claddagh?**
A. No. Pitches are available on a first-come-first-served basis so space can never be guaranteed. Community events held on the Claddaghs may further restrict space for camping on certain occasions.
- 12. Q. Does each person need a permit?**
A. No – the permit covers the camping unit.
- 13. Q. I have a large family; can a permit apply to more than one tent?**
A. A permit will also cover 'pup' tents associated with a family from the same household.
- 14. Q. Can I give my permit to a friend to use?**
A. No. The camping permit is non-transferable.
- 15. Q. Do I need to have my permit with me when camping on the Claddagh?**
A. Yes. Your permit must be clearly displayed at all times when camping overnight on the Claddagh.
- 16. Q. Does the camping permit system apply to visitors to the Island?**
A. Yes. Camping permits are required by all visitors camping overnight at the Claddagh.
- 17. Q. Does the permit system replace the Sulby Claddagh Byelaws?**
A. No. All Sulby Claddagh Byelaws still apply (see summary overleaf).
- 18. Q. Do I need a camping permit to enjoy daytime recreation on the Claddagh?**
A. No, permits are only needed for overnight camping.
- 19. Q. Who is responsible for checking the permits?**
A. Any responsible official nominated by the Department, including staff and officers of the Forestry, Amenity & Lands Directorate, contracted security guards, police officers, etc.

SULBY CLADDAGH - Summary of Byelaws

- No overnight parking or camping permitted during “Winter” - 1st October to 30th April (except for Easter Weekend).
- Camping with tent, trailer tent, caravan or camper van etc. permitted only during “Summer” – 1st May to 30th September. Maximum stay is 14 days, after which tent etc. must be removed from the site for at least 4 days.
- Permit required for all overnight camping (12 midnight to 6am). Permit to be clearly displayed at all times.
- Tents, caravans etc. must be at least 6 metres apart.
- No fires permitted.
Barbecues* etc. must be raised off the ground sufficient to protect it from damage.

*Charcoal or gas/paraffin only -no other fuel permitted.

- No vehicles on Claddagh other than for access i.e. no riding or driving around.
- No camping on the riverside and recreation areas (except during T.T. and Grand Prix fortnights).
- No loud music at any time.
- No music or generators after 10.30pm or before 7.30am.
- No violent, quarrelsome or disorderly behaviour.
- No profane, obscene or threatening language.
- No fouling, dogs must be kept under control.
- All litter to be taken away or disposed of in the bins provided.
- No caravans or vehicles to be displayed for sale.

Penalty - a Fine not exceeding £2,500

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For further information or to request a permit application form, please contact:

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