

13. How do the camping permits work?

Camping in a permit area is ideal for those who prefer to have a 'wild camping' experience, as described in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (Outdooraccess-scotland.com), but want to stay in an area within one of the Camping Management Zones:

- ▶ A number of permits are allocated for camping in specific areas within the Camping Management Zones.
- ▶ People can book camping permits in advance online. These permit areas have no formal facilities, offering a way to provide camping at sustainable levels in popular areas within a Camping Management Zone.

Permit areas provide the opportunity to enjoy the National Park's popular lochshores on a short stay (e.g. while hiking) or while enjoying a recreational activity, such as fishing.

14. How much do camping and motorhome permits cost?

The cost of the permit is £3 per tent or motorhome per night. A camping permit allows the holder to camp within a specific permit area. A motorhome permit assigns the permit holder to a specific location and parking bay. The maximum stay in one permit area is three consecutive nights.

Camping at one of the National Park's Your Park campsites costs £7 per adult per night, with children aged under 16 going free.

There are a number of other campsites across the National Park. The cost of camping at other campsites varies depending on the level of facilities on offer at a specific location. For a list of campsites in the National Park go to www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/camping

15. What are the penalties for not complying with the byelaws?

National Park Rangers always offer advice on how and where to camp responsibly but please be aware that failure to comply with the byelaws can result in a report to the Procurator Fiscal and a fine of up to £500.

16. I don't have a shelter when I visit for the day to fish am I affected?

No, you can continue to visit for the day and fish, with the appropriate fishing permit. The byelaws in relation to camping do not affect you.

17. What if I put a tent up when I am fishing during the day but don't camp overnight?

Yes, under the byelaws you need a camping permit to use or occupy a tent, wigwam or bivouac at any time. You can have an umbrella up at any time.

18. I stay in my motorhome when I come and fish, can I still do this?

There are a number of permits available for motorhomes and you will need a valid motorhome permit in order to stay overnight in the permit area. Their locations and booking information is available on the National Park website at www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/camping



For more information about angling and where you can buy fishing permits go to: www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/angling

For more information and to buy permits for camping & motorhomes across the National Park go to: www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/camping



ANGLING & CAMPING Q&As

In Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park there are many excellent opportunities for fishing. With 22 lochs and 39 miles of coastline around three sea lochs, this makes the National Park an ideal place for a variety of different types of fishing from fly fishing to sea angling.

On 1st March 2017 new byelaws were introduced to manage the environmental impact of camping and fires on some of the busiest lochshores in the National Park, which may impact on people wishing to fish and camp.

The new byelaws do not affect where or when you can fish, but in some locations from March to September, if you want to camp or stay overnight in a motorhome or campervan you will need to obtain a camping permit or book into a campsite. The byelaws also cover how and where you can build a fire when fishing.

These Q&As explain how to come and enjoy angling and camping in the National Park under the new byelaws.

1. What do the camping byelaws cover?

- ▶ Where you can camp in a tent and stop overnight with a motorhome or campervan along some lochshores in the National Park, from March to September. If you camp outside of these areas you will not be affected by the byelaws. The byelaws cover less than 4% of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.
- ▶ Irresponsible fire-lighting and collecting wood, including chopping trees for firewood. If you want to have a fire when you are fishing or camping you will need to make sure you build it in a place where it will cause no damage or use a fire bowl. You must bring your own wood, as collecting firewood has a damaging effect on wildlife in the area.

2. How do the camping byelaws work?

The byelaws create Camping Management Zones along our busiest lochshores, which are easily accessible by road. These Zones include the land from the affected lochshore to the nearby road, and for approximately 200m on the other side of the road, or to the nearest visible feature such as field boundaries or tracks.

Within these Zones, from March to September, camping is only allowed in specific areas by booking a campsite place or by obtaining a camping permit. This allows the National Park Authority to manage the volume of people staying overnight in these locations, helping to prevent overuse and damage to these popular lochshore areas.

Under the byelaws people with campervans and motorhomes can still use laybys to stop and rest (including sleeping overnight if necessary), but encampment on a road (including laybys) is an offence under road traffic legislation.

