

Sulby Claddagh Overnight Camping - Frequently Asked Questions

In 2020, as part of our efforts to improve the camping experience and comply with legislation and model standards at the Sulby Claddagh, we introduced some changes in including limiting the number of spaces and the introduction of an onsite warden. We hope the following will answer some of your questions.

1. Why is there a need for a camping permit system at Sulby Claddagh?

A. So we know who may be on site to enable better control of overnight camping.

2. Is there a charge for a Sulby Claddagh camping permit?

A. Yes, a £16 administration fee applies to each permit.

3. When can I apply for a camping permit?

A. Camping permits in 2022 will be available from mid-March. You should apply for a permit in advance of your visit, as permits are not issued on site.

4. Where can I obtain a camping permit?

A. The Department encourages visitors to apply online at <https://www.gov.im//camping>. We can also send you an application form by post or email. This should then be completed and returned to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture Offices at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St. John's, IM4 3AS. Opening hours 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

5. I had a permit in 2021, do I need to re-submit my documents?

You will need to complete a 2022 application form. You will also need your new permit and number when booking your camping pitch.

6. How long does a permit last?

A. It covers a whole season i.e. Easter weekend and 1st May to 30th September in any one year. (Camping on the Claddagh is not permitted outside this period).

7. Do age restrictions apply to applicants for permits?

A. Yes. A permit may only be obtained by a responsible adult, 18 years or over.

8. What does a seasonal camping permit allow?

A. The permit allows the holder to pitch a single moveable dwelling (e.g. tent, campervan, caravan, trailer tent) staying for up to a maximum of 14 nights at a time, as stated in the Sulby Claddagh Byelaws.

Unfortunately, to ensure compliance with new requirements, no pup tents are permitted to accompany another moveable dwelling on the same pitch.

9. Does having a camping permit reserve a pitch at Sulby Claddagh?

A. No. Following receipt of your permit you will need to book your camping pitch: [Please refer to information at http://www.gov.im/camping](http://www.gov.im/camping) on how to reserve a camping pitch.

10. Does each person need a permit?

A. No – the permit covers the moveable dwelling only.

11. Can I give my permit to a friend to use?

A. No. The camping permit is non-transferable.

12. Do I need to have my permit and booking reference with me when camping on the Claddagh?

A. Yes. Your permit and booking reference must be clearly displayed at all times when camping overnight on the Claddagh.

13. How many overnight camping pitches will be available?

A. In compliance with the Model Standards for Camping Sites and Sulby Claddagh Byelaws there will be 25 pitches available. More pitches are available during TT / MGP periods.

14. Why do I need to book a camping pitch?

A. As there are a restricted number of pitches available, and to avoid disappointment, you will need to book a pitch prior to your arrival. [Please refer to information at http://www.gov.im/camping](http://www.gov.im/camping) on how to reserve a

camping pitch. You will require your valid camping permit and both Permit and Booking Reference will be required for presentation to the 'Campsite Warden' on arrival.

15. How many camping units are allowed per pitch?

A. To adhere to safe distances between units and in compliance with Fire Safety Guidance, Model Standards for Campsites and Sulby Claddagh Byelaws, only one moveable dwelling is permitted per pitch.

16. What happens if I do not attend and I do not cancel my booking?

A. The Department reserves the right to reallocate the pitch; however the new online booking system will allow amendments to be made to any reservations.

17. Do I need a camping permit to enjoy daytime recreation on the Claddagh?

A. Sulby Claddagh is a general recreation site that is enjoyed by many visitors throughout the day. All visitors are required to comply with the Sulby Claddagh Byelaws. No permit is required if you do not intend camping overnight.

18. 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.

19. Does the permit system replace the Sulby Claddagh Byelaws?

A. No. All Sulby Claddagh Byelaws still apply.

20. Is there a Warden or Campsite attendant?

A. To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable stay and to comply with model camping standards and relevant legislation there will be a warden provided. Although on occasions this may not be 24hrs per day.

21. What do I do on arrival?

A. Ensure you have your 'camping permit' AND 'pitch booking reference' report to the onsite Warden, who will welcome you and direct you to your pitch.

22. Is there a check-in and out time?

A. Yes, there will be a checking in and out time;

- Check-in no earlier than 12 noon and check-out no later than 11am on the day of your departure.

23. Who is responsible for checking the permits?

A. Any responsible official nominated by the Department, contracted wardens, police officers, etc.

24. Can I leave my camping unit unoccupied overnight?

A. No, all camping units must be occupied – your camping permit may be revoked if you leave your unit unoccupied overnight.

25. Can I light a fire or have a barbecue?

A. Lighting or keeping a fire burning is prohibited on the Sulby Claddagh. Open fires, including fire pits and chimneas are not permitted.

It is permitted to use a charcoal barbecue, hydrocarbon liquid or gas in a cooking appliance provided this does not cause burning, scorching or damage to the ground, picnic tables, surrounding area or any flora.

26. If I buy a permit but do not use the Claddagh for camping during the 2022 season, can I get a refund?

A. Yes, a refund is permitted if you have not used the site for any overnight camping. Your permit number will be cross-referenced with the onsite record. Contact the Department to enquire on a permit refund. The Department requires that any applications for a refund are made within 16 weeks of the site closing.

27. When will the toilet facilities be open for use?

A. The built toilet facilities will be closed and unavailable for use during 2022. However, suitable temporary toilets will be provided throughout the season. Facilities will be available for use from the 15th April to 30th September.

28. How do I book a pitch?

A. An online pitch booking system will be made available early April (and in time for Easter). This system will allow you to make a pitch booking and cancel/amend existing bookings. Please note you will not be able to

select your pitch location. The Department will provide further details on this in early April. For further updates please check www.gov.im/camping