

# Guidelines For Campervans and Tent Users

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## Guidelines for Campervan and Tent users

Sabhal Mor Ostaig (SMO) offers the following guidelines as assistance for those wishing to attend our Centre and reside in a campervan or a tent; students should make themselves familiar with these for the safety and welfare of their occupants.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig is not an official campsite and as such does not have dedicated facilities for tents and campervans. Whilst SMO can accommodate tents and campervans by those attending our SHORT COURSES, our amenities are not geared to their needs. Short course students are generally enrolled for a 5-day, 1-week Further Education course. Any Short Course enrolments lasting longer than 5 days and with a student requesting a stay longer in a tent or campervan will be at the discretion of the Short Course and Estates Team.

We are unable to accommodate lengthy stays in campervans or tents; we are not a suitable location for Full Time students to stay in a campervan or tent. We cannot accommodate sufficiently for their needs and are not a registered campsite.

The Centre cannot accommodate caravans due to the space we have available and how busy we become.

Short course students residing in a campervan or tent are responsible for their own health, safety and security whilst on the campus. Campervan and tent users must also accept that this is not a campsite and that we do not have dedicated camping or campervan facilities.

The nearest suitable and dedicated campervan and caravan site is at An Crùbh, ([www.camuscross.org](http://www.camuscross.org)) this is referred to as South Skye Motorhome Park and can accommodate campervans and caravans throughout the year. The site is not associated with Sabhal Mor Ostaig.

### [An Crùbh | South Skye Motorhome Park](#)

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Duisdale Beag,  
Sleat,  
Isle of Skye  
IV43 8QU

[managercamuscross@gmail.com](mailto:managercamuscross@gmail.com)

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#### Facilities and Amenities at South Skye Motorhome Park:

- Fresh water available
- Electrical hook ups
- Black and grey waste disposal (can be paid for on-site via a contactless card machine)
- Password operated electric gate
- Quiet policy after 10pm
- Picnic benches
- Playground for children



- Café, Shop and post office facilities
- Family friendly & Pet friendly

Short course students are required to inform Sabhal Mor Ostaig during the application process if they intend to stay in a campervan or a tent on campus and their intentions for meals.

While the Centre will do its utmost to meet each request for a campervan space, we cannot guarantee that an appropriate space can be found as the Centre is always busy with employee and student vehicles - particularly during the summer months.

### Short Course Students Staying in Campervans

Campervans are required to park at the Àrainn Ostaig site where we are able to offer WC's. You will be asked to relocate if you are parked in the wrong location.

Your campervan should be well maintained, have a current MOT and an up-to-date Habitation Service. These documents should be brought with you and held in the van for inspection. Campervan conversions without electricity and gas facilities only require an MOT.

Toilets are available throughout the day and night at Àrainn Ostaig. Please be aware that these facilities are available to all users of the Centre and can be particularly busy due to their location near the Talla Mòr, where events are frequently held. Showering facilities are not available at Àrainn Ostaig.

Showering facilities are available in the main building at Àrainn Chaluim Chille (ACC) and are open between 8am and 10pm each day.

Under no condition may black or grey waste be disposed of at the Centre. SMO has no amenities to accommodate this. The nearest disposal site is at South Skye Motorhome Park.

Campervan occupants can have meals at the Centre, and this is to be informed to us on the application form. We will need to know your intentions in advance to assure our chef's provide sufficient food at each mealtime.

Sabhal Mor Ostaig currently has no electrical or water hook up amenities.

### Short Course Students Camping

Tents are to be erected at the Àrainn Ostaig, on the grassed site area, where we are able to offer WC facilities.

You will be asked to relocate if your tent is in the wrong location.

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Smoking and cooking in tents are strictly forbidden for your safety.

Sabhal Mor Ostaig currently has no electrical hook up amenities.

Being in Scotland has its challenges with midges and ticks. You will need to make a level of provision to protect yourself from these and make careful checks for ticks on your skin.

If you are staying in a tent on a Short Course enrolment longer than a week (and this has been agreed), we ask that you move the tent after 7 days, just slightly, to allow the grass to recover.

Those staying in tents can have meals at the Centre, and this is to be informed to us on the application form. We will need to know your intentions in advance to assure our chef's provide sufficient food at each mealtime.

#### Full-time/Part-time Students Staying in Campervans or Caravans

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig does not have the correct permissions to allow students to stay on campus in a campervan/caravan full-time or part-time. All students will be offered accommodation in student halls in line with our Allocations Policy.

#### Short Stay – Full-time/Part-time Students

Full-time/Part-time students are allowed to stay a night or two (a week maximum) in a caravan/campervan in line with the short course guidance. However, long-term or continuous weeks spent in a campervan/caravan on campus is not permitted.

#### General Safety

For reasons of health and safety, BBQs and camping stoves may not be used next to tents or campervans.

Snacks foods may be purchased throughout the day at the ACC shop and meals can be arranged during the application process.

BBQs may be used in the stone amphitheatre only, which is located behind the main ACC building.

Camping stoves can be used on hard standing surfaces only. Not on grass, and away from tents.

SMO prides itself over the condition and maintenance that it offers. Refuse must be collected and placed in the bins located throughout the Centre and its campus; all camping and campervan locations must be left in the same state in which they were found – litter free.

Campers and campervan users will not have access to kitchens and common rooms within accommodation blocks.

Campers and campervan users will, however, have access to the Comunn nan Oileanach common room portacabin at Àrainn Ostaig, which is equipped with a microwave, a small fridge, a sink and toilet. Please note there is no cooker, and portable camping stoves must not be used inside any building at any time.



SMO cannot accept any responsibility for personal property whilst on the site in tents or left in campervans.

For fire safety, your accommodation location will be associated with the nearest building to you for any fire drills or issues involving fire. Should that buildings fire alarm sound, you will report to the nearest Assembly Point.

#### Help, Guidance, and Assistance

Help, guidance and assistance can be obtained from the Àrainn Chaluim Chille Reception between 09:00 - 17:00 from Monday to Friday, out of these hours call our Warden on 07500 577509.