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NOISE

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LITTER

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£80* FOR LITTERING

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SAFE DRIVING

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CAMPING

Camping is a great way to enjoy the Park and there’s a wide choice on offer whether you prefer staying in a campsite or ‘wild camping’ away from the hustle and bustle. Seasonal byelaws cover camping and firelighting at some lochshore locations between March and September.

The byelaws create Camping Management Zones covering less than 4% of the Park. From March to September, if you want to stay overnight in a tent, motorhome or campervan in one of these Zones you need to stay in a campsite or get a permit. Camping from October to February or outside the Camping Management Zones is unaffected.

Whichever way you choose to camp, please make sure you do it responsibly, and respectfully.

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Camping permits cost £3 per tent/motorhome per night.

In addition to the many well equipped campsites in the National Park, there are informal campsites with bookable pitches, parking and basic facilities at Loch Chon, or on the shores of Loch Lubnaig. Camping at these informal sites costs £7 per adult, per night and children under 16 go free.

Some campsites cater for motorhomes, campervans or touring caravans.

There are plenty of places in the National Park to stop and rest on your journey. These are unaffected by the new camping byelaws.

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The byelaws also cover irresponsible fire-lighting, including collecting firewood. If you want to have a fire when you are camping, 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.

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

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