



OFFICIAL GUIDE  
NO CAMPING  
OR OVERNIGHT  
PARKING



# LOCATIONS FOR CAMPING OUTSIDE HOLYROOD PARK

Although you are not permitted to camp within the park, there are a number of locations nearby where you can stay overnight and which provide quick and easy access for visiting the park.

Below are some of the nearby campsites which have facilities for tents, motorhomes and caravans.

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**Edinburgh Caravan Club Site**  
Marine Drive, Edinburgh EH4 5EN



T 0131 312 6874



Open: All year round



Lothian bus No 24 and 27

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**Mortonhall Caravan Park**  
38 Mortonhall Gate, Edinburgh EH16 6TJ



T 0131 664 1533



Open: March – October



Lothian bus No 11

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**Drum Mohr Caravan Park**  
Levenhall, Musselburgh EH21 8JS



T 0131 665 6867



Open: March – October



Lothian bus No 26

# NO CAMPING OR OVERNIGHT PARKING

Historic Scotland welcomes all visitors to Holyrood Park. However, staying overnight in the park, specifically camping and overnight parking, is not permitted, under the Park Regulations Act (1971).

Historic Scotland cares for Holyrood Park as a whole in order to protect the archaeology, geology and wildlife to ensure that it is enjoyed by all users now and in the future.

There are no provisions for tent campers or the overnight parking of motorhomes because these activities are damaging to the park.



## CAMPSITES AND CARAVAN PARKS IN SCOTLAND

Scotland has over 400 official campsites and caravan parks for you to choose from. For a full list of sites, please visit:

### Scottish Camping

[www.scottishcamping.com](http://www.scottishcamping.com)

### The Camping and Caravanning Club

[www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk](http://www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk)

### Visit Scotland

[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com) | T 0845 22 55 121

## REGULATIONS FOR CAMPING ELSEWHERE IN SCOTLAND

For those not wishing to use official sites there are a number of laws and regulations that you should be aware of.

Scotland's law allows 'wild' tent camping on most unenclosed land (except where this is explicitly forbidden as in Holyrood Park). The Scottish Outdoor Access Code (SOAC) states that this form of tent camping must be done responsibly and that campers should leave behind no sign of their camp.

### It is recommended that you:

- Carry a trowel to bury toilet waste and urinate well away from open water, rivers and burns.
- Use a stove and leave no trace of any camp fire. Don't damage trees.
- Take away your rubbish and consider taking other people's litter as well.
- Avoid overcrowding by moving to another location if the area is busy.
- Do not stay in one site for more than a few days.

## REGULATIONS FOR MOTORHOMING ELSEWHERE IN SCOTLAND

There are also laws and regulations regarding caravanning and motorhoming.

Unlike tent camping, you cannot pitch anywhere if you have a caravan or motorhome. Stopping on the side of the road is not permitted even on remote roads.

It is not permitted to camp on private land. The Road Traffic Act 1988 states that it is an offence to drive onto private land without authority.

### If you have to camp by the roadside:

- ✓ Avoid overused sites
- ✓ Take care with toilet hygiene
- ✓ Pitch late and leave early
- ✓ Always use official sites for chemical and grey waste disposal

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on camping regulations in Scotland contact:

The Scottish Outdoor Access Code  
[www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)  
T 01738 458 8845



## DON'T FORGET!



- ✗ Camping and overnight parking are not permitted anywhere in Holyrood Park
- ✗ Wild camping is not permitted
- ✗ No fires are permitted.

Thank you for abiding by these rules and helping us to conserve the park. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Contact the Ranger Service if you have any queries, concerns or comments in relation to camping, overnight parking or visiting Holyrood Park.

### Contact us:

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Edinburgh EH8 8HG

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