

Bio-security

There are no rats on any of the three islands. Care should be taken to ensure that rats have no opportunity to stowaway amongst equipment and supplies. Any evidence of rats on the island should be reported to the ranger.

Please make sure that boots/equipment are clean prior to your visit to help prevent other non-native species being brought to the islands.

Any unusual sightings, concerns or general inquiries should be directed to the NTS ranger.

These islands are completely unspoiled and it is the responsibility of everyone visiting them to ensure they remain so for future generations to come.

Thank you for your care and consideration.

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Camping on the Barra Head Islands

The National Trust welcomes responsible campers to these beautiful islands. We hope you enjoy your stay.

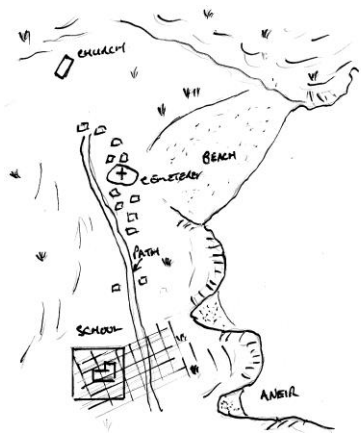
Scottish access legislation means that everyone can go camping wherever access rights apply, so long as it is done responsibly.

There are certain areas on the islands where we would ask you to avoid camping. The village areas on Mingulay and Pabbay are Scheduled Monuments and therefore should not be camped in. It is also an offence to dig holes, remove stones, or in any way interfere with any structure in these areas. Care should also be taken on Berneray not to disturb/damage any structures.

The preferred camp sites on the islands are:

Mingulay: around the old school (see map, shaded area)

Pabbay: to the south of the stream in the village bay (see map, shaded area).



Mingulay



Pabbay

Lighting Fires

Please use the beach for any campfires. In the summer there is a risk of wildfire spreading in the dry vegetation. An out of control fire can destroy habitat and wildlife.

Please note that the stone artwork in the ground in front of the school on Mingulay should not to be used as a fire pit.

Water

There is generally a plentiful supply of water in the streams on Pabbay and Mingulay, though they can become low after a period of dry weather. It is recommended that the water is boiled or sterilized before use.

Berneray has very little water and an adequate supply of water should be taken when camping there.

Sanitation

Please ensure that all latrine pits are dug well away from any water courses. You should also not urinate within 30m of any water courses. The preferred area for latrine pits is in the inter-tidal zone.

Do not bury any waste in the village areas on any of the islands. These areas are Scheduled Monuments and as such are protected by law. The large mound on Pabbay below the main house is a burial mound and is also protected.

If you are camping in a larger group we advise that you bring a chemical toilet/tent for your own use.