

Monitoring and risk assessment framework for visitor management issues across the Park

Introduction

1. This short paper sets out the key information requirements to enable all active partners in visitor management to make realistic resource decisions and to support the development of further Visitor Management Plans in the Park.
2. It must be acknowledged that a large percentage of visitors enjoying the outdoors are behaving responsibly. This monitoring and risk assessment framework will attempt to quantify the cumulative impacts of repeated responsible behaviour and incidents of anti-social behaviour at key hot spots and supply intelligence to partners to support efficient use of resources.

Immediate- daily/weekly

3. CNPA Ranger Service will share incident logs and patrol reports with partner ranger services and land managers on request.

Core period – April to October

4. To guide management interventions at an area and park wide level the following data will be gathered via a reporting form (see annex 1) and shared weekly:
 - a. Number of tent nights at a given site
 - b. Number of open fires and barbecues at a given site
 - c. Number of camper van nights staying over night
 - d. Number of serious irresponsible access incidents.
5. This data will be gathered by each site based ranger service on a weekly basis and collated by the CNPA for the weekly visitor management meeting. Additional information on camp sites, fires and irresponsible access outwith of site based ranger services will be gathered by CNPA seasonal ranger staff.

Risk assessment

6. Based on the “events” calendar (see annex 2), trends for the weekly reporting, lockdown easing measures and other conditions such as weather and high fire risk forecasts the CNPA and the Visitor Management Group will identify if a combination of factors in the coming week or two will lead to an increase in the number of visitors and an increase in the risk of irresponsible behaviour. This risk assessment will be shared widely with key agencies and land owners to ensure measures such as ranger coverage, car park management and signage are in place.

End of season review

7. In order to ascertain what worked well and what didn't and what interventions will need to be taken forward to implement a deliverable visitor management process

across key hot spots in the Park a review document will need to include the following:

- a. Summary of camping trends over key period
- b. Summary of fires trend over key period:
- c. Data on number of visitors and key trends in relation to peak periods:
- d. Trends in irresponsible behaviour
- e. Summary and reflections on interventions:
- f. Summary and reflections on communications.

Annex I

Cairngorms Visitor Management Feedback Template

Week commencing-

Number of tents	
Number of open fires and barbecues	
Number of camper vans staying overnight	
Major incidents that clearly contravene the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (this can include instances of anti-social behavior where police have been involved involved)	
Other matters to report	

Annex 2 Risk Assessment Calendar

APRIL 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 School holidays (Scotland)	2 School holidays (Scotland) Bank Holiday – Good Friday	3 School holidays (Scotland)	4 School holidays (Scotland)
5 School holidays (Scotland) Bank Holiday - Easter Monday	6 School holidays (Scotland)	7 School holidays (Scotland)	8 School holidays (Scotland)	9 School holidays (Scotland)	10 School holidays (Scotland)	11 School holidays (Scotland)
12 School holidays (Scotland)	13 School holidays (Scotland)	14 School holidays (Scotland)	15 School holidays (Scotland)	16 School holidays (Scotland)	17 School holidays (Scotland)	18 School holidays (Scotland)
19 School holidays (Scotland)	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Full Moon	28	29	30		

MAY 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 Public Holiday – May Day	4	5	6 Scottish elections School holiday (Scotland)	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Full Moon	27	28 Public Holiday – Spring Holiday School holidays (Scotland)	29 School holidays (Scotland)	30 School holidays (Scotland)
31 Public Holiday – Spring Holiday School holidays (Scotland)						

JUNE 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda y	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Euro Football Championship - Glw	15	16	17	18 Euro Football Championship - Glw	19	20 Fathers Day
21	22 Euro Football Championship - Glw	23 School holidays (Scotland)	24 School holidays (Scotland) Full Moon	25 School holidays (Scotland)	26 School holidays (Scotland)	27 School holidays (Scotland)
28 School holidays (Scotland)	29 School holidays (Scotland)	30 School holidays (Scotland)				

JULY 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)	1 School holidays (Scotland)	2 School holidays (Scotland)	3 School holidays (Scotland)	4 School holidays (Scotland)
5 School holidays (Scotland)	6 School holidays (Scotland)	7 School holidays (Scotland)	8 School holidays (Scotland)	9 School holidays (Scotland) TRNSMT Festival - Glw	10 School holidays (Scotland) TRNSMT Festival - Glw	11 School holidays (Scotland) TRNSMT Festival - Glw
12 School holidays (Scotland)	13 School holidays (Scotland)	14 School holidays (Scotland)	15 School holidays (Scotland)	16 School holidays (Scotland) Public Holiday – Glw Fair	17 School holidays (Scotland)	18 School holidays (Scotland)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)	School holidays (Scotland)
Public Holiday – Glw Fair					Full Moon	
26 School holidays (Scotland)	27 School holidays (Scotland)	28 School holidays (Scotland)	29 School holidays (Scotland)	30 School holidays (Scotland)	31 School holidays (Scotland)	
			Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival - Beaully	Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival - Beaully	Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival - Beaully	

AUGUST 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 School holidays (Scotland)
2 Bank holiday (Scotland) School holidays (Scotland)	3 School holidays (Scotland)	4 School holidays (Scotland)	5 School holidays (Scotland)	6 School holidays (Scotland)	7 School holidays (Scotland)	8 School holidays (Scotland)
9 School holidays (Scotland)	10 School holidays (Scotland)	11 School holidays (Scotland)	12 School holidays (Scotland)	13 School holidays (Scotland)	14 School holidays (Scotland)	15 School holidays (Scotland)
16 School holidays (Scotland)	17 School holidays (Scotland)	18	19	20	21	22 Full Moon
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Late Summer Bank Holiday						
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SEPTEMBER 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Highland School in service day	14 Highland School in service day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Full Moon Edinburgh Holiday	22	23	24 Public Holiday – Sept Weekend	25 Glasgow Weekend	26 Glasgow Weekend
27 Public Holiday – Sept Weekend Glasgow Weekend	28 Glasgow Weekend	29	30			

OCTOBER 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3 Dundee and Perth October Holidays
4 Dundee and Perth October Holidays	5 Dundee and Perth October Holidays	6 Dundee and Perth October Holidays	7 Dundee and Perth October Holidays	8 School holidays (Scotland)	9 School holidays (Scotland)	10 School holidays (Scotland)
11 School holidays (Scotland)	12 School holidays (Scotland)	13 School holidays (Scotland)	14 School holidays (Scotland)	15 School holidays (Scotland)	16 School holidays (Scotland)	17 School holidays (Scotland)
18 School holidays (Scotland)	19 Edinburgh Schools Holiday	20 Full Moon Edinburgh Schools Holiday	21 Edinburgh Schools Holiday	22 Edinburgh Schools Holiday	23 Edinburgh Schools Holiday	24 Edinburgh Schools Holiday
25 Edinburgh Schools Holiday	26 Edinburgh Schools Holiday	27	28	29	30	31