



GUIDANCE FOR WILDLIFE, ADVENTURE & ACTIVITY TOURISM  
OPERATORS IN SCOTLAND

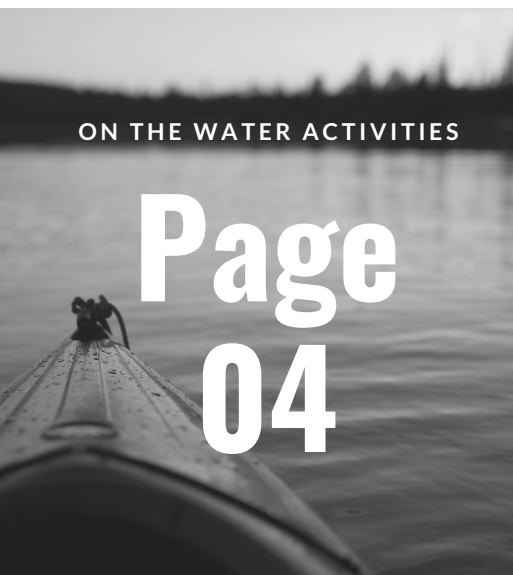
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## Guidance for Wildlife, Adventure and Activity Providers in Scotland

# ABOUT

This guide has been produced by Wild Scotland to support and signpost operators and businesses in the Wildlife, Adventure and Activity Tourism Sector in Scotland to websites and other information pools to provide them with guidelines to ensure they operate safely and securely for the benefit of themselves, their staff, their visitors and the wider public.

The suggestions are not meant to be definitive or finite, they are there to aid everyone to make sensible decisions within their own operations.

Guidelines have been collated from a number of sources including NGBs, National Parks, Emergency Services, UK & Scottish Government and other useful websites/ links.

**We recommend that you follow and respect guidance from Scotland's Rescue Services and are fully aware of any restrictions that may be in place due to COVID-19 before you plan and head out:**

- [British Cave Rescue Organisation](#)
- [Scottish Mountain Rescue](#)
- [Royal National Lifeboat Institution](#)
- [Responsible Tourism - Visitor Guide for Businesses](#)
- [sportscotland Guidance - return to sport and physical activity](#)
- [COVID Officer elearning module](#) (for organised activity under **sportscotland** guidance)
- [Guidance on Travel and Transport](#)
- [Tourism and Hospitality Guidelines](#)
- [Collection of Customer Data](#)





# BEYOND LEVEL 0 GUIDANCE FOR ON THE WATER ACTIVITY OPERATORS & BUSINESSES IN SCOTLAND



Below is an up to date list of guidance relating to each on the water activity.

We encourage all water based activity operators invest extra time in planning their activity.

We recommend that you have your own Beyond Level 0 risk assessment and operational plan applying relevant and up to date advice from: National Governing Bodies & Scottish Government/UK Government.

We also recommend adhering to important guidance from [RNLI Scotland](#) and [HM Coastguard](#).

Please note, there maybe some guidelines missing - we will update as and when possible. All guidelines marked with an \* have been officially approved.

## On the water activity guidance

- Powerboating (RIBS/Sports boats/PWCs), Yacht sailing / motor boat cruising windsurfing and dingy sailing : [Sail Scotland](#) [RYA Scotland Guidance](#)
- Surfing - [Scottish Surfing Federation](#)\*
- Paddlesports - [Scottish Canoe Association](#)\*
- Waterskiing and wakeboarding - [Waterski & Wakeboard Scotland](#)\*
- Coasteering - [National Coasteering Charter](#)
- Diving - [BSAC UK Guidance](#)
- Open Swimming - [Scottish Swimming](#).\*
- Angling - [Angling Scotland Ltd](#)\*

# BEYOND LEVEL 0 GUIDANCE FOR ON THE LAND ACTIVITY OPERATORS & BUSINESSES IN SCOTLAND



Below is an up to date list of the most relevant guidance relating to land based activity.

We encourage all operators to invest extra time in planning their activity.

We recommend that you have your own Beyond Level 0 risk assessment and operational plan applying relevant and up to date advice from: National Governing Bodies & Scottish Government/UK Government.

We also recommend adhering to important guidance from [Scottish Mountain Rescue](#).

Please note, there may be some guidelines missing - we will update as and when possible. All guidelines marked with an \* have been officially approved.

## On land activity guidance

- Mountaineering guidance for activity operators - [Mountain Training](#).
- Walking / mountaineering /skiing / climbing - [Mountaineering Scotland](#)\*
- Cycling / mountain biking - [Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland](#)\*  
[Scottish Cycling](#).\*
- Orienteering - [Scottish Orienteering](#).\*
- Archery - [Scottish Archery](#).\*
- Caving - [British Caving Association](#)
- High ropes, adventure parks and zip wires - [Vertex Guidance](#), [European Ropes Course Association](#)
- Hang Gliding and Paragliding - [Scottish Hang Gliding & Paragliding Federation](#)\*
- Horse riding/trekking - [Horse Scotland](#)\*
- Country Sports including clay pigeon and rifle shooting - [Scottish Country Sports Tourism Group](#)
- [Scottish Disability Sport](#)\*
- [Updated guidance from Sport Scotland about 1:1 coaching.](#)
- [Scottish Climbing Walls Guidance](#)

# BEYOND LEVEL 0 GUIDANCE FOR ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS IN SCOTLAND



Below is an up to date list of the most relevant guidance for accommodation providers.

## Accommodation Guidelines

- Youth Hostels - [Hostelling Scotland](#)
- Mountain Bothies - [Mountain Bothies Association](#)
- Self Catering - [Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers](#)
- Hotels & Bed and Breakfast - [UK Tourism & Hospitality Guidelines](#)
- Campsites, holiday touring parks - [British Holiday & Home Parks Association](#)
- [Government advice on caravan sites and holiday parks](#)



**KNOW THE CODE  
BEFORE YOU GO**  
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## Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

- take responsibility for your own actions
- respect the interests of other people
- care for the environment.



# Other useful Information



Below is a further list of helpful links relating to the outdoors.

## More useful information

### Coaching / Guides

- 1:1 coaching - guidance from [sportscotland](#)
- First Aid advice for First Responders from [UK Government](#)

### Covid-19 guidance from land management agencies

- [NatureScot - Guidance for Land Managers & Scottish Outdoor Access Code](#)
- [Managing Parks and Green Spaces during C-19](#)
- [Cairngorms National Park](#)
- [Forestry & Land Scotland](#)
- [National Trust for Scotland](#)
- [Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park](#)
- [Scottish Canals](#)
- [Association of Deer Management Groups](#)
- [John Muir Trust](#)
- [Scottish Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [Scottish Wildlife Trust](#)
- [Trees for Life](#)
- [Historic Environment Scotland](#)



# DISCLAIMER

This information is provided in good faith as an aide memoire for operators and others to use during this period of Covid-19 restrictions. It is not intended to do anything other than provide a sign post to possible ways of working to make all activities/experiences as safe as possible for staff; clients and the wider public during this time. It is not intended to be a complete list of actions but as an aid to start thought processes for any operators and to make suggestions on areas for consideration.

All operators remain liable for their own actions and for the safety and security of their staff and clients and must continue to ensure that they always have this in the forefront of their minds.

We shall update this document from time to time as and when other information becomes available, but when completing procedures, all operators must check the current requirements applicable to their own operations.

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