

Wigtown Bay Local Nature Reserve Registration for Punt Gunning 2023/2024

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received

Registration No.

Please complete in block capitals

Full Name

Address

Post Code

Date of Birth

Tel No.

Mobile Phone No.

Address while Punt Gunning on Wigtown Bay LNR

Shotgun Cert. No.

Issuing Authority

Registration No. & Make of Vehicle to be used when visiting the Reserve

Reg.No.

Make

Insurance

I have insurance of at least £5 million or more third party legal cover that meets the requirements of Wigtown Bay LNR from 1 September 2023 until 20 February 2024

Please tick box

Sporting Organisation.

Membership No.

or Details of Insurance Policy (*Please provide a copy of your policy and a contact phone number with this application*)

Company

Phone No.

Policy No.

Level of cover

Renewal Date

Have you previously punt gunned on Wigtown Bay Local Nature Reserve?

Yes

No

Punt gunners should contact Wigtown Harbour Master, Alan Wykes for permission to launch Tel: 01988 403270

Signature

Date

Parent or guardian's signature

If you are under 17 both you and your parent or guardian must sign this form

Completed forms should be returned with S.A.E. to:-

Permits, Wigtown Bay Local Nature Reserve, c/o Machars Action, 26 South Main Street, Wigtown. DG8 9EH

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Wigtown Bay Local Nature Reserve

Punt Gunning Permits - Questions and Answers

Do I need a permit to go punt gunning on Wigtown Bay LNR?

Yes

These will be issued by Dumfries and Galloway Council and can be withdrawn at any time.

What do I have to do to get the punt gunning permit?

You must register and then apply for the permit at least one day in advance but not more than 30. (allow 7 working days)

Do I need insurance?

Yes

All permit holders must have third party legal cover of at least £5 million or more. Membership of most sporting organisations or wildfowling clubs will provide this. In the case of a double punt both persons must be insured.

How do I get a permit?

You must register each year by filling in the registration form. Forms are available from the 1st of June for the following season. You will be sent an application form with your registration number on it, please quote this number on any correspondence. Further application forms are available from Machars Action.

Registration and application forms can be obtained by sending a SAE to:

Permits
Wigtown Bay LNR
c/o Machars Action,
26 South Main Street,
Wigtown
DG8 9EH

The permit is allocated on a first come first served basis and cannot be applied for more than 30 days in advance.

You must apply at least one working day before you wish to use the permit. If you are not registered then you must fill in a registration form and allow 7 working days for this to be processed before the date you wish to use the permit. The permit can be collected from Machars Action.

If you have queries about your application please contact Machars Action on (01988) 403450 or email: info@macharsaction.co.uk

Machars Action is open between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Are there any age limits for wildfowling?

Yes

If you are 17 or younger then you will have to be accompanied by a valid permit holder aged 21 or over.

Who's going to check if I have a permit or not?

Officers of the council will know the permit has been issued. They and voluntary wildfowling wardens will be checking permits, answering questions and keeping an eye on shooting. You must carry your permit or permit card, properly signed, when shooting on the LNR.

What if I realise I am not going to use the permit?

Please inform Machars Action, the permit can then be issued to another punt gunner.

How many punt gunning permits are there for Wigtown Bay LNR?

There is one punt gunning permit available each day.

Can I use the punt gunning permit every day?

No

There are 48 days that can be used throughout the season with not more than 8 days in any calendar month for all punt gunners. Any one gunner is restricted to a maximum of 6 days per season and not more than 3 days in any calendar month.

Where can I launch my punt?

Punts are to be launched from Wigtown Harbour and are to sail down the River Bladnoch. You must contact the Wigtown Harbour Master (Alan Wykes 01988 403 270) to get permission to launch on the dates you wish to use.

Where can I shoot?

This will be outlined in red on your permit. You are not allowed to shoot until the punt is 300m off the Wigtown Dyke. The old wreck can be taken as the 300m mark. No punts should be within 100m of the Creetown garage and no shots should be taken within 300m of the merse edge or the A75 road. Punts will be allowed within 300m of the merse edge in the pursuit of injured birds only. A shoulder mounted shot gun can be carried for this purpose.

Are there time limits?

Yes Under the punt gunning permit, shooting will be from one hour before dawn until one hour after dusk. There is no punt gunning under the moon.

Who can I ask for more information?

Machars Action
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