



URRAS OIGHREACHD GHABHSAINN  
GALSON ESTATE TRUST

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## SHOOTING INFORMATION & APPLICATION PACK

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## ***Fàilte gu Oighreachd Ghabhsainn***

### ***Oighreachd le muinntir na coimhearsnachd***

This pack has been created specifically for those wishing to apply to shoot on a day permit arrangement on the Galson Estate. It may be possible to arrange other sporting activities which would also take place on the estate, including photo stalking, clay pigeon shooting and fishing. If you wish to find out more about these other activities please speak to a member of staff who will be pleased to advise you.

**Please ensure you read this pack carefully. No one is permitted to shoot on Galson Estate without prior permission from the landowner.**

**Please also note there are leases in place on the estate and those applying for day permits cannot shoot across these leased areas.**

The Scottish Outdoor Access Code states that the public has a right to wander private land, including woodlands, provided that they behave responsibly. However, the code expressly excludes right of access for hunting, shooting and fishing. To carry out any of these activities, a member of the public must have permission from the landowner; and in the case of deer stalking (the expression used for tracking and shooting deer), or fishing for salmon or sea trout, the permission must be in writing. It should be noted that unauthorised entry onto private land with a firearm is a serious criminal offence.

# INTRODUCTION

Galson Estate Trust are the group entrusted with the management of the 56,000 acre community owned estate in the North West of the Isle of Lewis.

The Galson area's way of life is about the intricate interaction between a crofting lifestyle, a panoramic landscape and a diverse natural environment. The area boasts fantastic coastal scenery and white sands; large Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas; a variety of flora and fauna including golden eagles, fulmars and gannets; excellent sea and fresh water fishing; and, most importantly, a kindly, 'down-to-earth' community that works together to bring about a better future for themselves and future generations.

The Galson area maintains strong links with the international Gaelic community and is at the forefront of progressing Gaelic culture and arts.

The Estate seeks to manage the land with sustainability in mind. We are dedicated to not only promoting sustainability with the wildlife in mind, but of the people within our communities also. We want to open up the wonderful moorland of the estate and share this with the wider community and also visitors.

In order to ensure we help others to commit to sustainability we would ask that our shooting guidelines are followed.

If you have any suggestions or comments please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn**

**Business Centre**

**Tom na Ba**

**Isle of Lewis**

**HS2 OSH**

**Email: [office@uogltd.com](mailto:office@uogltd.com)**

**Tel: 01851 850393**

**Outwith office hours please contact 07810804718**

## SHOOTING GUIDELINES

1. All shooting to be done on the terms of Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn (UOG)
2. All shooters shall hold adequate licence (s) for firearm (s)
3. All shooters will have adequate public liability insurance for proposed activity.
4. Signed letter of agreement to be kept by each party.
5. Shooting will take place in the areas agreed by UOG
6. All shooters will contact the UOG office at least 3 days in advance to seek permission and notify of times and locations of activity – in the event they can't be contacted information should be left with local police.
7. Public access will be unrestricted by activities.
8. Names, addresses and vehicle details of all shooters will be passed onto local police for their own records.
9. Shooting is not permitted towards roads, buildings, playparks. In the event that this is unavoidable a minimum firing distance of 250m should be observed.
10. Shooting of rabbits is only permitted with air rifles or rifles such as .22 RF or .17 HRM. The use of shotguns is not permitted.
11. The shooter shall erect white flags in all reasonable locations to ensure the general public are aware that shooting is taking place. These white flags shall be erected at all times while exercising the shooting rights within this agreement.
12. Please note that whilst there are no statutory restrictions on the killing of game on Sunday or Christmas Day, it is not customary to do so and we would not issue permits on these days.
13. Any shooter found to be acting in an unacceptable manner will have their agreement voided and be prohibited from any further shooting activity on Galson Estate.
14. Please see further information in this pack for guidance on shooting seasons:

## Open seasons for shooting 2016/17 (Scotland)

### Gamebird and waterfowl open seasons

Species	Scotland
Pheasant	Oct 1 - Feb 1
Grey partridge	Sep 1 - Feb 1
Red-legged partridge	Sep 1 - Feb 1
Red grouse	Aug 12 - Dec 10
Black grouse	Aug 20 - Dec 10
Ptarmigan	Aug 12 - Dec 10
Duck and goose inland	Sep 1 - Jan 31
Duck and goose below HWM (see below)	Sep 1 - Feb 20
Common snipe	Aug 12 - Jan 31
Jack snipe	Protected
Woodcock	Sep 1 - Jan 31
Golden plover	Sep 1 - Jan 31
Coot/moorhen	Sep 1 - Jan 31

HWM - High water mark

\* Currently a voluntary ban on shooting red grouse is in place.

### Waterfowl species

#### England, Wales and Scotland

The species that can be shot during their open season are:

Duck	Gadwall	Goldeneye	Mallard	Pintail
	Pochard	Shoveler	Teal	Tufted duck
	Wigeon			
Goose	Canada	Greylag**	Pink-footed	White-fronted (England and Wales only)
Wader	Golden plover	Common snipe	Woodcock	
Other	Coot	Moorhen		

**\*\* Geese can only be shot under licence under the *Wildlife Act 1990*. See Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) website for more information. Please note permission from the landlord is not sufficient alone. Please contact SNH for terms and conditions of general licences.**

### Ground game open seasons

Species	Scotland
<b>Brown Hare</b>	Oct 1 - Jan 31
<b>Mountain Hare</b>	Aug 1 - Feb 28/29
<b>Rabbit</b>	Jan 1 - Dec 31 moorland and unenclosed land is subject to a close season (see below)

**Moorland and unenclosed land** does not include arable land or detached portions of land less than 25 acres which adjoins arable land.

In **Scotland**, the occupier of the land or persons authorised by him may kill rabbit throughout the year on moorland and unenclosed land (not being arable) by all legal means other than by shooting, and by means of firearms over the period from 1 July to 31 March inclusive (Section 1 (3) of the Ground Game Act 1880 as modified by the Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948). Hares are subject to a close season (Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011)

**Statutory open seasons for deer (Please note that day permits issued do not permit shooting of deer)**

Species and Sex	Scotland
<b>Red</b>	
Stags	July 1st - Oct 20th
Hinds	Oct 21st - Feb 15th

**For a comprehensive guide to shooting seasons visit the** BASC website. Please also visit this website for more information and Codes of Practice.

Other information can be given by contacting:

#### **Scottish Natural Heritage**

32 Francis Street, STORNOWAY, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2ND  
Tel: 01851 705258 Fax: 01851 704900 [www.snh.gov.uk](http://www.snh.gov.uk)

# ISSUING A PERMIT

**Before giving permission and issuing a permit, we will ask to check and make copies of your documentation. Please ensure you bring this along to the UOG offices in advance. Please ensure this is at least 3 days prior to your intention to shoot.**

## **1. SHOTGUN/FIREARMS CERTIFICATE**

All those wishing to shoot on the estate must bring their own shotgun or rifle and must hold a current UK Shotgun/Firearm Certificate, which should be presented at the UOG office. Copies of this documentation will be taken by Trust staff/directors and kept on file. If any documentation is not presented, in date and complete, then a day permit cannot be issued.

Anyone not in possession of a UK permit should present an Overseas Visitor's Shotgun/Firearms Permit which they will have needed to get to bring a gun/rifle into Britain, or to buy a gun and ammunition whilst here or to shoot here.

The documentation must be signed by the bearer on receipt and will specify the number, description and identification number of the gun(s) it covers.

## **2. PROOF OF THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE**

All guns should have Third Party Liability Insurance cover of up to £5,000,000 per gun in case of any unfortunate accident. If the shooter is a member of either the Countryside Alliance or the BASC are automatically insured. Please ensure you have this as we will need to take a copy. If you do not have your documentation please ensure you have your up to date membership card.

## **3. A COMPLETED COPY OF UOG SHOOTING PERMISSION CERTIFICATE**

We will issue you with a copy of our permission certificate to complete. This will be signed by parties, permit allocation dates inserted and a copy taken and retained on file. We ask that you keep this with you at all times whilst out on the moor. Callicvol Gun Club have a presence over the day permits area as well as holding the lease of the north area and are in a position to approach anyone who is out on the moor with firearms. The south end of the estate is currently leased, therefore day shooters should ensure they study the attached map. Please retain your signed proof of permission as this could be asked for whilst out on your shoot.

#### **4. GROUNDGAME DAY PERMIT CHARGE**

A day permit for shooting on Galson estate can be issued. Please note the area is restricted for day permits, due to leases in place on the estate. Please ensure you only shoot in the day lease area and do not stray into leased areas of the estate.

**£30.00 per day - Non UOG Members**

**£15.00 per day – UOG Members**

Please note we can only accept payment in cash or with cheque and a valid cheque guarantee card.

The groundgame day permit only agrees to let the shooter undertake control shooting of those pests covered under Schedule II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 1 of the Pest Control Act 1954, Ground Game Act 1880 etc. Until such a time as it is deemed appropriate to withdraw that permission.

#### **GAMEBIRD AND WATERFOWL DAY PERMIT CHARGE**

It may be possible, at the Landowner's discretion, to arrange Gamebird and Waterfowl shooting and this will require a separate permission and comes with an increased day rate.

**£60.00 per day - Non UOG Members**

**£30.00 per day – UOG Members**

Please note we can only accept payment in cash or with cheque and a valid cheque guarantee card.

The species that can be shot during their open season are listed in the previous tables, as per the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

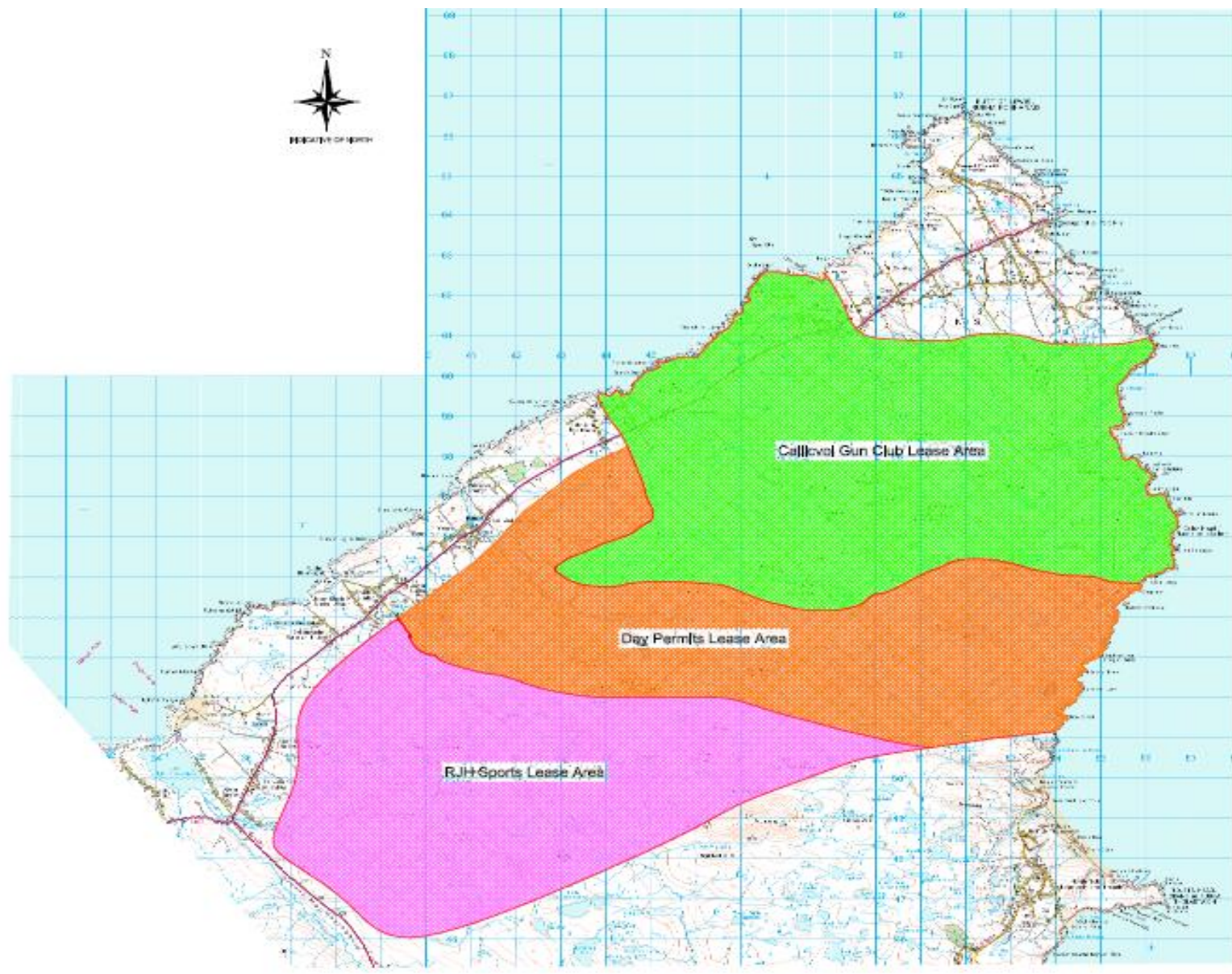
This type of permit will also allow the shooter to undertake control shooting of those pests covered under Schedule II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 1 of the Pest Control Act 1954, Ground Game Act 1880 etc. Until such a time as it is deemed appropriate to withdraw that permission.

**Please note that any day permit issued does not automatically permit ferreting or falconry and this should be discussed with the landowner to seek additional permission. This will be granted at the discretion of the landowner.**

#### **5. DATA COLLECTION**

All day permit holders should submit their records after their day shoot using the form provided or by contacting the office.





Callioval Gun Club Lease Area

Day Permits Lease Area

R/JH Sports Lease Area

Galson Estate - Shooting lease plan  
SCALE 1:100,000

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0 2km 4km 6km 8km 10km