



CAERLAVEROCK NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Registration For Punt Gunning Permit
(please complete in CAPITALS and BLACK INK)

NB: Each season runs from 1 September to 20 February

NB: In the case of a double punt, both crew members must complete a registration form

Full Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Date of Birth _____ (Applicants under 17 must include a parent's/guardian's signature)

Telephone Number _____ Mobile Phone Number _____

Local Address (If different from above) _____

Shotgun Certificate No _____ Issuing Constabulary _____

YOUR SHOTGUN CERTIFICATE MUST BE VALID WHEN YOU ARE PUNT GUNNING ON THE RESERVE

Insurance

I have insurance of at least £5,000,000 third party legal cover that meets the requirements of Caerlaverock NNR and I agree to this information being checked – **Yes / No** **PLEASE SEE OVER**

Insurance Provider _____ Policy No/Membership No _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Completed forms should be returned to:

The Issuing Officer
Scottish Natural Heritage, Greystone Park
55-57 Moffat Road
Dumfries
DG1 1NP
Tel: 0300 067 3200

Office use only
Registration No
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NB

- Insurance details **WILL** be checked with the Provider. If your permission to seek this information is not granted by answering "Yes" your application will not be accepted.

Punt Gunning Permits – Questions and Answers

Do I need a permit to go punt gunning on Caerlaverock NNR?

Yes – This will be issued by Scottish Natural Heritage and can be withdrawn at any time.

Do I need insurance?

Yes – All permit holders must have third party legal cover to a minimum of £5,000,000. In the case of a double punt, both crew members must be insured.

How do I get a punt gunning permit?

You must register initially by completing and submitting a registration form. Please allow 7 working days for processing. You will then be sent an application form to allow you to apply for specific dates. This form will carry your unique registration number - please quote it on any future correspondence. You can then apply for the permit – it 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. Only the person in charge of the punt need submit an application at this stage but the application should contain details of the second crew member (where known). The second person is not required to submit an application although he must have registered with us. The applicant will be asked to confirm who will launch with them in advance of permit use by telephoning the NNR office and either speaking directly to staff or leaving a message on the answer machine. The contact details will be printed on the permit but for reference the telephone number for the NNR office is 0300 067 3200.

Are there age limits for punt gunners?

Yes – If you are 17 or under, 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?

Caerlaverock NNR staff will know that the permit has been issued and to whom. They will be checking permits and monitoring punt gunning activity.

What if I realise that I am not going to use the permit once I have been issued with it?

Please inform issuing officer – the permit can then be issued to another punt gunner.

How many punt gunning permits are there for Caerlaverock NNR?

There is actually only 1 punt gunning permit, which can be applied for throughout the wildfowling season by anyone who has registered with the scheme. A punt gunner can apply for any 2 consecutive days per week subject to limitations – see below.

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 the punt gunners registered. A punt can be launched on 2 consecutive days in one week, however one day must elapse between any further launches in that week. Every punt 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?

Punt gunners are not permitted to launch any where within the NNR boundary. Traditionally, punts have always been launched from Glencaple Slipway – there is now a gate here, which could be locked. The key is available from Glencaple Post Office.

Where can I shoot?

Punt gunners can shoot on both banks of the River Nith between the north boundary of the NNR at Airds Point and the south boundary near Carsethorn. No shots are permitted within 200 metres of any saltmarsh.

What can I shoot?

*Caerlaverock quarry species include:
Geese – Pink-footed, Canada and Greylag Goose
Ducks – Mallard, Wigeon, Teal, Pintail, Tufted Duck, Goldeneye, Pochard, Gadwall and Shoveler.
Shoots at waders and rails are not permitted at Caerlaverock NNR*

Are there time limits?

Yes – Under the permit, punt gunning will be allowed from one hour before dawn to one hour after sunset. There is strictly no punt gunning under moonlight conditions.