

GUIDANCE FOR HILL WALKERS ON THE NORTH HARRIS TRUST ESTATE

The North Harris Trust welcomes responsible hill walkers and recognises the tradition of free access to hill land and mountains. The North Harris Trust is responsible for the management and conservation of the land, the flora, and the fauna of the North Harris Estate. This includes active management of the wild red deer that are resident on the Estate.

Deer stalking takes place across the whole area of the North Harris Estate. The stag stalking season begins on the 1st of July and continues to the 20th of October. The hind stalking season commences on the 21st of October and continues through to the 15th of February of the following year. There is no stalking on the North Harris Estate on Sundays. Stalking may be conducted on any other day of the week irrespective of the weather, bank holidays, etc.

The deer stalkers on the Trust's Estate are aware that walkers and other hill users may be on the land at any time whilst they are stalking and specifically keep a lookout for them. Since the Trust does not close any part of the North Harris Estate during stalking operations we ask that walkers and other hill users help us by following some simple guidelines below. [Listed in order of priority]

- Wherever possible stay on the obvious footpath and do not venture across the open hillside.
- In the absence of a footpath for your chosen route follow the ridge and high points.
- If you have to go through a corrie or valley follow the main watercourse or the centreline of the valley.
- Avoid gullies, areas of broken rock and vegetation, and areas of ground with dips and hollows.
- If you see deer do not try and approach them or deliberately disturb them.
- If you see deer stalking party (or individual) do not approach them, call, or wave to them. If at all practical do not cross in front of them unless you are on a footpath, in which case stick to the path.
- If you see anything that causes you concern please contact the North Harris Trust Office on 01859 502222 or if "out of working hours" contact the NHT Land Manager on 07557 508106.

The North Harris Trust hopes that you enjoy your experience on its Estate and would welcome any feedback that you may wish to give. Guided walks, deer watching and deer stalking are available from the Trust. Further information about the Trust and the Estate, along with contact details may be found on the NHT website www.north-harris.org