

The Rollright Stones: Terms and Conditions for Private Access



There is no public right of access to the Rollright Stone Circle. The Rollright Trust is happy to grant special access for semi-private events, subject to payment of the appropriate fee and adherence to the following conditions which are designed to safeguard the special interest of the site, taking account of its practical limitations and the safety and enjoyment of its users.

1. **Planning your event**

- All arrangements for any private access must be agreed in advance with the Trustees.
- Event organisers and their guests must be aware that the Site is preserved in a natural condition with uneven ground, soft ground, semi-submerged stones, slippery surfaces, exposed roots and other possible hazards. You must carry out a health and safety risk assessment for your event using the indicative H&S Risk Assessment form provided, highlighting any supplementary issues that may arise, to take account of both the site conditions and the activity you will be engaged in.
- There is no mains water supply or electrical power supply at the site. Generators may only be used with the prior agreement of the Trustees.
- Please note that there are no toilet facilities at the site. If you require portable toilets, you will need to book this in advance with a local provider/company. The company should be instructed to site the toilet in the lay-by. Please contact us if you need advice.
- It is your responsibility to arrive promptly and to finish by the agreed time.

2. **Protecting the special interest of the site**

- The site is legally protected as a Scheduled Monument so it is a criminal offence to cause any physical damage or disturbance either to the Stones or the land in which they are located including, but not limited to, defacement or damage to the stones, any form of ground penetration, digging, disturbance or burning of the ground. Using metal detectors without consent from English Heritage is also unlawful.
- To minimise the risk of damage, no equipment may be attached to, leant on, or supported by the Stones, and no person may climb-on, or in any other way endanger their stability. Please take care not to damage any of the lichens at the circle, some of which are over 800 years old.
- No fires may be lit except by special permission and only in a fire dish approved by the Trust which must be specified at the same time as booking the site. The use of fire dishes is entirely at the users' own risk. Only wood may be used, and it is the responsibility of the hirer to bring a supply. It is not permitted to cut wood at the site nor burn any other kind of material.
- Candles, if used, must be in a container that does not allow wax to drip onto lichens or stones (eg a clear glass jar). To avoid damage, no lanterns, candles, or incense may be placed on the stones.
- Small, light portable decorations, including flowers and other greenery, may be brought to the stone circle but must not be of a form that could cause any damage and must be removed at the end of the visit. No plants or flowers growing anywhere at the Site are to be removed.
- Coins and other objects should not be placed in crevices in the stones as they can harm the lichens and wildlife inhabiting the crevices and can cause chemical damage.

3. **Enjoying your visit and leaving the site in a condition for others to enjoy**

- Eating and drinking is permitted provided all remains are bagged and taken away. Picnicking is allowed between the stone circle and the field and round the other monuments but not within the stone circle.
- Photography or filming is permitted for purely private use, but any commercial use of photography or filming is subject to an extra fee and conditions and the consent of The Trustees is required in advance.
- Guide dogs are permitted at the site with their owners, but not other dogs or animals.
- Hirers are expected to leave the site in a safe and tidy condition with no remains of their event. If additional costs accrue as a result of litter or untidiness, or repair is required as a result of damage caused during a private event, the Trust reserves the right to charge this to the applicant.

4. **General conditions**

- Permission to use the site is conditional upon agreement by the hirers that The Rollright Trust is not responsible for any damage or injury to the hirer or his/her guests as a consequence of visiting the Site. **By signing the application form you are confirming your agreement to this condition.**
- The Rollright Trust reserves the right to ask the hirer and his/her guests to vacate the site immediately without refund if these Terms and Conditions are breached.
- While all requests for special access on the dates and times requested will be given due consideration, the Trust reserves its right to refuse admission to any individual or group without explanation.
- While the Rollright Trust will make every effort to meet the requirements of the booking, the Trustees reserve the right to cancel any arranged visit, in which event it will refund all booking fees but will not be held liable for any costs incurred.

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