



ENGLISH HERITAGE

# SUMMER SOLSTICE 2008

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND INFORMATION

English Heritage is pleased to be providing Managed Open Access to Stonehenge for the Summer Solstice. Please help us to create a peaceful occasion by taking personal responsibility and following the Conditions of Entry set out below. We have a duty of care to ensure public safety and are responsible for the protection of Stonehenge and its surrounding Monuments. If we are to ensure that future access is sustainable, it is essential that everyone observes and abides by these Conditions of Entry.

During the Summer Solstice access to Stonehenge, we support all individuals and groups conducting their own forms of ceremony and celebration providing that they are mutually respectful and tolerant of one another.

English Heritage continues to work closely with the many agencies and people from all sectors of the community and would like to thank them for their help and support.

***Parking and entry will be free, subject to the Conditions of Entry. Please do not arrive at the Solstice Car Park or Stonehenge in advance of the opening times listed below:***

SOLSTICE CAR PARK OPENS	1900 hours (7pm) Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
ACCESS TO STONEHENGE	2000 hours (8pm) Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
LAST ADMISSION TO SOLSTICE CAR PARK	0600 hours (6am) Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
STONEHENGE CLOSES	0800 hours (8am) Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
SOLSTICE CAR PARK TO BE VACATED	1200 hours (12 Noon) Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June

Sunset on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 is at 2126 hrs (9.26pm)  
Sunrise on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008 is at 0458 hrs (4.58am)

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL SOLSTICE**

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## **I. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

These Conditions of Entry are written to ensure enjoyment and public safety for everyone. Contravention of any of these conditions may result in entry being refused or removal from Stonehenge. **English Heritage reserves the right to refuse entry.**

Stonehenge is seen by many as a sacred site – please respect it. Drunken, disorderly or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated – please respect each other.

In order to ensure personal safety, random searching may be undertaken, but we hope that self-policing and personal responsibility will prevail.

### **I.1 THE STONES**

Please do not climb or stand on the stones – this includes the stones that are fallen. This is in the interest of personal safety, the protection of this special site and respect for those attending. As well as putting the stones themselves at risk, climbing on them can damage the delicate lichens.

### **I.2 ALCOHOL and DRUGS**

Drunken, disorderly or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. Only small amounts of alcohol for personal use will be permitted.

### **I.3 BAGS**

Large bags or large rucksacks, or similar items will not be allowed on site. Small bags/rucksacks (similar size to hand luggage on airlines) will be permitted. Sleeping on the ground creates a trip hazard and therefore in the interest of safety, sleeping bags or duvets will not be allowed on site. Small groundsheets and blankets will be permitted.

### **I.4 FIRES OR FIREWORKS**

Please do not bring or light: fires, barbecues, flaming torches, candles, night-lights, fireworks, and other real flames or bring flammable substances or fuel. This applies at Stonehenge, in the surrounding landscape and in the Solstice Car Park. Due to the large number of people in attendance, naked flame is extremely dangerous; it infringes local bylaws/regulations and constitutes a potential fire hazard.

### **I.5 AMPLIFIED MUSIC**

Stonehenge is a world renowned historic Monument and it is seen by many who attend the access as a sacred site. Therefore amplified music is inappropriate at this time and will not be permitted at Stonehenge, in the surrounding landscape or Solstice Car Park. Acoustic instruments will be permitted.

### **I.6 DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS**

Please do not bring dogs. Dogs, pets or other creatures are not permitted into Stonehenge with the exception of registered assistance dogs. Apart from potentially upsetting wildlife and stock in the area, animal faeces present a health risk to children and also to people walking barefoot.

### **I.7 CAMPING OR EQUIPMENT**

Please do not put up tents or bring camping equipment (including foldaway chairs), garden furniture, large rucksacks or other large items to Stonehenge; this includes gas cylinders and

barbecues. It also includes trolleys, push chairs or buggies that are not exclusively used for a child, wheelbarrows and any other form of portage. Camping is NOT permitted at Stonehenge, in the Solstice Car Park, or anywhere in the surrounding National Trust land.

#### **1.8 BOTTLES GLASS OR OTHER OBJECTS**

Please note that glass will not be allowed at Stonehenge as many people walk barefoot, and in addition, livestock and wildlife also graze in the area. This also includes any other objects that could cause damage to the Monument or people there. No plastic bottles will be available for decanting, so please decant before you arrive.

#### **1.9 CAR PARK**

In order to ensure that there is sufficient space available for everyone who wishes to attend, please park sensibly and only where directed by a steward or police officer to enable us to fully use the Solstice Car Park area. Do not park on the A303 or other neighbouring roads and rights of way. Cars parked illegally will be towed away.

#### **1.10 UNDER 16s**

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **2. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **2.1 THE STONE CIRCLE AND GATHERING AREAS**

Outside of the monument bank and ditch, there will be several areas for people to gather, two of which will have braziers provided. Please use the areas for your own enjoyment, such as poetry readings or meditation.

#### **2.2 REFRESHMENT FACILITIES**

Authorised catering points selling hot and cold refreshments, will be available throughout the access period and these will be indicated on the map handed out on your arrival. Please do not purchase refreshments from any unauthorised outlets.

#### **2.3 DRINKING WATER**

There is a tap for drinking water close to the Monument which will be clearly marked on the map that is handed out on arrival.

#### **2.4 TOILET FACILITIES**

Portaloos, including toilets for disabled people will be provided at the Solstice Car Park and at Stonehenge. Please use these; do not desecrate the Monument or surrounding land.

#### **2.5 FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Wiltshire Ambulance Service, St John Ambulance Service and Wiltshire Constabulary will be in attendance.

#### **2.6 CHILD SAFETY**

Parents/guardians are requested that children are not left unattended at any time. Children under 16 will be refused entry unless accompanied by an adult.

## **2.7 WELFARE INFORMATION & MEETING POINTS**

There will be two clearly marked information / meeting points, one in the Solstice Car Park and one close to the entrance to Stonehenge. These will be staffed with appropriately trained personnel in attendance.

## **2.8 SMOKING/FIRE RISK**

If weather conditions have been hot and dry, subject to Fire Service advice, it may be necessary to ask people not to smoke.

## **2.9 LIGHTING**

Please note that there will be ambient lighting throughout the night. Lights will be systematically turned off as dawn approaches and as soon as it is operationally safe to do so.

## **2.10 RUBBISH DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING**

Visitors are requested to dispose of their rubbish carefully at the designated recycling and rubbish points located in the Solstice Car Park and Stonehenge. Every effort is being made to create a more sustainable, environmentally friendly Solstice and to help with the recycling process, clear bags will be handed out on arrival. People are asked not to drop litter and to respect local farmers' crops and livestock.

## **2.11 UNLICENSED TRADERS**

No unlicensed, non-invited traders will be permitted to set up. This applies to the Monument area, the surrounding landscape and the Solstice Car Park.

## **2.12 STEWARDS**

There will be stewards on duty to assist with the smooth and successful running of the Solstice access. They are also there to answer questions - please do not hesitate to approach them, they are there to help. Please also report any activity that concerns you to a member of staff immediately, so appropriate action can be taken if necessary.

## **2.13 EVACUATION/ PA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the unlikely event of an incident that requires the evacuation of Stonehenge or the Solstice Car Park, we would ask that members of the public please respond quickly to instructions given by stewarding staff, the Police or other Emergency Service personnel. PA announcements for your safety and information may be made throughout the access period.

## **3. PLANNING YOUR VISIT**

### **3.1 PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Wilts and Dorset Bus Company will be running a service from Salisbury Railway and Bus stations to Stonehenge over the Solstice period. This service will commence at 1930 hours (7.30pm) on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June and run regularly until 0115 hours (1.15am) on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. After sunrise, a service taking people back to Salisbury will start again at 0515 hours (5.15am) and run frequently until 0945 hours (9.45am). Access to Stonehenge from the bus drop off point is through the National Trust farmland.

To help you plan your journey to Stonehenge, further details on train and bus fares and timetables are available through the following websites:

South West Trains  
First Great Western  
National Rail Enquiries  
Wilts and Dorset Bus Company

[www.swtrains.co.uk](http://www.swtrains.co.uk)  
[www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk](http://www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk)  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)  
[www.wdbus.co.uk](http://www.wdbus.co.uk)

**Tel: 0845 6000 650**  
**Tel: 0845 7000 125**  
**Tel: 08457 48 49 50**  
**Tel: 01722 33 68 55**

### 3.2 **CAR PARKING AND ACCESS**

The Solstice Car Park that is located close to Airman's Cross just off the A303, (adjacent the A344/A360 junction) will be clearly sign-posted. People will be able to walk the approximate 1km to Stonehenge along a designated route. The route is not lit and you may wish to bring a small battery-operated torch. Subject to weather conditions, coaches and other large vehicles may need to be directed to a hard standing parking area.

The Stonehenge car park next to the Monument will be closed to the public, as will the connecting road (A344). Any cars found parked illegally in the surrounding area will be removed.

### 3.3 **ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

There will be a taxi service between the Solstice Car Park and Stonehenge for people who are wheelchair-bound, have mobility difficulties or are infirm. The taxis will be available from 2000 hrs (8pm) on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June to 0830 hours (8.30am) on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. For further information, please ask a car parking steward on your arrival at the Solstice Car Park. Visitors wishing to make use of the service should note that the parking area and pick-up point is located on the right hand side as you enter the Solstice Car Park.

Wheelchair users, accompanied by one carer, will be given access to Stonehenge via the Visitor Centre entry point and the pedestrian walkway under the A344. This access route will be closed to the general public.

Wheelchairs will not be provided by English Heritage.

### 3.4 **ROAD CLOSURES**

Closure of designated routes and other public highways will be in operation to ensure safe pedestrian passage to Stonehenge and allow unimpeded access in the event of an emergency. Please follow the signs as advised to the Solstice Car Park and Stonehenge.

### 3.5 **CYCLES**

Please do not bring cycles to Stonehenge; they will not be permitted beyond the Solstice Car Park. Please bring your own locking device and park your cycle in the designated area in the Solstice Car Park. Ask a steward at the Solstice Car Park entrance for assistance.

### 3.6 **WARM CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR THE OUTDOORS**

Despite the time of year, the weather at Stonehenge can be very cold and damp, and people are advised to wear appropriate warm clothing and footwear that is suitable for use in the countryside. Please refrain from wearing a hi-viz jacket as this can cause confusion with officials undertaking a safety role.

Do not bring sleeping bags or duvets, since these can create a hazard if used during the access. Small groundsheets and blankets will be permitted.

### 3.7 LOCAL CAMPING FACILITIES

There are three local campsites. Please check availability and entry conditions in advance.  
<http://www.touristnetuk.com/SO/wiltshire/accommodation/ac-camp/index.htm>

Stonehenge Touring Park	Orcheston, Nr Shrewton, SP3 4SH	01980 620304
Salisbury Camping & Caravanning Club Site	Hudsons Field, Castle Road, Salisbury, SPI 3RR	01722 320713
Coombe Caravan Park	Coombe Nurseries, Race Plain, Netherhampton, Salisbury, SP2 8PN	01722 328451

### 3.8 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Tourist Information Centres for local area are:

**Amesbury** Tel: 01980 622833 [www.salisbury.gov.uk/leisure/tics/amesbury-tic.asp](http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/leisure/tics/amesbury-tic.asp)

**Salisbury** Tel: 01722 334956 [www.salisbury.gov.uk/leisure/tics/salisbury-tic.asp](http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/leisure/tics/salisbury-tic.asp)

**Devizes** Tel: 01380 734669 [www.visitkennet.co.uk](http://www.visitkennet.co.uk)

**Andover** Tel: 01264 324320 [www.touruk.co.uk/hamp/ham\\_and.htm](http://www.touruk.co.uk/hamp/ham_and.htm)

### 3.9 STONEHENGE SUMMER SOLSTICE WEBSITE

The English Heritage Stonehenge Summer Solstice website can be found at:

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/summersolstice](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/summersolstice)

### 3.10 SOLSTICE INFORMATION HOTLINE

For further information about the Summer Solstice at Stonehenge, please telephone English Heritage Customer Services Solstice Information Hotline on **0870 333 1186**.

### 3.11 MAP/PLAN

A map/plan will be publicised on the website before Solstice and will also be handed out on the night.

### LIABILITY

English Heritage accepts no liability for any injury to persons or loss of, or damage to, property arising in any way whatsoever whilst at Stonehenge or the Solstice Car Park, and entry is at people's own risk. Although the Solstice Car Park will be stewarded, please note that any people entering this area do so at their own risk.

**WE HOPE THE WEATHER WILL BE KIND  
AND WISH YOU A  
PEACEFUL AND CELEBRATORY SOLSTICE**