



Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number:
NP0031/20

Approved documents
NP0031/20/1A/1B

The Environment and Resources Authority (hereinafter the Authority; the Competent Authority or ERA) in exercise of its powers under the Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549), hereby authorises:

Mr Timmy Cutugno obo 1st Sliema Scout Group (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”), Of / Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at

**Sliema Scouts Head Quarters
Depiro Street
Sliema**

to hold a Camping Activity at

Il-Buskett, Verdala Palace Grounds

The validity of this permit is **up to 30th April 2020**. An application for renewal of this permit is to be submitted at least **one (1) month** prior to expiry of this permit.

Signed	Date
<p style="text-align: center;">Anthony Aquilina Unit Manager (Permitting) F/ Director Environment and Resources</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Permit Granted: 20/02/ 2020</p>

Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority

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Conditions

Introductory Note

The permit is granted in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act and Regulation 18(2) of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (S.L. 549.44), hereinafter referred to as the Regulations, for the purpose of the activities that shall be carried out within the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Area of L-Inħawi tal-Buskett u tal-Girgenti (MT0000018).

The activity shall, subject to the conditions of this Permit, be managed, controlled and carried out as described in the NP Application, approved documents, and/or as otherwise previously agreed in writing by the Authority.

Status Log

Detail	Date
<i>Application NP0031/20</i>	10/01/2020
<i>Permit Issued</i>	20/02/2020

Pre-Commencement of activities/ work

1. The permit holder shall advise of the dates of works at least two (2) days prior to the commencement on ced.nature@era.org.mt. In the case of change of date, the permit holder is to inform ERA of such a change at least two (2) days in advance. In the case of short-term cancellation of the activity (especially outside office hours), the Authority should be contacted on 9921 0404.

Permitted Activities

2. The Permit Holder is authorised to carry out the activities and the associated activities specified in Table 1

Activity	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Camping	Scouts Camping Activity between Saturday 11/04/2020 and Saturday 18/04/2020	(i) Camping in area as marked on NP0031/20/1B; (ii) Cooking in area marked as kitchen NP0031/20/1B with the use of only electrical appliances.

Site

3. The activities authorised under condition 2 shall be affected in the locations as marked on the approved site plan NP0031/20/1B.

Conditions of Activity/Work

4. Activities are to be held according to the approved Project Description Statement NP0031/20/1A.

5. There shall be no access to or use of motor vehicles on site except on existing asphalted access roads and access to the camping area shall be restricted to existing footpaths.
6. No physical modification of the site and/or the surroundings shall be allowed including but not limited to excavation of soil and all structures shall be temporary.
7. Tents and ancillary structures such as pegs shall not be installed within a distance of five (5) metres from any tree and shrubs and no tents or other equipment shall be attached to trees or shrubs.
8. The Permit Holder shall ensure that no disturbance of any specimen of any protected species takes place. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that all precautions are taken to avoid environmental harm and to respect the protection status of the area, and to other important natural areas.
9. All reasonable precautions are to be taken to keep the site and its surroundings clean.

The permit holder is responsible for the collection and disposal of any litter, refuse or waste originated during the camping activity. The site shall be cleaned and restored to its original condition, without causing any harm to the protected area and the surrounding environment.

Rubbish disposal facilities shall be provided by the organisers and any waste generated during the activity is to be collected immediately and disposed of accordingly in accordance with the Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations 2007 (S.L. 549.45) and the Waste Regulations, 2011, (S.L. 549.63), including where necessary through the Consignment Permit procedure.

10. Any sound or playing of music shall:
 - a. not be loud and shall not exceed (70dB) at 100m from site boundary; and
 - b. be emitted from speakers which shall be situated in a manner to only direct sound towards the activity;
 - c. be switched off at 2300hrs.
11. Lighting shall be limited, kept to a minimum and shall be directed only towards the area of the activity, downward facing and full cut-off type, to prevent the generation of excessive light pollution. No lighting shall be directed towards the trees and no lighting shall be affixed to trees.

All lighting shall be switched off between 2300hrs and 0600hrs.

No lighting shall be affixed to trees.

12. No fires, including for cooking, are to be lit within the Tree Protection Area and within vegetated areas or within 5m from the spread of branches or 10m from the trunk of existing trees and shrubs whichever is the greater. Fire for the purposes of cooking shall only be allowed within the identified 'dining area' as marked on NP0025/20/1C.

Wood or other vegetation from site shall not be used for lighting of fires.

13. Cooking equipment that makes use of an open flame such as gas hobs and gas ovens are not permitted and only electrical cooking equipment shall be utilised for cooking.
14. Any generators on site shall be portable, silent inverter type with a maximum output of 2.2kW and shall not exceed 70dB(A) at 100m from site boundary.

General Conditions

15. The 'Permit Holder', is responsible to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken so that the activity conforms to the conditions in this Permit and the procedures outlined within the Permit application.
16. The activities covered by this permit are restricted to the permit holder, employees and/or volunteers and contracted parties commissioned for such activities/works under his supervision and direction, who shall all be made aware of this permit and the contents within.
17. The Permit holder is not exempt from any other legislation or regulations, codes of practice, conditions or requirements imposed by any other competent authorities, including the obtaining of permits, licenses, or clearances to undertake works authorised by this permit, including from site owners.
18. The following activities are strictly prohibited:
 - a. the deliberate picking, collection, taking, cutting, uprooting, harming, destroying or damaging deliberately destroying, keeping, transporting, selling, buying exchanging, offering for sale or for exchange, importing or exporting in any way of any specimen of wild flora;
 - b. the deliberate hunting, killing, capturing, taking, harming, disturbance particularly during periods of breeding, rearing, hibernation and migration, destruction and deterioration of breeding sites or resting places, pursuing, taking or attempting to take, deliberately killing or attempting to kill, deliberately destroying, keeping, transporting, selling, buying exchanging, offering for sale or for exchange, importing or exporting any specimen of any specimen of wild fauna;
 - c. cutting or damaging of reeds, tree branches etc;
 - d. planting of vegetation, shrubs and/or trees or the introduction of any flora or fauna into the site or its environs;
 - e. introduction, removal, significant movement and re-engineering, and/or collection of sand, shingle, stone, soil and/or sediment;
 - f. excavation works and any physical modification of the vegetation cover, the ground and landform of the site and its surroundings;
 - g. generation of excessive noise, including extremely loud music or the use of noisy generators, or light pollution through the use of floodlights;
 - h. disposal, discharge or spillage of oil, fuel, paint or other pollutants, or of solid waste, ash or combustibles;
 - i. lighting of fires.
19. ERA may request updates and/or further information on the activity in question as deemed necessary
20. The conditions imposed shall be adhered to throughout all the activities. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action and cessation of any related works or activities.
21. The Authority may add, amend, suspend or revoke this permit or part of this permit in cases of fraud, where public safety or significant environmental damage or risk is

concerned, where there is an error on the face of the record or where there is a breach of one or more permit conditions after a written warning is given by the Authority or in any eventuality that gives the Authority enough reason to suspend or revoke this permit.

22. The Permit Holder may apply for a variation of the permit and shall seek the Authority's written agreement prior to any operational changes, by sending to the Authority:
 - a. Written notice of the details of the proposed change, including an assessment of its possible effects or risks to the environment from the approved activity;
 - b. Any relevant supporting information;
 - c. Any relevant supporting assessments and drawings, and;
 - d. The proposed implementation date.

Any such change shall only be implemented following the issue of a variation of the permit by the Authority.

23. In accordance with Regulation 46(4) of S.L. 549.44, a brief report with photos of the activities held, including any publications as a result of the activity, is to be provided to ERA by the Permit Holder within one month of the expiry of the permit, and is to be submitted to nature.permitting@era.org.mt. Information that should be treated as confidential as outlined in Regulation 48(4) of S.L. 549.44 shall be specified.

A template for the report is available at <http://era.org.mt/en/Documents/Activity%20Report%20template.doc>.

24. Any accidental handling, capture or collective of specimens or part thereof, whether dead or alive, of species listed within Schedule V and VI, and endemic species not listed in Schedule X of the Regulations shall be reported on nature.permitting@era.org.mt within seven (7) days of sampling/ identification of the specimen. Additional information on authorisations, keeping of such specimens or samples may be requested from the permit holder.
25. The Authority may add, amend, delete or substitute any of the conditions of this permit after notifying the Permit Holder of its intention and after describing the changes to the Permit Holder. This is without prejudice to any prevailing circumstances that would preclude the Authority from following such a procedure.
26. The Authority may suspend or revoke this environmental permit in line with the provisions of CAP 549.
27. The Permit Holder shall notify the following matters to the Authority in writing at least 10 working days prior to their occurrence:
 - a. Any change in the Permit Holder's trading name, registered name or registered office address;
 - b. Any change to particulars of the Permit Holder's corporate identity.
28. Upon the joint application of a Permit Holder and a proposed transferee, the Authority may transfer the nature permit to the proposed transferee. The transfer of the permit will not relieve any of the Permit Holders from their environmental obligations and liabilities.
29. In accordance with Regulation 47 of S.L. 549.44, details of the Permit Holder together with the details of conditions imposed in this Permit shall be maintained by the Authority in a register available for public inspection or maintained in electronic form.
30. ERA may inspect and monitor the activity at the expense of the Permit holder at rate and arrangement communicated by ERA's Compliance and Enforcement Directorate to ensure the safeguarding of the natural assets. ERA may also appoint other on-site

monitors at the expense of the Permit Holder to act as an on-site liaison between the Permit Holder and ERA if the case arises.

31. The Authority's representatives may inspect and photograph any part of the site/ activity and ask for any closed or locked areas to be opened and may demand to be provided with any proof, documentation, plans, receipts or any other records.
32. This Permit including any Variation Notices or amendments to it shall be made available for any inspection by ERA officials at all times, or any legally recognised compliance and enforcement officials, when requested.
33. Whenever there is a conflict between the conditions of this permit and approved documents, the conditions of the permit shall prevail.
34. ERA shall not be held liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur during the activities being permitted through this Permit. It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that all safety measures are taken.
35. This permit is without prejudice to any liability of the permit holder under the Act and to any punitive measures the Authority may wish to take with respect to works already carried out without permit.
36. The validity of this permit is until **30th April 2020**. The Permit Holder may apply for a renewal to this permit expressing his/her intention at least four (4) weeks prior to the expiry of this permit. Request for renewals shall only be considered upon confirmation of compliance with permit conditions and fulfilment of documentation as requested by this permit.
37. Any aggrieved person may appeal from this decision before the Environment and Review Tribunal within 30 days in terms of Article 63 of the Environment Protection Act.



Activity Overview for the 1st Sliema Scout Group's Annual Easter Camp at Verdala Castle Grounds

The 1st Sliema Scout Group (Bernard's Own) annual Easter Camp is set to be held between Saturday 11th April 2020 and Saturday 18th April 2020. Much like previous years we have planned this camp to be held at the Verdala Palace Grounds where we have held our camp annually for decades.

Attendance

We are expecting the following approximate attendance:

- 20 Cub Scouts (7-11)
- 40 Scouts (11-14)
- 10 Venture Scouts (14-18)
- 20 Rover Scouts and Leaders (18+)

Making a total of approximately 90 campers.

Structures

Upon arrival at the site we will be erecting tents in order to accommodate sleeping, dining, cooking, showering and storage of equipment. We will also be erecting pioneering structures made from lashing wooden staves together, all of which will be dismantled and cleared prior to departure. All structures will take into consideration all flora and fauna, especially delicate saplings. Structures will not be placed on top of or too close to any delicate saplings and will be cordoned off accordingly as has been done in previous years. We understand the importance of occupying the smallest footprint possible and all efforts will be made to do so.

Campsite Layout

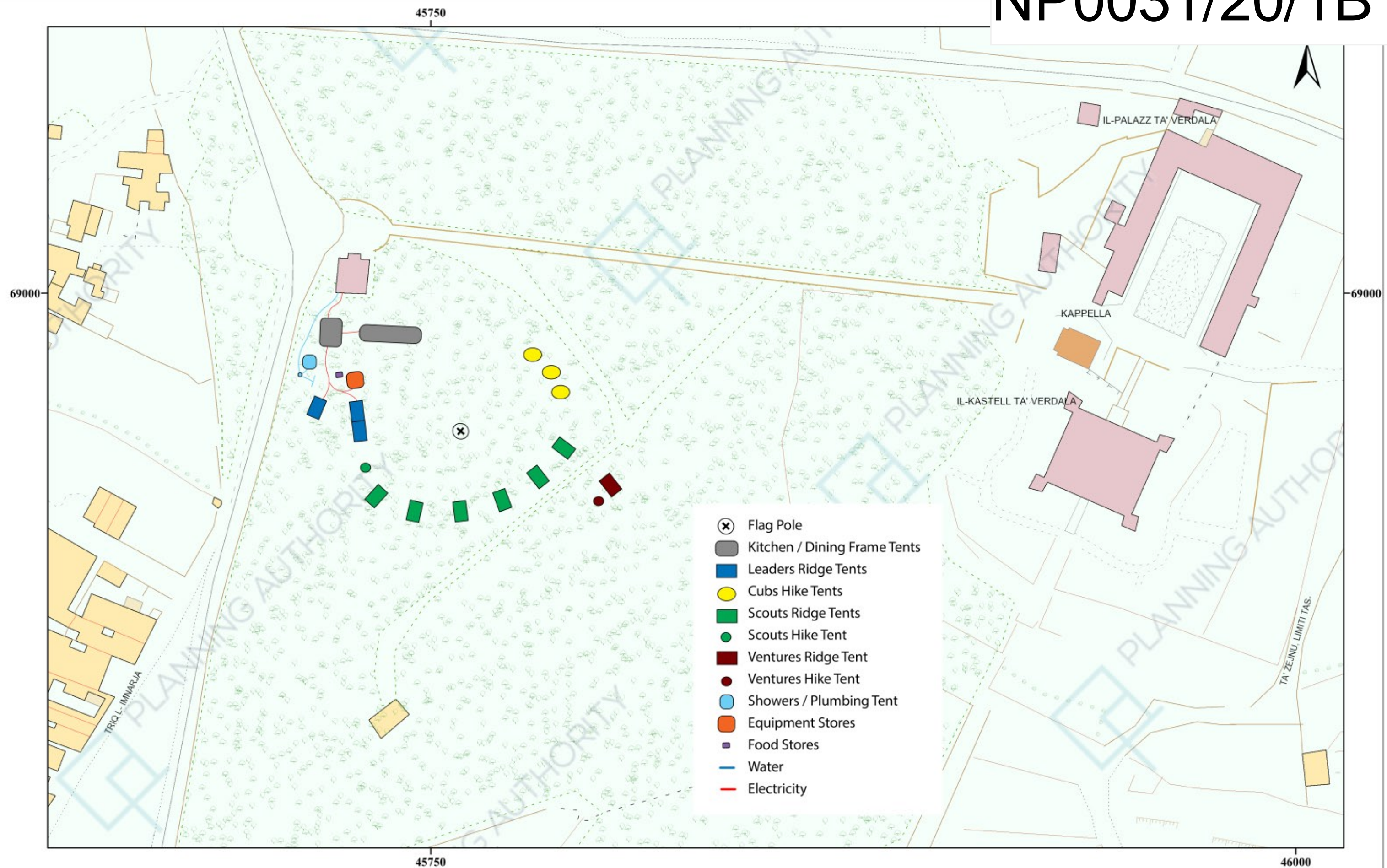
Attached is a map of our campsite layout which we have used for many years. Although we plan the campsite layout from before, amendments are made once we arrive on site to the campsite layout according to the landscape changes, condition of trees and any other changes to the general area.

Electricity and Water

In previous years we have drawn electrical and water supply from the guard room by the main gate of the grounds and this is what we plan to do this year. Electricity is passed to our kitchen and dining tents for powering of our fridge, freezer, oven and lighting. Water is passed to a washing bay as well as a shower tent.

Clean Up

A clean up of selected parts of the campsite will take place during our camp. Each section is normally assigned an area to clean up and this is thoroughly cleaned by using the extended line approach, normally making 3-4 passes on the selected area.



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