

## Specific rules on the traffic and presence of persons

1. Alien species may not be introduced to the nature reserve, cf. Section 3.3.2.
2. Filming and photography may not disturb the fauna within the nature reserve and disturbance to other visitors must be kept to a minimum. Filming and photography that may affect the environment and the experience of visitors is subject to the approval of the Environment Agency of Iceland. The Agency may impose conditions when granting such permits. Applications for permits to film within the nature reserve must be made no later than 30 May each year, cf. Section 3.6.2.
3. The use of bicycles is prohibited within the nature reserve, cf. Section 3.9.4.
4. Dogs are prohibited within the nature reserve. The dogs of landowners and homeowners are permitted, provided that they are kept on a leash at all times. Rescue, guide and service dogs are exempt from this prohibition, cf. Section 3.6.3.
5. Park rangers or supervisors may temporarily restrict access to sensitive areas to protect vegetation or fauna, or due to difficult walking conditions, and instruct visitors to take alternative routes. Such decisions must be made in consultation with the municipality, landowners and representatives of travel services and hikers, cf. Section 3.8.
6. The landing of vessels with 51 or more passengers (passengers and crew) and vehicles associated with them is prohibited within the nature reserve, except in consultation with the Environment Agency of Iceland, cf. Section 3.13. The following is excluded from this prohibition:
  - a. Landings for research purposes, subject to the approval of the Environment Agency of Iceland.
  - b. Search and rescue operations and activities of the Icelandic Coast Guard, cf. Act No.
  - c. 60/1998 and Regulation No. 1185/2012.
7. Only groups of 30 or fewer are permitted in the western area and organised tours in the eastern area may not include more than 15 people. The Environment Agency of Iceland must be consulted in the case of larger groups, cf. Section 3.7 and 3.8.2.
8. When flora, fauna and walking paths are in a sensitive state, i.e. in the spring and autumn, intended travel must be notified electronically to The Environment Agency of Iceland. This applies to travel in the area from 1 March to 15 June and 1 September to 1 November each year. This notification requirement does not apply to the traffic of homeowners and landowners, cf. Section 3.8.
9. The landing of helicopters within the nature reserve is prohibited except with the approval of the Environment Agency of Iceland, cf. Section 3.12. Search and rescue operations and activities of the Icelandic Coast Guard, cf. Act No. 60/1998 and Regulation No. 1185/2012, are exempt from this prohibition.
10. The landing of aeroplanes is prohibited outside the landing areas defined in the Ísafjörður Zoning Plan 2008-2020, except with the approval of the Environment Agency of Iceland. Landowners may land aeroplanes on their land. Search and rescue operations and activities of the Icelandic Coast Guard, cf. Act No. 60/1998 and Regulation No. 1185/2012, are exempt from this prohibition, cf. Section 3.12.

11. It is prohibited to operate any aircraft, including drones, within the nature reserve, except with the approval of the Environment Agency of Iceland. Search and rescue operations and activities of the Icelandic Coast Guard, cf. Act No. 60/1998 and Regulation No. 1185/2012, are exempt from this prohibition. Permit holders must always familiarise themselves with the applicable rules on the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles and seek relevant permissions from the Icelandic Transport Authority, cf. Section 3.12.
12. Camping is only permitted in the defined camping sites within the nature reserve. Landowners may permit camping on their land, in which case they must provide toilet facilities for their guests, cf. Section 3.6.
13. To protect vegetation, a tent may only be raised for one week at a time before being removed or relocated within the camping site, cf. Section 3.6.
14. All vessel traffic within 115 m of the nesting grounds of seabirds is prohibited. The Environment Agency of Iceland advises seafarers to refrain from going closer than 1 km to bird cliffs, cf. Section 3.13. The following is exempt from this prohibition:
  - a. Traffic due to the utilisation of traditional resources.
  - b. Ships and boats seeking shelter from weather and sea conditions.
  - c. Maritime traffic on traditional shipping routes.
  - d. Search and rescue operations and activities of the Icelandic Coast Guard, cf. Act No. 60/1998 and Regulation No. 1185/2012.
15. It is prohibited to blow whistles, fly aeroplanes or make any other unnecessary noise in the vicinity of bird cliffs. It is furthermore prohibited to fire guns within 200 m of bird cliffs on land and 500 m at sea. Birds may never be shot in bird cliffs.

*The landing of vessels with over 50 passengers may be permitted:*

- *in the case of an event organised by landowners, e.g. a church visits or family gathering.*
- *in the case of professional excursions that increase the area's conservation value.*