

Privacy Policy

Description

Parkswatchscotland

This policy is based on the model wordpress privacy policy but modified to reflect the purpose and operation of parkswatchscotland.

Parkswatchscotland is a blog set up by Nick Kempe whose purpose is described in the “About Page” of the parkswatchscotland website. Parkswatch is an entirely voluntary endeavour and the website, list of subscribers (or followers on social media) are not used to raise income or for any commercial purpose.

Non-personal information provided to parkswatchscotland

The source of any material supplied to parkswatch privately (i.e not through the public comments facility) and the material itself will be treated as confidential unless the person agrees otherwise.

Anyone providing photos should be aware that their personal data and date about location may be embedded in the photo and, unless removed, could be extracted from images on the website.

Personal data provided to parkswatchscotland

1) Subscribers

Parkswatchscotland uses mailchimp to provide a subscription service to those who wish to be alerted to blog posts by email. People can unsubscribe at any time. Under the basic version of mailchimp operated used by parkswatchscotland contact details are then automatically archived. Archived contact details are deleted – i.e. completely removed from the parkswatch mailchimp subscriber database – every six months.

2) Comments

All comments are checked through an automated spam detection service.

When visitors leave comments on the site the website collects the data shown in the comments form, and also the visitor’s IP address and browser user agent string to help spam detection.

Parkswatchscotland requires people to subscribe to the blog in order to make a comment, as this helps prevent abuse, and the website is set up so a person’s first comment is moderated before its

published. The website then uses that data to enable subsequent comments to appear without moderation although that facility can be overridden where it is abused.

An anonymized string created from your email address (also called a hash) may be provided to the Gravatar service to see if you are using it. The Gravatar service privacy policy is available here: <https://automattic.com/privacy/>. After approval of your comment, your profile picture is visible to the public in the context of your comment.

How long is your personal data retained?

Subscription data is kept for up to six months after a person has unsubscribed.

If you leave a comment, the comment and its metadata are retained indefinitely. This is so the website can recognize and approve any follow-up comments automatically instead of holding them in a moderation queue.

Cookies

Visitors. If you leave a comment on our site you may opt-in to saving your name, email address and website in cookies. These are for your convenience so that you do not have to fill in your details again when you leave another comment. These cookies will last for one year.

Authors of posts.

If you visit the parkswatchscotland login page, it automatically sets a temporary cookie to determine if your browser accepts cookies. This cookie contains no personal data and is discarded when you close your browser.

When you log in, wordpress set up several cookies to save your login information and your screen display choices. Login cookies last for two days, and screen options cookies last for a year. If you select “Remember Me”, your login will persist for two weeks. If you log out of your account, the login cookies will be removed.

If you edit or publish an article, an additional cookie will be saved in your browser. This cookie includes no personal data and simply indicates the post ID of the article you just edited. It expires after 1 day.

Embedded content from other websites

Articles on parkswatchscotland include embedded content (e.g. videos, images, articles, etc.). Embedded content from other websites behaves in the exact same way as if the visitor has visited the other website.

These websites may collect data about you, use cookies, embed additional third-party tracking, and monitor your interaction with that embedded content, including tracking your interaction with the

embedded content if you have an account and are logged in to that website.

Your rights over your data

All users of the blog are covered by data protection legislation and parkswatchscotland has no interest in retaining any more personal data than is required for those interested to interact with its website. It is up to people whether they comment, subscribe or contribute or not and parkswatch only stores and manages through third parties the data necessary for that to happen.

The website administrator can, if requested, edit or remove subscription details outwith the process outlined above you can also request any personal data held about you is deleted outwith that process – Nickkempe@parkswatchscotland.co.uk – and it will be done as soon as practicable given the voluntary nature of the blog.

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