The Formentera office of mobility reports that from tomorrow, 1 July, visitors to Ses Salines nature reserve must pay to access the area, save for Formentera residents, for whom access remains free all summer long.

In the first half of July, non-residents will pay €5 or €3 for a car or motor scooter, respectively, and one euro more until the end of August. Rates return to July-levels during first two weeks in September, and shrink by one euro from the 15th to month's end.

People with reduced mobility, drivers of electric vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists can all access the reserve at no cost. Individuals with hybrid vehicles, for their part, benefit from a 50% reduction.

Access to the reserve is controlled from 9.00am to 5.00pm all season long, continuing at Es Cavall d'en Borràs and Llevant until 15 September and concluding at Illetes two weeks later.

Mobility conseller Rafael González described the service's closure till now as par for the course in the off-season. He said its reactivation was part of broader reopening efforts across the island.

The reserve is equipped with parking for 342 cars and 1,060 scooters.

Controlled access to Es Cap de Barbaria

Motorists will face checks from Saturday 4 July when they visit Es Cap de Barbaria lighthouse in 2020. In force until 15 October, the scheme was conceived in an effort to preserve the natural environment of the publicly-owned lot "Sa Tanca d'allà dins".

Access to Es Cap de Barbaria has been controlled for the last three years by means of a barrier blocking vehicle passage at kilometre 6.5 of the Es Cap highway. One of the ways controlled entry works to improve visitor experience at Es Cap lighthouse and Es Garroveret defence tower is by reducing potential obstacles to access. As at Ses Illetes, the set-up in Es Cap de

Barbaria, which is typically reactivated in May, was not deployed because the area found itself without visitors. There is a car park near the barrier with capacity for 60 cars and 100 scooters. Motorists are encouraged to get out and walk or cycle the remaining stretch of road to the lighthouse.

Access for people with reduced mobility
When traffic is heaviest, from 11.00am to 1.00pm and 6.00pm to 10.00pm, an agent will be stationed beside the barrier to grant access to individuals with reduced mobility.

Blue- and green-zone parking and formentera.eco
Tomorrow is the first day this season that drivers must obtain validation to park in blue- or green-zone spots in La Savina, Es Pujols, Sant Francesc and Sant Ferran. Though metred parking is in place neither in Es Caló nor La Mola, attendants will be deployed to control parking as visitor numbers in the two towns grow.

Formentera's scheme to regulate incoming vehicles, formentera.eco, will also resume from tomorrow for the second straight year.

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