



Twin Holiday Homes in the scenic Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park

## **ARRIVAL**

### **Lockbox code**

Please text me a day before for the lockbox code to access the key. UK mobile +44 07800 563926  
Suggest you don't leave texting me until day of departure in case of problems reaching me or unexpected network issues.

Check-in is at 4pm onwards and check out is strictly 10AM on day of departure.

### **Address You have booked 12 On the Hill**

#### **12 Trossachs Road, Aberfoyle, Stirling, FK83SW**

**Directions:** Head up the main street in Aberfoyle, take a right at the co-op on the bend, signposted Dukes pass, we are half way up the straight section of Trossachs Road, on the right hand side, opposite the grassy slope of the village hall.

**Parking** Please park on the driveway outside the house you have booked- some guests find it easier to back in due to the slope however this is up to you! If you have more than one car we suggest you either park the other on the road, making sure not to park up on the pavement, or there's plenty of space in the large free car park in the village, about 5 mins walk away. EV point for electric vehicle can be found at the village carpark, just behind the visitors centre.

### **Advance house info !**

We supply all the bedding for the guests you have booked to stay with you - that's duvets, pillows, sheets & a set of towels. We also supply eco-friendly Faith in Nature soaps & shampoos for our guests to enjoy which smell just amazing and are ethical with 100% natural ingredients.

In our utility room, there is a washing machine, tumble drier, hanging racks & pegs for the washing line, there's also an iron & ironing board, and a hairdryer in the master bedroom.

There's also a selection of board games, books & jigsaws to keep all the family entertained no matter what the weather, and some maps and local info for you to plan your stay.

The back garden is accessed down some steps by the side door, and has a patio area, and a mix of gravel, grass and patio area with various seating so you can enjoy the sunniest spots of the garden all day long. There is also a BBQ which our guests love in the summer.

### **The area!**

I'm sure you'll be full of ideas for your holidays - whether you like to pre-plan everything or just take it easy and decide on the day, we thought we should put a few bits of info together below to help you on your way. With the Trossachs area being popular with all kinds of holiday makers, we generally advise you to pre-book online any activities you'd like to do especially in peak season in the summer, like Go-Ape (zip wire), Blair Drummond safari park, Loch Katrine steamer, Aberfoyle bike hire, pony trekking (Castle Rednock), watersports (Loch Ard Adventure) etc so to avoid disappointment.



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Nearer the time we also recommend you reserve your place for dinner, in local eateries and pubs, In Aberfoyle a favourite of the guests is the **Fairie Tree** (at the time of writing this, the Forth Inn is sadly closed), if you're looking for lunch. Liz McGregors tea shop, The Station Cafe, and **The Wool Centre** are all excellent, or up at The Lodge Centre (next to Go Ape zip wire), where you can dine with a view.. In the nearby village of Gartmore, the community owned **Black Bull** has a good reputation for food as well as In Lake of Menteith, the **Karma Lake of Menteith Hotel** which has fantastic lunches & dinners in their restaurant overlooking the lake. If you're after fine dining then we'd highly recommend **Nicks at Port of Menteith**, which has a choice of gourmet menu's to sit in as well as wood fired pizzas to take away, they also have an award winning cookery school! Further afield **The Lion & Unicorn** in Thornhill has a popular and affordable menu that all the family can enjoy. If you're heading to Loch Lomond Southern shores for the day, near Balloch and the pretty village of Luss, is the **Duck Bay Hotel**. Alternatively you'll find plenty in the lovely village of **Callander** where there's a much wider choice of restaurants and bars, along with shops and amenities. These are just a few of our suggestions, there's lots more to discover yourselves or do pop into Visit Scotland's information centre in Aberfoyle.

### **Aberfoyle Village - Amenities**

Aberfoyle has a well stocked **Co-op** supermarket, a 2 minute walk away, and usually open from 7 am to 10 PM There's also a post office, cafe's, pubs, and shops, a pharmacy & doctors surgery, fantastic butchers (**Aberfoyle delicatessen**) all a couple of minutes walk from the cottages. Our favourite **Maggies** Aberfoyle kitchen, is a must for delicious homemade shortbread & cakes, & her grans tasty home made scottish tablet.

There's a kids playpark in the village, and a bike park with trails for kids - there's also a fantastic kids playpark in the village of Gartmore.

**Cycling** -Aberfoyle is on the NCN 7 cycle trail a network 200 miles long, Bike and walking trails from the house take you up hills & further afield, connecting to the National cycle route 7 and trails across to Callander, Loch Lomond & beyond. There's plenty of choice for beginners and experienced cyclists alike. If you don't bring your own bikes, bike hire is also available at Aberfoyle bike hire & cafe (recommend their coffee & bacon butties) - book in advance!

Go Ape is about a 10 minute walk up through the forest, where you'll also find the dramatic Waterfall, sculpture trail & nature hide. The lodge visitors centre in Queen Elizabeth forest park has its own information centre with maps, as well as nature exhibits (including webcam of ospreys nesting), & a lovely cafe with great views across the Forth valley & over to the campsie fells. There's a kids sculpture trail and forest activities. A few of our favourites are dam making by the river & the hammocks by the waterfall & the wonderful nature hide where you can see red squirrels & a huge variety of birds - we love to pop up at start or end of day.

A wonderful new pottery place has opened up Dukes pass, Whimsy in the wild is a tiny shop & workshop by Cindy, who makes fabulous ceramics - check out her pot throwing classes bookable on her website. (look up Whimsy in the wild).

Whilst there's plenty of places to get away from it all, the more popular touristy places to go walking & taking your classic instagram photos like Balmaha, (conic hill) & the mini peak Ben A'an have very limited parking, so we suggest arriving early, or late, and avoiding peak times on weekends



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etc! But it doesn't stop there, with so much more to do in the area ...Loch katrine cruises on Sir Walter Scott steamship across to the wonderful Pier Cafe at Stonachlachar (also fantastic food ) .fishing (Lake of Menteith), golfing (the scenic Aberfoyle Golf club), wild swimming enthusiasts (Loch Ard), flying in a sea plane (Loch Lomond seaplanes), bird watching Red Kites (Argaty Red Kites) Whisky distilleries like Glengoyne (we highly recommend the Whiskey and Chocolate tour)

For those seeking History there's Stirlings dramatic Castle & monument, or the Medieval Doane Castle (set of Winterfell, Game of Thrones & Monty Python- the Holy Grail), the closest small town with touristy shops, eateries, pubs is Callander in stunning surroundings for day hikes (check out Bracklinn falls), or paddle boarding & picnic at stunning Loch Lubnaig, or head to the wonderful city of Glasgow & world famous Edinburgh for longer day trips filled with Arts & culture & fun!

Some of our guests just choose to unwind , chill & recharge not getting in a car all week.

Whatever you decide to do happy planning - let us know if we can help in any way!

**Jill x**