

# Callander Cabins

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# Welcome (Failte)



Hello

We are Alan and Christine Hamilton and we (and our dog Scrappy) would like to welcome you to Ardchylne House and Callander Cabins. We hope that you enjoy your stay with us as much as we enjoy living here!

**Please read the following pages to help you enjoy your stay to the full. Also please fill in the registration form at the end and post in the post box by the Iron House.**

If you have any queries do let us know. There is a door bell by the house door next to the shower room, or we may be around in the grounds. If we are not around and you have an urgent enquiry our mobile numbers are below.

We will include numbers for local doctor, dentist and vet!

This is an amazing part of the world and maybe you can take the opportunity to explore some of its wonders or perhaps just take some time out to sit on the decking with a glass of something refreshing and enjoy the view.



*Alan and Christine*

Mobile numbers:

Alan 07964 290696

Christine 07508 285942



# The Cabins

**Cabin Henry:** sleeps 3-4: Double bed with single bunk above and optional chair bed.

**Cabin George:** sleeps 2: 2 Single beds



As well as sleeping facilities each cabin has a decked porch area with table and seating. The cabins are solar powered and have lighting and USB charging points.

**Please do not smoke in the cabins or on the decking area, for insurance purposes.**

Keys will be in the cabin doors upon arrival and can be dropped off in the post box on departure.

## COVID 19 UPDATE

Only one family group will be using the facilities at the time during the epidemic so you will know everyone using the Iron House!



Toilets, a shower and cooking facilities are located in the Iron House. Please feel free to use at any time but be courteous to other guests especially at night or early in the morning.

We ask that you clear up and put things away after cooking your meals ready for others to use.

We have provided some tea, coffee and biscuits upon arrival and a fridge, freezer and cupboard space for your groceries. We suggest that you name your items in the fridge if others are staying. A Sharpie pen is on the tea and coffee shelf if needed. Please empty the fridge and freezer upon departure.

There is a microwave and hot plate for cooking. The microwave instructions are in the cupboard below if needed.

We have endeavoured to provide all the utensils etc. you may need but do not hesitate to ask if you require anything specific

# The House and Grounds



Ardchyline house was built in 1910 by Henry Callander and shares a fascinating history linked to Ardkinglas House and Inveraray Castle. We purchased the house in 2016 and began our labour of love. The grounds that you see have been reclaimed from Rhododendrons, brambles and years of neglect. The renovation is ongoing and so areas of the grounds may have machinery or tools about.

You are free to explore the grounds and the woodland walk leading to the burn and waterfall, or even, if you have wellies, have paddle in the burn and out under the old road bridge onto the loch front.



The swing set is also for guests' use but we ask that children are supervised when using this. We have a badminton set, pitch and put equipment and boules available if you wish to make use of the lawn



Please also feel welcome to wander down to look at the flower garden, veg patch and chicken run. The chickens may be out and about but are very friendly. But, again, please be aware it is a working garden and so there may be tools and machinery around.



**We do ask guests not to enter the areas around the rear of the house for safety reasons**

**PLEASE NOTE if you do explore it is at your own risk, the ground is uneven, there are roots all over the place as well as branches and trees for logging. Stones in the burn may be slippery and the side of the burn are steep and unstable in places**

# Port Henry and Loch Fyne

Across the road to the right is the entrance to Port Henry. This harbour was built by the Callanders and was the home to their homemade steamboat which they used to visit their step sister at Inveraray Castle, across the loch.

When we bought the house there was no road down to the harbour, the harbour wall was completely overgrown and the jetty in disrepair. Although a lot of progress has been made in reinstating it to its former glory the storms of 2019 took their toll, washing away part of the jetty, felling several trees and washing away some of the stone wall.



You are welcome to come and see the work that is going on and may bump into a local, chopping up trees, rebuilding the wall, moving rocks with their digger or out for a trip in their boat, they are a friendly lot and will let you know if it is unsafe in anyway.

**All the boats in Port Henry belong to neighbours in the village and so we cannot allow access onto any of them.**

If you fancy your hand at fishing off the jetty please ask for a permit (free to guests) and we can also lend a small fishing rod and some crab lines if required.



## Dogs and midges

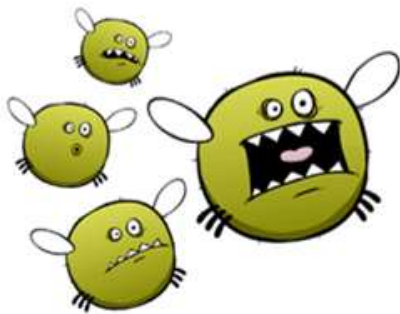
Well behaved dogs are welcome to come and enjoy your stay with you at Callander Cabins. We do ask that your dogs are kept under control at all times. Our dog, Scrappy, is fine with other dogs as long as they leave her alone after the initial “hello”.



We do have the chickens in the garden but if we know that you are bringing a dog we will keep them in the run. Please ensure that your dog does not worry the chickens as we do have young chicks. We also have Red Squirrels and other wildlife in the garden, but Scrappy hasn't caught anything but mice yet, however please be aware of the distraction they may cause for your dogs.

Sometimes we also have deer visit the garden. They will disappear if they see a dog but this is likely to be through the gate and may cause your dog to run towards the road if not controlled. The same applies for the seals at Port Henry- your dog may decide to swim after them and head towards Inveraray.

Please be aware that there are ticks all around us in Argyll and if your dog has been exploring they may have found some! We do have tick removers if you require them. (They can also attach to people if you walk through long grass etc. – so be aware and check.)



Midges are a fact of life in Scotland in the summer months. They particularly like still dull days. Please ensure that you take precautions if going exploring outside.. There are a variety of precautions against midge bites such as Avon Skin so Soft, Smidge and midge masks (latter two sold at the Filling Station)

For more info see <https://www.smidgeup.com/midges/midge-facts/what-is-a-midge/>

If sitting out in the evening midges can be a problem. We have found that Citronella incense sticks are a good deterrent and have left a couple for your use in the Iron House. Insert one into the holder, light with a match and then blow out so that just the end is smouldering. These can be used on the decking **BUT DO NOT USE INSIDE THE CHALETS**. They can cause allergies to some people. If you think these work for you and would like some more we can provide packs of 30 sticks for £2

# Local Facilities

## Shopping

**Strachur Filling Station:** Basic food and household items as well as local produce. Fuel, ATM (charged), Cashback available

Mon-Fri 8-4

Sat Sun 8.30-4



**Strachur Post Office:** Basic food and household items. Post Office services (Inc. cash withdrawal)

Open: All week 8-5

Inveraray has a well-stocked Londis and Co op

Dunoon has a Morrison's and Co op as well as most other types of shops

24hour fuel available at Arrochar

### COVID 19 UPDATE

All local shops ask shoppers to visit for essentials only, observe social distancing and as of 10<sup>th</sup> July wear a facemask in the shops.

Opening times may also vary. We have tried to be as up to date as possible.

## **Doctors**

Strachur Medical Practice 01369 860 224

A&E Dunoon General Hospital

## **Dentist**

The Hollies, Dunoon 01369 702767

Smile Argyll, Dunoon 01369 702755



## **Vets**

Cowal and Bute Vets Dunoon 01369 702532

## **Childrens Indoor Play**

Fyne Den Clachan, Cairndow PA26 8BL 01499 320429



PA24 8AA (swimming pool and children's play area)

# Hostleries

## Strachur

The Creggans

*Pub with food, beer garden and rooms*

The Bay Café

*Licensed café. Hot and cold food and drinks*

The Clachan

*Traditional Bar*

## Cairndow

The Stagecoach,

*Pub with food, beer garden and rooms*

Fyne Ales

*Brewery tours, bar with bar snacks*

Loch Fyne Oysters

*Restaurant and Deli*

The Tree Shop

*Café*

## Inveraray

Inveraray Inn

The George

Brambles Café

Samphire (*seafood restaurant*)

## Loch Eck

The Whislefield Inn

*Pub with home cooked food*

The Coylet

*Pub with food*

## Strathlachan

Inver Cottage

*Restaurant with accommodation*

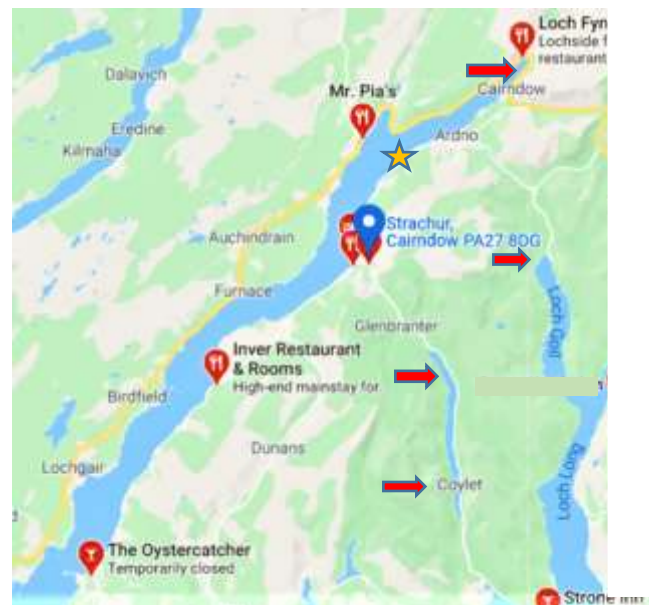
## Lochgoilhead

Drimsynie

*Restaurant and bar*

The Goil Inn

*Pub with food*



### COVID 19 UPDATE

Many of the pubs and restaurants listed may be closed or have restricted opening hours. Those that are open will require face masks and social distancing measures. Please contact them first to avoid disappointment.



Welcome.....

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM



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