



## House Notes

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Highland Home!

The following information is intended to help you settle in and understand how the house works, what you can expect, where things are and what you need to do to run the house during your stay.

We wish you a very enjoyable stay. If there is anything not covered in the notes, **please feel free to visit our listing on holiday cottages at <https://www.holidaycottages.co.uk/cottage/76356-glenardle-lodge> or call Holiday Cottages on 01237 426794** (During your stay you can TEXT Kerry on 07590 115113 or TEXT Camilla on 07973 158684.)

### How to Find Us

We are in the hamlet of Bridge of Cally and easy to find.

The postcode for Google maps/satnav is PH10 7JG. Satnav coordinates: 56.64614, -3.40907

Our what3words.com is: ///gladiators.alien.handsets Jo

**Approaching Bridge of Cally on the A93:** Either from the north or south, turn onto the A924 to Pitlochry at the Post Office. Drive up the A924 around a gentle right hand (approx 200m) bend. You can see the house facing you up above the road to your left. Continue until you reach the entrance to the Corriefodly Holiday Park (Wood Leisure). Turn left here and immediately up the drive to the left. Continue up the drive and Glenardle Lodge is straight ahead. You have arrived!

*NB. Take care on the A924, although a short section, the road is narrow, and a variety of traffic can be encountered including logging lorries and large farm vehicles...go slowly and hug the wall to the left.*

**Travelling from the north on the A9:** Take the A924 to Bridge of Cally from Pitlochry. This is a picturesque route and takes approximately 30 minutes. The road is narrow and winding in places and, depending on the time of year, you can encounter everything from tour buses to wildlife on the road. As you enter Bridge of Cally you will see the chalets of Corriefodly Holiday Park (Wood Leisure) on your right. Continue until you reach some cottages on your left and turn right into the Corriefodly Holiday Park and then immediately left up the drive. Continue up the drive and Glenardle Lodge is straight ahead. You have arrived!

### ON ARRIVAL

#### Parking

The parking area will comfortably take 4 cars. With 4 cars you will probably have to reverse out down the drive when going out. Please do not drive on either lawn if trying to turn around! Please do not park too close to the garage door as we need access into the garage for hot tub testing purposes during your stay.

## Keys

It will have been pre-arranged when you booked that the keys to the front door will be found in the Key Safe on the wall to the right of the front door. There will be two keys, one to enter the Porch (which will need to be turned twice), and a second to enter the house off the Porch. We will email you the combination to the Key Safe ahead of your arrival. (As per the Terms and Conditions of the booking, check-in time is 4pm, unless otherwise agreed in advance.)

## Smoking

We operate a strict no-smoking policy inside the property and request that guests respect this at all times.

## Dogs

We are dog friendly and up to 3 dogs are accepted on request - this is, after all, perfect dog country. Dog rules are: Dogs are not allowed upstairs and, at night, should either be in the porch or utility room, or on the ground floor with their owner in the room which has the sofa bed. Any dog that might engage in nervous, destructive behaviour whilst alone at night in the porch or utility room must be crated and guests must bring their own dog crate(s). Dogs are never to be left on their own in the house - you must take your dog(s) with you if you plan to go out for the day, even for just a short time. We assume that all our guests are responsible dog owners and as such any dog entering the house has been treated for fleas/worms etc. We recommend that visiting dogs have also had tick treatment if you are planning on going on walks in the surrounding countryside during tick season (between March and October).

The garden is generally dog friendly; however, it is possible for a small determined dog to find ways to get out under the perimeter fencing despite our best efforts to keep it secure. There are many rabbits in the area and they are very tempting. Red squirrels also live in the garden and are quite tame. Please ensure all dog mess is picked up and disposed of! The dog walk down by the river, accessed by walking down the hill through the holiday park, is a great short walk with dogs and there are bins for dog waste down by the river in the holiday park.

## GLENARDLE LODGE - INSIDE THE HOUSE

### Wifi

The Wifi code is on the card to the left of the TV - ef3fab73d6.

### Telephone

Depending on the provider, mobile coverage varies in quality and strength of reception, but is generally okay. The house has no landline phone.

### Television

There are 2 smart TVs in the house - in the main living room (which has freeview) and the second smaller 'kids' room (no freeview but several apps and HDMI cable for connecting games consoles etc). (If new batteries required for the remote, these are found in the walk in cupboard in the living room.

### Heating

Downstairs the house is heated via underfloor heating, upstairs by radiators. The radiators upstairs have individual thermostats. **Please do not adjust or change the settings on the 2 control panels in the hall.** The heating is set to a programme that is deemed most appropriate in terms of everyday comfort (based on feedback from previous guests) and we ask that guests do not try to change the settings as it is a

rather complicated system. If guests do feel that the house is not at a comfortable temperature, please TEXT Camilla on 07973 158684.

## **Wood Burning Stove**

We will provide kindling, firelighters and enough logs to get you started. However, to have the wood burner on every day - please bring, or buy locally, your own logs (e.g. Tesco's, Blairgowrie, Aldi, Perth or Sawdust Wood Fuels in Meikleour, just south of Blairgowrie). Also, remember to manage the fire - once up and running, manage the air intakes to keep the fire burning efficiently and thus make your log supply last longer.

## **Room Specific General Points**

### **Main Living Area**

The blinds on the south facing windows are intended as sunscreens to help prevent glare and overheating.

**Grand Piano.** Feel free to enjoy our grand piano, but please respect it and treat it accordingly - keep food and drink - and sticky fingers! - well away. Be careful when opening and closing it - particularly if there are small fingers around. Young children must not play the piano without adult supervision.

**Under Stairs Cupboard/Circuit Breaker Panel** Just to the right as you enter the living area this small storage area contains the circuit breaker. So, if, as can happen, there are power surges or disturbances that can trigger some or all of the circuit breakers, this is where you will find them. **(For example, if the kitchen hob appears not to be working, check the circuit breaker - this should rectify the problem.)** This door is to be kept locked at all times - if access to the circuit breaker panel is required, the key is to be found on a hook at head height by the door (to prevent young children from accessing the cupboard). **Important!** Please ensure that the main door to the living room is shut when you open the cupboard door as the handle of the cupboard could punch a hole in the glass of the main living room door.

Direct access to the south facing terrace is through the glass door - the furthest left panel of the window. The key to the door is kept in the dish on the chest of drawers to the left of the door. (Also on this keyring is the key to open the french doors in the smaller TV room (room with the sofa bed and football table.) During the summer months we recommend that you keep the windows closed as much as possible. Not only does this help prevent the house getting too warm, it is also essential in keeping out flies etc. Please note that the south facing onto the terrace windows are fixed and do not slide open.

### **Kitchen**

There is a fire blanket and fire extinguisher at the side of the fridge. A fire blanket and first aid kit is stored on the shelf above the sink. For food preparation the kitchen is equipped with an Induction Hob, Microwave, Grill and Oven. They are pretty straightforward to use. (The induction hob has a child lock - when you switch the hob on, you need to hold your finger on the 'lock button' for several seconds to unlock it.) There is also a dishwasher. For guests who enjoy cooking and baking, the kitchen is well equipped for entertaining. (Appliance-wise there is a blender, food processor and hand blender) For coffee connoisseurs there is the choice of a large cafetiere/french press, filter coffee machine, or a **Nespresso** machine (original).

### **Kitchen Waste**

Cardboard, paper, cans, tins, plastic bottles and packaging (deemed recyclable) is collected for recycling and all goes into one container. There are two kitchen waste bins to the right of the kitchen island: One for landfill and one for recycling. When full, empty these into the appropriate wheellie bins kept outside. Rubbish collection day is Saturday morning. Our cleaners will put the bins out on Friday. Guests are

kindly asked to retrieve the wheelie bin from the roadside after it's been emptied on the Saturday. Glass has to be taken to a nearby recycling point (Tesco's, Blairgowrie or Bridge of Cally, at the north end heading towards Glenshee).. ***We kindly request that guests take responsibility for disposing of and recycling their glass bottles.*** See additional section below on *Disposal of Kitchen Waste*.

### **Utility Room**

The utility room has a washing machine (2 - please use the machine on the left hand side) and 2 stands for drying wet gear/clothing. There is also an outside tap at the rear of the house - we ask that you hose down muddy dogs outside before you allow them back in the house. Dog owners - please bring your own dog towels for drying dogs after washing.

### **Upstairs**

In all shower/bathrooms the hot water comes from the hot water cylinder and takes a little time to come through.

*Please note that the sinks in the shower room ensuite in the main bedroom do not have overflows so be very careful about overfilling them and especially do not leave the taps running unattended.*

### **Toilets**

Since sewage waste drains to a septic tank, it is essential that **ONLY** toilet paper and human bodily waste get flushed down the toilets. All other sanitary products, including disposable nappies, must be disposed of in landfill.

## **GLENARDLE LODGE - OUTSIDE THE HOUSE**

### **The Garden**

Our garden is maintained by local gardeners who you may bump into although we will try and avoid disturbing your privacy. The land down to the path on the riverside is fenced off. The bank is steep and loose underfoot. Do not try and climb down the bank to the riverside walk, and do not risk climbing over the viewing section of the fence outside the living area. If you want to get down to the river then walk down into the Corrie-fodly Holiday Park and follow the road around to where the riverside walk starts. This leads all the way along to a series of steps up the Bridge of Cally Post Office.

### **Hot Tub**

This added feature is a great addition to the property, but to ensure your safety and enjoyable use of the Spa, we ask that you read the separate 'Hot Tub Safety Rules' displayed in the house and in this document and ensure that anyone who plans to use the hot tub during your stay has also read and accepted the rules.

We supply additional coloured hot tub towels for outside use. Please do not use the white bath towels for hot tub use.

If you intend to use the hot-tub it will require regular checks to ensure it is safe. Please confirm at time of booking you will be using the hot tub. It is normally tested in the morning by our housekeeper Kerry or one of her team.

### **Important to know:**

**FAKE TAN!** The hot tub and fake tan products do not mix well! **DO NOT use fake tan products if you plan to use the hot tub, even just once.** If these chemicals get into the system then the hot tub will have to be shut down for potentially a 24 hour period, drained, cleaned, refilled, retreated etc at a cost of £150 for the call-out charge and labour involved. Similarly, if extra

cleaning is required after your stay because of these types of chemicals being in the system the same amount will be deducted from the house keeping deposit.

**TAKING OFF THE HOT TUB COVER - it takes 2 people to take off the cover, one on either side of the hot tub.** First, fold the cover back over the metal bar (so it is half open). Then lift the metal bar up and back so the cover lifts off, folded in half 'hanging' over the metal bar. Please ensure that 2 people do this. One person doing it alone from one side will cause the metal bar to warp and ultimately break - there must be 2 people doing each side simultaneously. Please take care when lifting and lift the cover back slowly. **DO NOT lift the cover off the hot tub entirely.** Please keep the cover on when the hot tub is not in use and keep secured shut using the clips on the corners. Please make sure the large strap that runs across the middle is clipped shut when the hot tub is not in use at all times.

**DO NOT SIT ON THE HOT TUB COVER!**

### **BBQ**

There is a Weber kettle BBQ for guests to use. We do ask that guests clean the BBQ grill after use (an additional cleaning charge will be deducted from the deposit if the cleaners are required to do this). During the colder months the BBQ is normally stored in the garage: should you wish to have use of it, please make a specific request prior to your arrival.

### **Disposal of Kitchen Waste**

***Important! Please read the information on how to recycle and dispose of rubbish:***

The wheelie bin with the blue lid is purely for recycling; ie not for general waste. General waste goes into the wheelie bin with the green lid. **Please do not put any recycling material in the general landfill waste wheelie bin (green lid)** Likewise, please do not put any non-recycling material in the bin with the blue lid and, in particular, do not put plastic bags in the recycling bin (blue lid). Apart from the obvious environmental issue, it results in the landfill wheelie bin becoming overfilled which the Council can refuse to take. They will also not uplift it if it has clearly been filled with material that can be recycled. The council will not uplift the blue bin if it has been filled with non-recycling material and they are very strict about this. Either of these 2 scenarios would require that our cleaners make a special trip to the recycling centre in Blairgowrie which would be an additional charge and deducted from the house keeping deposit.

So, for clarity, please do not put glass, black sacks, nappies, plastic film, food contaminated packaging (packaging must be rinsed), foil packaging or polystyrene in the recycling bin (blue lid).

The wheelie bins are kept at the side of the house close to the driveway.

**Glass does not go into the recycling wheelie bin with the blue lid!** We kindly ask guests to take responsibility for the disposal of all glass bottles/jars by taking them to one of the nearby recycling points. The closest is on the A93 just outside Bridge of Cally heading north to Glenshee, left hand side, or at Tesco's in Blairgowrie.

### **In an Emergency**

If something has arisen that the above notes cannot help with then please contact **Holiday Cottages on 01237 426794**. Alternatively, you can email Camilla on [glenardlelodge@gmail.com](mailto:glenardlelodge@gmail.com) or TEXT Camilla on 07973 158684 or TEXT Kerry on 07590 115113.

### **On Departure**

Check out time is, as per the terms and conditions of your booking, officially 10am, unless you have agreed a later time with our booking team, in advance of your arrival. Quite often, and especially during the peak season, we have same day turnarounds so we kindly ask that guests leave the property by 10am to allow our cleaning team sufficient time to get the house ready for the next guests. ***Please ensure that all external doors and windows are shut and locked and the keys placed back in the key safe.***

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## Hot Tub Rules

All users of the spa do so at their own risk. We ask all our guests to please read the following 'dos and don'ts of the hot tub' before entering. Not only is this important for your own safety, it will ensure that the spa operates efficiently and your enjoyment of it, therefore, maximised!

### **Removing the hot tub cover - please read the above instructions carefully!**

- Shower before entering the spa.
- Please remove all jewellery before entering the spa as the sanitiser can discolour jewellery.
- Do not go in the spa with recently applied FAKE TAN/oils/lotions or wearing make-up. These products can result in the water being so contaminated that the hot tub will need to be emptied and refilled, at your expense. It could take 24 hours for the spa to be up and running again.
- Enter and exit the spa slowly and carefully using the steps.
- Children **MUST** be supervised by an adult at all times.
- No jumping or diving in the spa.
- It is recommended that spa users do not exceed 15 minutes immersion at a time.
- Never use glassware in, or anywhere near, the spa. Use only the plastic beakers provided, which you will find in one of the kitchen cupboards.
- Do not use the spa if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs or sedative medication. If you are on medication, please check with your doctor or medical practitioner to establish whether it is safe for you to use the spa.
- Spa users suffering from any serious disease/medical condition, such as heart/circulation problems, skin conditions, high/low blood pressure, any auto-immune disease, should seek medical advice prior to using the spa.
- Pregnant women and elderly people are advised to consult with their doctor before using the spa.
- Parents of babies and very young children should consult their doctor regarding the safety of their child using the spa.
- **NEVER** use the spa alone.
- Do not use the spa immediately after a heavy meal.
- Do not use the spa immediately after intensive aerobic exercise.
- Please replace the cover after use and do not sit or lie on the cover.
- Please remember to switch off the spa light after use. The jets will automatically time out and when the spa is not in use it will automatically switch to 'eco setting' until the jets are switched back on.



## Guide to the Local Area

### Local Facilities

#### *Shops*

The nearest local shop just down the road is the **Bridge of Cally Post Office**, which stocks most essential things and sells a range of local produce. Contact Helen on [helenbrown@outlook.com](mailto:helenbrown@outlook.com) or call 01250 886220 to ask about their fruit/veggie/herbs/nuts boxes (orders come in Monday/Wednesday/Friday with generally 1 day notice) and meat/fish from local producers. It also stocks most national and local newspapers.

Seven miles up the A924 in the village of Kirkmichael is the **Kirkmichael Village Shop** run by the local community and is a pleasant coffee and cake stop if you have walked up the Catechan Trail and are waiting to get the bus back.

<http://www.the-glens.org.uk/Village-Shops.html>

In Blairgowrie there is a large Tesco Supermarket. If travelling from the south you will pass through Blairgowrie and this affords an ideal opportunity to stop and pick up the main supplies for your stay.

[Blairgowrie Superstore | Tesco](#)

For logs etc

[Meikleour Shop | Sawdust Wood Fuels](#)

#### *Local Bars and Hotels*

The nearest bar to Glenardle Lodge a short walk away is the **Woodside Bar** located in Corriefodly House. Opening hours are shown on the website.

[The Woodside Lounge Bar at Corriefodly - Family Bar & Entertainment](#)

In the other direction, down the road and over the bridge, but still a short walk away is the **Bridge of Cally Hotel**. Remember to take a torch if going there during the winter months - there is no lighting on the A924 between Glenardle Lodge and the Post Office. Please take care walking on the road and across the bridge - there is no pavement and despite the speed limit car drivers can be quite unpredictable.

[Bridge of Cally Hotel](#)

Further away in Kirkmichael are a number of bars and hotels. Notably the **Strathardle Inn** is a good lunch spot.

<http://strathardleinn.co.uk/>

The last time we visited all these venues were dog friendly. Always best to ask first though.

Blairgowrie, The Chippy: [07732 055702](tel:07732055702)

[Clunie Pizza Project](#)



## ***Restaurants in Blairgowrie***

[Little's Restaurant](#)

[Dalmore Inn Restaurant](#)

## ***Outside Catering***

<https://alisons-kitchen.co.uk/>

## ***Gin/Whisky Distilleries***

<https://www.persiedistillery.com/>

<https://www.malts.com/en-gb/visit-our-distilleries/Blair-Athol>

<https://www.edradour.com/>

## **Outdoor Recreation**

The area has a prolific population of wildlife as might be expected. Otters are to be found further up the Ardle and wild ospreys have nested for years up on Blackcraig Hill. Red squirrels inhabit the garden and if you fill the bird feeders adjacent to the drive you will find a wonderful variety of colourful birds arrive to feed along with the resident red squirrels.

The area offers a stunning variety of outdoor pursuits including walking, cycling, skiing, shooting, fishing, bird watching. We offer some notes on our experiences and observations on each below. In time, we hope to expand this to become a more informative guide, incorporating guests' comments on their own experiences of the area too.

<https://activekidsadventurepark.co.uk/>

## **Wildlife**

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/reserve/loch-of-the-lowes/>

## ***Walking and Cycling***

Walks directly from the house - woodland walk along the River Ardle - walk down the hill through the holiday park and there is a path alongside the river which leads to steps which take you to the post office. Across the bridge and at the Bridge of Cally hotel there is a woodland walk which takes you into Blackcraig Forest (forestry commission tracks and access to Cateran Trail, see below).

The area offers wonderful opportunities for both on and off road cycling. The Forest trails of Blackcraig Hill are accessed by the trail behind the Bridge of Cally Hotel and allow you to create a variety of routes depending on how long or challenging you wish to make your outing. The forest is full of deer and other wildlife and the views north at the far end of Blackcraig Forest, looking down on Loch Charles, are stunning.

For road cyclists the opportunities are endless. A favourite route is up the A924 to Pitlochry, picking up the Cycle way from Pitlochry to Dunkeld, back across to Blairgowrie (a variety of options are available for this section...we always opt for the quietest roads), then Blairgowrie back to Bridge of Cally. We tend to

go via Drimmie and over the moors by the wind farm and back via Kirkmichael to avoid the A93 because it can be busy and not particularly safe to cycle on.

The Cateran Trail is a great hiking/cycling trail. The views on the section from Enochdu to Spittal of Glenshee are just spectacular, but don't be caught up there in bad weather - plan trips into the hills wisely.

<http://www.caterantrail.org/>

<https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/perthshire/dunkeld.shtml>

<https://www.pkct.org/>

### ***Skiing***

Just 25 minutes from Glenshee, Glenardle Lodge is ideally located to access the slopes, if and when the snow arrives of course!

<http://www.ski-glenshee.co.uk/>

**Pitlochry** is a 40 minute drive west along the extremely scenic Strathardle valley - with plenty to do and see for all ages:

<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/pitlochry/see-do/>

Heading south east from the house, it takes around 50 minutes to get to **Dundee**. With its many places of interest and tourist attractions it can be a great choice for a day trip.

<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/dundee/see-do/>

# Glenardle Lodge Notes

Notes on using the house and making your stay more comfortable can be found using the following URL. Using an online document enables us to keep the information up to date.

[glenardlelodge.com/en/notes](http://glenardlelodge.com/en/notes)

Alternatively you can scan this QR code to download the PDF document to your device

