



Duart Cottage, Glencoe, PH49 4HS

Check in from 3pm. Please check out by 10am on day of departure

Directions and arrival information

Turn off the A82 opposite the Glen Coe Inn and then immediately right again to enter the main street of Glencoe village. The house is on the left, immediately before the church. Turn down the narrow lane between the house and the church to find parking at the rear of the property.



Keys to the house will be found in the key safe by the back door. The code is [REDACTED]. Please replace these once you have obtained access as you will find keys for your stay in the bowl next to the internet router.

House manager

Should you have any problems during your stay, please contact Jackie, our house manager, on **07769 992634**

Bed linen and towels

All bed linen and towels are provided along with a few basics such as milk and tea and coffee and hot chocolate.

Heating

A couple of recent guests have reported that the house was cold. So it is probably worth highlighting that there is an adjustable thermostat in the hall and the heating controls are in the bunk room by the boiler. Please see the instructions in the Guest Information Folder.

Drying room and storage of hiking gear, bikes and ski (padlock code [REDACTED])

In the unlikely event it rains while you are in Glencoe, we have a secure drying room for all your kit. The drying cabinet takes boots and gloves and any other wet gear and even gets rid of any smell with a special ozone feature. Just turn the timer to a couple of hours and that will dry everything. **Never turn off as it needs to run a cooling programme at the end. You can get your kit out sooner but the programme needs to finish.**

Groceries

There is a medium sized Co-op supermarket two miles away in Ballachulish.

Nearest Superstore is Morrisons in Fort William.

There is a Tesco Superstore in Oban.

Fort William and Oban both have M&S Food stores.

Fort William and Oban

Fort William is the nearer and has a range of outdoor shops. Free parking in Morrisons.

Oban is further away but a more attractive town. Free parking in Tesco's. Use postcode PA34 4HP.

Tourist information

The Glencoe visitor centre is one mile south of the village on the A82: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/Glencoe>

There is also a visitor centre and café adjacent to the co-op car park in Ballachulish.

See also

<https://discoverglencoe.scot>

Outdoor shops

- **The Green Welly Stop, Tyndrum FK20 8RY** - A useful well stocked shop that you will pass about an hour away from the house if travelling north on the A82. Useful for those last minute pieces of outdoor kit you have forgotten or did not have time to get hold of before you left.
- Fort William has numerous well stocked outdoor shops. There are currently no good outdoor shops in Oban.

Local coffee shops and cafés (closest first)

- **Moss Glencoe**
Just a few yards away from the cottage, open Wednesday to Saturday 0900 to 1600 and Sunday 1000 to 1400 April to September.
Tel. 01855 819300 or email mossrestaurantglencoe@gmail.com
- **Craft and Things**
A short walk towards Ballachullish.
<http://www.craftsandthings.co.uk/>

- **The Linnhe Storehouse and Café**
<https://thelinnhe.co.uk>
- **The Pierhouse Hotel**
<https://www.pierhousehotel.co.uk>
- **The Highland Soap Company Visitor Centre and Larder Café**
Inverloch Mains, Old Inverloch Castle, North Road, Fort William PH33 6TQ
<https://www.highlandsoaps.com>

Some Recommended Restaurants (most expensive first)

NB These can book up weeks in advance.

- **Inverloch Castle, Torlundy, Fort William PH33 6SN**
<https://www.inverlochycastlehotel.com>
The 'Seasgair by Michel Roux Jr' offers the finest dishes using local produce. Alternatively why not book afternoon tea
- **Isle of Eriska Hotel**
<https://www.eriska-hotel.co.uk/food-drink>
- **The Pierhouse Hotel, Port Appin PA38 4DE**
<https://pierhousehotel.co.uk/eat-with-us>
Reputed to be one of the best seafood restaurants in Scotland
- **Lochleven Seafood Café, Onich, PH33 6SA**
<https://lochlevenseafoodcafe.co.uk>
- **The Kingshouse Hotel, Glencoe PH49 4HY**
<https://kingshousehotel.co.uk>
The food and drink is nothing special but the setting is stunning.
- **EE-USK, North Pier, Oban PA34 5QD (Sea food)**
<https://www.eeusk.com>
Superb food at an excellent price

Take-away

- **Rice and Chips, Riverside Road, Kinlochleven PH50 4QH**
Tel 01885 831349 (Cash only – there is a cash point in the co-op, Kinlochleven).
Super large hill walkers' portions!

Pubs

- **Clachaig Inn, Glencoe PH49 4HX**

<https://clachaig.com/>

One of Britain's foremost climbers pubs. Turn left onto the main street and then follow the road for two miles. There is a footpath most of the way. The climbers' bar (called the boot bar) is down the right hand side of the building. Live acoustic folk music by local musicians most Sundays from 9pm

- **Kingshouse Climbers Bar, and The Way Inn, Kingshouse Hotel, Glencoe PH49 4HY**

<https://www.kingshousehotel.co.uk>

Another famous climbing pub. One of Scotland's oldest licensed inns and called the Kingshouse because it was used as a barracks by the troops of the Duke of Cumberland during the subjugation of the Highlands by the British army following the Jacobite Rising of 1745

- **The Laroch Restaurant and Bar**

Loanfern, Ballachulish PH49 4JB. Tel 01855 811940

A locals pub serving good value food. Booking advised.

- **The Old Inn**

Appin PA38 4BL TEL. 07725 409003. Closed Sundays and Mondays. Specialises in steak. Get there early and view the amazing Castle Stalker nearby which featured in Monty Python's Holy Grail.

Walking

The Glencoe area has Britain's highest mountains so please take care and only walk within your experience level.

There is a selection of route guides in the house. Please do not take these on the hill. I can recommend the following website for routes and ideas:

<https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/fortwilliam/>

Recommended maps

Harvey Superwalker XT25 1:25,000 Glen Coe

Harvey Superwalker XT25 1:25,000 Ben Nevis

Some Easy low-level walks (in ascending order of difficulty)

- **Glencoe Massacre Monument and Invercoe**

A short circular from the house. Turn left out of the house and just before the bridge over the river Coe turn right and reach the Glencoe Massacre Monument after 200 metres. Retrace your steps, cross the bridge over the river Coe and turn immediately left on the footpath with the river on your left. Just after the bungalow on the crest of the hill take the path down to the road, turn left and after a short distance you will be back at the Mountain Rescue Centre and the main street of Glencoe.

- **Glencoe Lochan**

Turn left out of the house and just after the bridge and the road turns right, take the left hand turning up to the car park and information board. An easy level stroll around a lovely lake. If you prefer to drive there is a car park with a small charge.

- **Ballachulish Slate Quarry and the Brecklet Trail**

On the left as you drive into Ballachullish village from Glencoe.

- **Inchree Falls, near Onich**

A forestry walk to a beautiful series of waterfalls. Look out for the white tailed eagles.

- **Rubha Clach Toll Circular**

1.5-mile circular walk which starts behind the Pier House Hotel (See below)

- **Glencoe Orbital Trail**

Circular 6-mile level trail suitable for bikes and walkers. The house is on the trail so turn left (clockwise) out of the house and follow the road to the river, cross the river and shortly after the road turns right take the turning towards Glencoe Lochan and pick up the path immediately on your right. If you prefer to go anti-clockwise, turn right from the house and walk to the A82. Cross the road to the garage and then follow the footpath which becomes the trail after 400 metres.

- Or take it to walk to the Clachaig Inn and back! (See below). In which case it's left from the house.

- **Glen Nevis**

Travel north through Fort William and follow signs after passing the hospital and leisure centre. Drive to the end of the road where there is a car park. Follow the path through the glen until it opens out and try the wire bridge to the Steall Hut if you dare!

- **The Lost Valley**

The most popular walk in Glencoe but there are big drops to the side of the path and some mild scrambling. Park in the main car park halfway up the glen. Route details at <https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/fortwilliam/lostvalley.shtml>

Short Ferry rides with gentle walks

- **Isles of Eigg and Muck**

Take the Island Ferry from Arisaig. One hour journey with either five hours on Eigg or continue to Muck with three hours ashore. <https://www.arisaig.co.uk>

- **Knoydart**

Take the passenger ferry from Mallaig for a taste of one of the great wilderness areas of Scotland and the UK's remotest pub, only reachable by sea or by back packing across the mountains. Easy road walking unless you wish to venture into the mountains. Take the ferry back to Mallaig via Tarbert to see even more of this remote area. <https://westernislescruises.co.uk>

- **Lismore Island** – Take the passenger ferry from Port Appin

Marvellous tea stop 3.5mile walk from the ferry or hire an electric bike from Appin Electric bikes Tel 01631 730426/07935 229667. Coffee, cocktails or dinner at the Pierhouse Hotel when you return to the mainland.

- **Kerrera Island** - Catch the passenger ferry from Oban. The northern part of the island is wilder. There is a well marked track around the southern part of the island. An interesting day out if the weather is too wild on the tops. OS 50:000 Map 49

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- **Ardnamurchan via the Corran Ferry** - Crossing to Corran on the ferry from Onich takes you to a quieter world. Follow the road to Strontian whereafter the road becomes single track. Continue as far as you wish, knowing you will have to drive the same way back. Ben Hiant (OS Map 47 537633) is a great viewpoint climbed from the highest point of the road. Continue on to the lighthouse at the Point of Ardnamurchan, the westernmost point on the British mainland.

Some recommended moderate mountain walks (experience required)

- **Pap of Glencoe** - The obvious mountain walk from the house and very popular. The (badly eroded) path starts from the road to the Clachaig Inn. Walk straight from the house. Personally, I find the summit disappointing. If you do choose to climb this mountain then I recommend combining it with an ascent of the Munro Sgorr nam Fiannaidh at the eastern end of the Aonach Eagach ridge. This has far better views.

- **Meall a' Bhuiridh and Creise from Glencoe Mountain Resort** - Use the chair lift for easy access to the Munro Meall a Bhuiridh and then continue on the ridge to Creise. Although Meall a Bhuiridh will not count as a Munro ascent on the way up if you have cheated with the chair lift, it will count if you climb it again from Creise in the opposite direction!

- **An Gearanach from Steall Falls** - Cross the wire bridge by the Steall Hut (see Glen Nevis walk above), or wade across the river if you prefer. Cross under the falls and ascend the beautifully crafted stalkers path direct to the summit. For the more adventurous, continue over Stob Coire a' Chairn, Am Bodach, Sgorr an Iubhair and Sgurr a' Mhaim to complete the Ring of Steall - one of the highlands classic outings.
- **The peaks of Stob Coire Raineach and Stob Dubh on Buachaille Etive Beag** - Two of the easiest Munros to climb. The car park is on the right at the top of Glen Coe.
- **Beinn Resipol (OS Map 40 766655)** – One of the finest views in the British Isles and a very easy and pleasant route to the summit. Save for a clear day. Start from Resipole (sic) camp site car park (725640). Return by the same route.
- **Loch Eilde Mor from Kinlochleven** - Park for Grey Mare's Tail falls and follow the path signposted Sgurr Eilde Mor. Very steep at first through native woodland where you may spot a red squirrel. As you leave the woodland behind there are beautiful views back across Loch Leven. The path is then well marked and very easy going. Plenty of choices as to route but if you would like to climb an easy Munro then Sgurr Eilde Mor is a good choice. Alternatively follow the splendid stalkers path up to the plateau between Binnein Mor and Na Gruagaichan for spectacular views of the Mamore mountain range.

Three classic mountain days (for experienced hill walkers only)

- **Bidean nam Bian, Glencoe**

At 1150 metres the highest mountain in Glencoe. 11km, 1316m ascent, 7-9 hours.

<https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/fortwilliam/bideannambian.shtml>

- **The Ring of Steall, Mamores**

The traverse of four Munros with scrambling along narrow, rocky aretes.

16km, 1676m ascent, 9-12 hours,

<https://walk.highlands.co.uk/fortwilliam/ringofsteall.shtml>

- **Ben Nevis by the Carn Mor Dearg Arete**

The tourist route up Ben Nevis is appalling. This route does true justice to the highest mountain in Britain. 17.5km, 1506m ascent, 10-11 hours

<https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/fortwilliam/carnmordeargarete.shtml>

Local beaches

- **Cuil Bay (15 minute drive)**
Appin PA38 4DA
- **Silver Sands of Morar (90 minute drive)**
On the Road to the Isles where you will pass the Glenfinnan Monument and viaduct made famous by four of the Harry Potter films and The Crown.

Wild Swimming

- Turn left from the rear drive and at the small roundabout take the narrow path on the right to a lovely swimming area on the river Coe.
- **Glen Etive**
“This dramatic glen is a paradise, with wonderful pink rocks, river pools and good access from a tiny road that winds all the way to the loch. The first set of plunge pools are obvious from the roadside when you arrive. Further down you come to Lower Canyon which provides a longer swim.” Sunday Times 10 April 2022

Fishing

You can hire fishing equipment from the local Ballachulish shop Tools and Tackle
<https://www.ballachulishhardware.co.uk>

Railway Journeys

Fort William to Mallaig. Widely acknowledged to be the UK's most scenic railway journey which includes the Glenfinnan Viaduct made popular by Harry Potter. Take the regular train with Scot Rail or travel by steam train

<https://www.scotrail.co.uk/traintimes/fort-william-to-mallaig>

<https://westcoastrailways.co.uk/jacobite/steam-train-trip>

Wildlife safari

<https://www.wildwest.scot/oursafaris/>

Sea wildlife and island tours <https://www.seafari.co.uk/>

Skiing

Glencoe Mountain Resort www.glencoemountain.co.uk

Nevis Range www.nevisrange.co.uk

Mountain biking and cycling

<https://www.outdoorcapital.co.uk/things-to-do-fortwilliam-lochaber-scotland/mountainbiking-cycling/>

Via Ferrata

<https://verticaldescents-scotland.com>

Have a great stay - whatever the weather!

Janet and Michael Harman

