

The Boys' Brigade
Edinburgh, Leith and District Battalion



Craggan Outdoor Centre
Information Booklet for Guests

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We welcome you as guests to our Craggan Outdoor Centre. This booklet gives you information about the Centre and the surrounding area to assist you with planning your stay with us.

If you do have any questions, please contact us –

- Pollock Pavilion, 227 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4SP
- Tel: 0131 551 1200, ext 20
- office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk

The Abernethy Outdoor Trust will manage your visit to the Centre on our behalf. Their contact details during your stay are:-

- Abernethy Ardeonaig, by Killin, Perthshire, FK21 8SY
- Tel: 01567 820523
- ardeonaig@abernethy.org.uk

LOCATION

The address is **Craggan Outdoor Centre, by Ardeonaig, Loch Tay, Perthshire, FK21 8SU**

The Centre is situated on the south side of Loch Tay on the single track road between Killin and Kenmore adjacent to the hamlet of Ardeonaig, approximately 7 miles east of Killin. It is an area steeped in history and is surrounded with spectacular scenery.

Killin is 72 miles from Edinburgh and is reached within 2 hours via the M9 to Stirling, A84 to Lochearnhead and then the A85 to Killin. As you enter Killin take the road opposite the Falls of Dochart along the south side of Loch Tay.

Alternatively take the M90 to Perth then the A9 to Ballinluig where you take the A827 through Aberfeldy to just short of Kenmore, then take the south road of Loch Tay marked Acharn for approximately 9 miles.

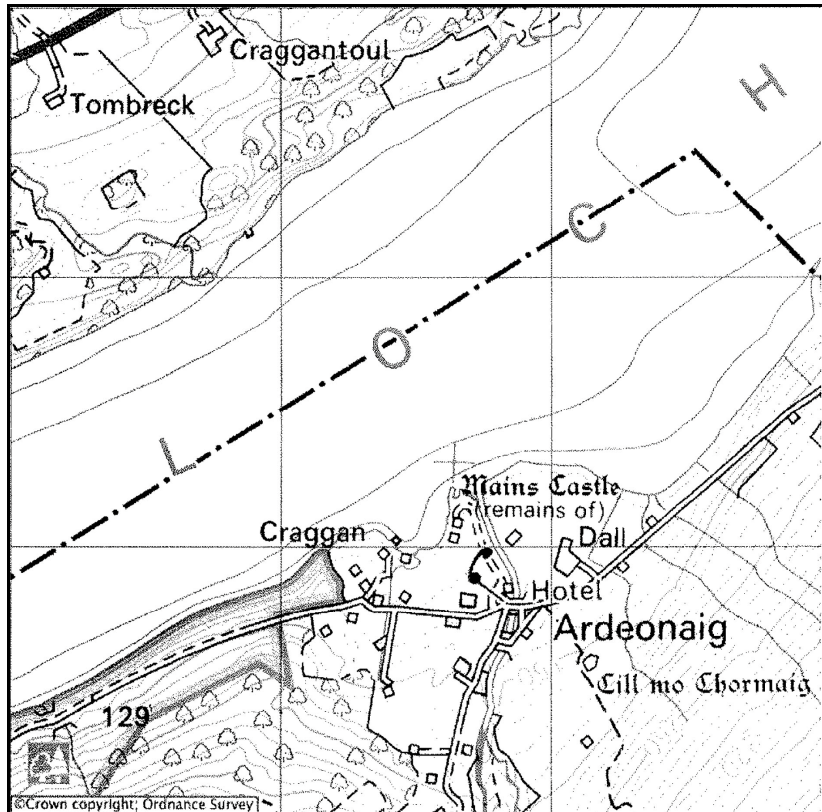
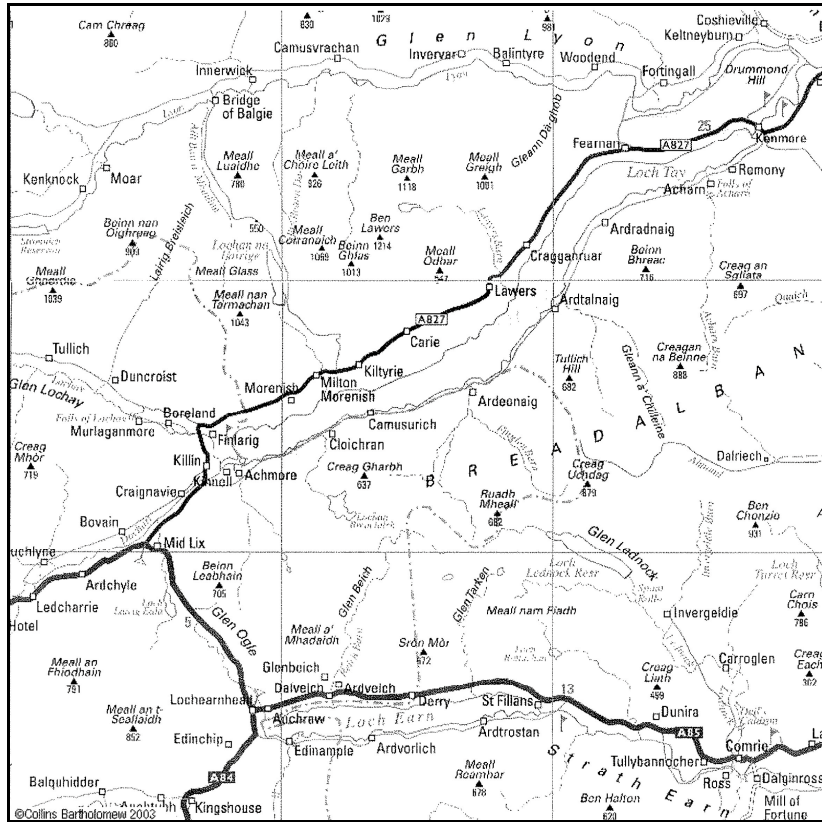
Please note that the Loch Tay south road is single-track in many places, with blind summits and bends, so please drive with special care along it.

Car parking available on the site.

THE SITE

The site extends from the single-track road to the loch side with magnificent views down Loch Tay and over the majestic Ben Lawers (1,214 metres). There is also a landing jetty accessible from the sand/shingle beach.

The Centre is ideally situated for groups of all ages with ready access to many facilities in the locality and is well-suited for water activities, hill walking for all abilities and group holidays.



ACCOMMODATION

The Centre sleeps up to 30 people and is available to both BB and other groups on a self-catering basis. Groups need to provide their own sleeping bags, pillow cases, personal toiletries, toilet rolls, dish towels and washing up liquid. A FIRST AID BOX IS ALSO REQUIRED.

Ground Floor

Vestibule	Outdoor clothes hanging area and drying cupboards. Boot lockers.
Entrance Hall	Lift and stair access to the first floor and access to disabled bedroom, staff rooms and bedrooms.
Disabled Accommodation	Bedroom, with 2 single beds, toilet and shower room, access to first floor. (NB This bedroom can be used by the able-bodied or as a Staff retreat room).
Staff Accommodation	4 Staff bedrooms. Each room with a double-tiered bunk bed for 2 people providing options for a total of 8 staff. Toilet and shower room and additional shower room.
General Accommodation (East)	Bedroom with 2 double-tiered bunk beds sleeping 4. Bedroom with 3 double-tiered bunk beds sleeping 6. Ablutions area consisting of 3 WC cubicles, 3 wash hand basins and 2 shower cubicles.
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Upper Floor

Lounge	Multi-purpose area comprising lounge, dining and indoor activities. Pool table and other indoor games available
Kitchen	Kitchen with fridge, freezer and (limited) fresh food storage area. Food preparation area, double-oven cooker with dish storage and washing area.

Camp Site – Space is available for 6 tents and can be used in conjunction with the Centre by arrangement with the Battalion.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

- The maximum numbers permitted to sleep in the Centre is 30.
- The centre must be vacated by 12 noon on the day of departure.
- Entry into the centre is normally from 2.00pm on day of arrival, or by prior agreement .
- Weekly bookings will be charged for 7 nights unless otherwise indicated at the time of booking. Please note that no refund will be given to parties who choose to leave early.
- Caravans and tents must not be used unless prior permission is given by the Battalion.
- To alter/cancel a booking, TWO MONTHS written notice is required. Groups failing to comply will be charged as if they had used the facilities booked.
- The use of the small farm field adjacent to the east side of the property is permitted on a goodwill basis by the farmer and should not be abused. Please note that this is not part of Craggan grounds and use of this area is entirely at your own risk, Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion hold no responsibility for any incidents that occur on these grounds. The field is out of bounds to everyone during the lambing Season
- Under no circumstances should anyone play in the burn or cross beyond it.
- Under no circumstances should anyone approach or chase farm animals in the field.
- We encourage all of our guests to follow the Country Code at all times during their stay.

In exceptional circumstances we reserve the right to terminate a booking if our conditions are abused.

ARRIVAL

Entry into the centre is normally from 2.00pm on day of arrival, unless by prior agreement with us.

Abernethy will normally be in attendance to meet you, hand over the keys and introduce you to the Centre. If you find that your arrival time has changed from what you advised to us, please contact Abernethy to advise them of the revised time.

If it is not feasible for Abernethy to be in attendance to meet you, for example, due to late arrival time, you will be notified in advance; in those circumstances you can gain access yourself to the Centre, as described below.

When you arrive, please proceed to the area outside the main entrance. To the right of the main entrance there is a fire door. On the left hand door surround you will find the "key safe"



To use the key safe:



Depress the "Clear" button and then release

Input the code number and depress the "Open" Button whilst simultaneously pulling the fascia towards you. The door will open and the keys will be found inside.

Replace the fascia by resetting the lock by sliding down the clear button & releasing it.

Input the code again and depress the "open" button (do not release it yet). Locate the base of the fascia into the mounting and push the fascia forward into it and release the open button.

If Abernethy are not meeting you, you will be advised of the code number; if you do not have this, contact them on their landline number in this booklet or if that is not possible Graeme Young on 07769 588370 or Rosemary Simpson on 07765 131907. As a final resort contact the Battalion on 07773 605528.

The small silver key opens the **external** door to the ground floor room (wheel chair access). The two larger keys (one silver, one gold) open the main door to the Centre

DEPARTURE

The Abernethy Outdoor Trust will liaise with you regarding your departure

We expect you to leave the Centre in the way you would wish to find it on your arrival. A guide to cleaning is contained in the Centre Handbook that you will be shown on arrival.

USEFUL LOCAL INFORMATION

Information included in this section does not imply that the Battalion endorses or recommends them, inclusion is to provide information.

SHOPS

The nearest shops are at Killin (mini-market, post office and newsagent). Further afield a wider range of shopping is available in Aberfeldy.

GARAGE

The nearest garage is at Lix Toll, situated at the junction of the A85 / A827, near Killin.
Tel: 01567 820 280

ACTIVITY CENTRES

In Aberfeldy there is a sports centre with swimming pool attached.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

A field adjacent to the Centre can be used for games, but please note the restrictions on access at certain times of year, as described in the Booking Conditions.

There is ready access to the shore and its fishing rights.

Available for hire at an additional cost is:-

- 12 Canoes with life jackets and helmets are available at an additional charge, groups should provide their own instructors.
- Safety Boat – a “rib” type safety boat with outboard motor and two other older dinghies are also available for hire.
- Wind Surfing – a wind surfing board is also available.

Abernethy Outdoor Centre can be contacted in advance to request instructors on a session basis at a reasonable cost. Please note that this is independent of their involvement as our local managers.

There are also public parks and football pitches in both Killin and Kenmore

There are three golf courses in the vicinity, Killin, Kenmore and Taymouth Castle.

LOCAL FARMS

The local farms concentrate on livestock rearing. Our guests are expected to both know and observe the Country Code to ensure no nuisance or inconvenience is caused to neighbours. In particular, when out walking avoid climbing over stone walls and make sure you close all gates which you find closed. At particular times of year, lambing and deer stalking create particular problems, therefore please discuss your walking plans with Abernethy, our local managers.

CONTACTS

Craggan Centre Payphone	01567 820545	
Abernethy Outdoor Centre	01567 820523	www.abernethytrust.org.uk
Croft-Na-Caber Centre	01887 830588	www.breadalbane.com
Killin Mountain Bikes	01567 820652	www.killinoutdoor.co.uk
Aberfeldy Swimming Pool	01887 820922	
Loch Tay Boats	01887 830291	www.loch-tay.co.uk/boats.htm
Killin Sports & Leisure Club	01567 820152/820268	
Mid Lix Clay Pigeon Shooting	01567 820428	
Ben Lawers Visitors Centre	01567 820397	
Freespirits – White Water Rafting	0845 6444755	www.freespirits-online.co.uk
Killin Golf Club	01567 820312	www.killingolfclub.co.uk
Kenmore Golf Club		www.taymouth.co.uk
Taymouth Castle golf club	01887 830228 (April to September) 01887 830205 (October to March)	www.taymouthcastlegolfclub.com

GUIDANCE IN USE OF CENTRE

To ensure the enjoyment of Craggan by all guests we include the following guidelines for sensible use.

1. Any breakages or damage must be reported as soon as possible to the local managers; we reserve the right to charge for repairs or replacements. The contents of the House (bedding, furnishings, crockery etc) must not be removed from the building at any time.
2. The use of equipment is at guests' own risk and group leaders must satisfy themselves that all equipment is safe and suitable for the purpose involved and that competent supervisory instructors are available. The local managers should be advised if you wish to use any additional (non-domestic) electrical equipment.
3. As this is an outdoor centre we do not see the need for a TV License for this site, for this reason we request that **NO TELEVISION SETS** are taken on your stay. If you do take a Television set with you this will be a breach of the TV Licensing laws and any fines incurred will be added to your final invoice.
4. Every care must be taken against the risk of fire. **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN ALL AREAS OF THE CENTRE.** All leaders in charge of groups MUST ensure that a full fire drill is carried out as soon as possible after arrival. Staff should have clearly assigned duties to ensure the evacuation of the building and the contact of the emergency services is carried out effectively. For this purpose fire procedures are posted throughout the centre. Group leaders should also familiarise themselves with the operation of the fire alarm system.
5. Vehicles may be parked beside the Centre for the purposes of unloading, at all other times the car park - signposted on the left from the access road – must be used. Vehicles must not be parked on the access road.
6. To comply with Health, Safety and Insurance conditions, no more than 30 people may be resident in the House at any one time. If this condition is broken, group leaders may be personally liable for any accident or injury which occurs.
7. Outdoor footwear and wet clothing should be left in the entrance hall after entering the main House. This area can also be used as a drying room if necessary.
8. Please ensure that heaters are not interfered with. No articles are allowed to be placed on top of heaters. Please switch off lights when not in use. Please note that the neon "BB" sign at the front door is on an automatic time switch and cannot be switched off.
9. Campfires may be lit only in the designated areas on the beach, again please check with the local managers. Group leaders should ensure any fires are "damped" down for the night

and where possible any debris should be cleared from the beach.

10. When engaging in water sports, respect others who use the loch; in particular give a wide berth to fishermen to avoid becoming entangled in tackle. Please note that the temperature of the loch is very low - this is often an unappreciated danger. Swimming should always be supervised.
11. Care must be exercised on local hills and groups should be fully and adequately clothed, equipped and trained for the route proposed. Remember to leave details of your route with a responsible person, if necessary.
12. To ensure that no nuisance or inconvenience is caused to neighbours, noise outside the Centre should cease by 10pm.
13. Dogs, with the exception of Guide Dogs, are not permitted.
14. Cleaning equipment, vacuum cleaners, brushes etc. are provided; you will be shown their location on arrival. Rubbish bags should be placed in the wheelie bins situated at the car park
15. Please **DO NOT** remove protective mattress covers and pillow cases from the beds.
16. The local managers will undertake an inspection of the premises with you before departure and the leader in charge will be required to counter-sign the report. Groups may be charged for additional cleaning needed after departure or damage to the Centre.

Caravans and tents may not be used unless prior permission is given.

We reserve the right to terminate a booking if any group abuses the above rules.