



Braw Holidays



WELCOME TO
ACHNADRISH

**Welcome
Pack**

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Welcome to Achnadrish! We hope you have a great stay and that this pack will help you with info you may need. Please note that due to Covid 19 some of the recommended eateries and tours may not be running.

Directions and Key Info

Achnadrish House, Dervaig Road, Isle of Mull, Argyll, Scotland PA75 6QF is situated in the North West of the Isle of Mull, 5 miles from Tobermory and 2 miles from the village of Dervaig, 40 minutes from the ferry terminal at Craignure. We are ideally situated to enjoy the many pristine white beaches North Mull has to offer (Calgary Bay is just 15 minutes away), and the many tracks around Loch Torr, Loch Frisa and Glengorm offer excellent walking, cycling and wildlife watching. Please note you must book your ferry well in advance if coming from Oban.

Please **don't use the post code** if you are using Sat Nav to get here as our post code spans a 4 mile radius and you won't find us. Achnadrish can be found on most maps and all directions are below. Please plan your journey ahead of time.

If coming from the North you can take the Lochaline-Fishnish ferry, timetable here <https://www.calmac.co.uk/lochaline-fishnish-mull-ferry-summer-timetable> no booking required. On leaving the Fishnish take a right up towards Tobermory and take the Dervaig road left over the bridge at the roundabout. We are 5 miles along this road on a hairpin bend, red post box. Or if you wish to take the Glen road, head right onto the road to Salen, one mile after Salen there is an estuary and a road signposted to Dervaig on the left just before the bridge. Follow this road till you reach Dervaig, go right past the Bellachroy pub and follow the road for 2 miles, we are on the right on the hairpin bend, there is a sign saying Achnadrish, and a small red post box.

If coming from the South take the big ferry from Oban-Craignure, timetable here <https://www.calmac.co.uk/oban-craignure-mull-ferry-summer-timetable>, booking required. As you come off the ferry go right to Tobermory, when you get to the roundabout go straight over the bridge and veer left onto the Dervaig road, we are 5 miles along this road on a hairpin bend, red post box. Or if you wish to take the Glen road, head right out of Craignure to Salen, one mile after Salen there is an estuary and a road signposted to Dervaig on the left just before the bridge. Follow this road till you reach Dervaig, go right past the Bellachroy pub and follow the road for 2 miles, we are on the right on the hairpin bend, there is a sign saying Achnadrish and a small red post box. Enjoy the drive, it is stunning scenery and please remember the majority of our roads are single track with passing places so please **allow overtaking** by pulling in to the left into one of the passing places to allow those behind to overtake.

Key Information

The Cabin will be ready for you from 4pm on your arrival day. Once you arrive at Achnadrish, the Cabin is straight ahead of you to the left of the main house. Feel free to park around by the entrance to the Cabin. The door will be open and the key in the door. The heating will be on, please adjust the radiators to suit you.

The WIFI network is Plusnet 87 and the password is **fd3ba6d64e**

Electricity is included in the price as are linen and bath towels. Basic sundries are supplied such as bin bags, washing up liquid, soaps, tea, coffee and sugar, toilet rolls and cleaning supplies. On your departure please ensure the house is left clean and tidy as you found it and take the sheets off the beds, an extra cleaning charge will be incurred if not. Your departure time is 10am unless otherwise arranged. Please knock on the door of the main house if you need anything or if you need to use our landline. I will pop over to introduce myself and check everything is OK for you. Our number is 01688400388 and my mobile is 07909680284.

House Manual

Welcome to the Cabin at Achnadrish! We hope you have a wonderful stay and that you have everything you need. Please let us know if we can help you with anything.

Here is some info for you:

- The heating is on 24 hours, please adjust the individual radiators to suit you.
- Please take off your shoes in the Cabin.
- Please park round by your entrance door or close to the Cabin.
- The WIFI network is Plusnet 87 and the password is **fd3ba6d64e**
- The mobile reception here is quite poor although improving! You can get a few bars around our front door. If you wish to use our landline please knock on the door.
- Your departure time is 10am unless otherwise arranged. We can do a later checkout if no one is arriving on the day of your departure, please check with us.
- On departure please leave the Cabin door unlocked and leave the key on the kitchen table. Please leave the Cabin clean and tidy as you found it, with sheets off. Please put your recycling in the recycling bins (Blue, mixed – tins, plastics, paper and card, Grey - glass), and your landfill waste in the green bins.
- COVID: please follow current Scottish government guidelines which can be found here <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Important Numbers

In an **emergency** of any sort phone **999** – the emergency services work just as well on Mull as they do on the mainland.

Tobermory Doctors Surgery - Rockfield Road, Tobermory, PA75 6PN

Telephone:01688 302013

NHS 24 – 111

Vet – 01688500139

Police – 01688302085

Dentist – 01688302105

Achnadrish landline – 01688400388

Fire Safety

Please heed sensible fire safety recommendations:

- Turn off appliances when not using them
- Shut doors at night
- No smoking inside
- Don't leave lit candles unattended
- There is a fire extinguisher and fire blanket in the kitchen
- There are smoke and carbon monoxide alarms situated around the property.
- In case of fire please alert us as soon as possible.

Local Produce

Whilst in Mull you can enjoy some wonderful local produce and I hope to give you a concise guide to what is available. Please google the different producers for more information. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and is just a selection of our personal favourites.

A good place to start is the [Mull and Iona Food Trail](#) which gives you an informative tour around all the islands eateries and producers.

In terms of our local food we'll start with closest first! All directions are if you are heading from Achnadrish.

Dougie's Premier Stores in Dervaig stocks many local producers foods: Fiona Boa's (our neighbouring farm) bacon, sausages and pork, Island Pork, Tobermory Fish Company smoked trout and salmon, Island bakery biscuits and Isle of Mull cheese and shortbread.

The [Bellachroy Inn](#) in Dervaig is our closest pub, a 2 mile walk over the hill if you want to leave the car at home and they serve delicious food and a range of beers.

[Am Birlinn Restaurant](#) – on the road to Calgary about 4 miles from Achnadrish is an amazing dining experience with a high standard and lots of local produce on the menu.

[Calgary Tea room and Arts in Nature](#) - perfect for lunch or a cup of tea and a cake after a walk on the beach.

Heading towards Tobermory, It's hard to drive past [Island biscuits](#) without picking up some treats from the honesty shop, I recommend the lemon melts!

The Glass Barn at Sgriob-ruadh Farm (take a left just before you get to Tobermory, after the campsite) is a wonderful space and has a great day menu with a focus on their own farm produce, the famous [Isle of Mull](#)

[Cheese](#) and their delicious pork which you can also buy in their farm shop. Tobermory has a multitude of excellent restaurants and shops. Probably the best shop for local produce is [Tobermory Fish Co](#) in Baliscate (100 metres south of the roundabout in a small retail area). Sally sells her wonderful smoked fish as well as local seafood, some fresh, some frozen. [Tobermory Stores](#) also stocks a wide range of local produce and some home cooked produce and takeaway soup, rolls and pizzas.

[Isle of Mull Ice cream](#) on the main street of Tobermory is a must have! Made from milk produced locally at Sgriob-ruadh farm, Kyle has some wonderfully inventive ice cream recipes.

[Tobermory Bakery](#) on the main street has delicious bread, very generously sized cakes and pastries and a wonderful menu of local produce. They also sell fresh meat and a lot of other goodies and will deliver to Achnadrish. The restaurants in Tobermory all make use of the great supply of local meats and seafood we have here and are all good, but if you can get a table and you love seafood, [Café Fish](#) is the place to go! With a very varied seafood menu as well as some meat and vegetarian dishes, it is award winning, extremely popular and has a lovely relaxed atmosphere.

[Macgochans](#) in Tobermory is a family favourite, great food, a super outdoor eating area and lots of tables.

[An Tobar and Mull Theatre](#) is a must visit – this multi arts organisation on Argyll Terrace in Tobermory has a gallery, a performance space with a great programme of literary and musical events, and a lovely café serving amazing coffees, cakes and light lunches. Mull Theatre, 2 miles South of Tobermory has a packed program of fantastic theatre, both from touring theatres and Mull Theatre productions. Keep an eye on their [Facebook page](#) for events.

[Glengorm Coffee Shop](#) is a great cafe with delicious food and a great stop off for a rest if you are walking in the area. It is possible to walk there off road from Achnadrish and is approx 4-5 miles each way.

Another great resource for seeking out local produce are the Producers Markets. The [Open air producers market](#) and the [Dervaig Village hall](#) both have markets.

You can buy Mussels fresh from [Inverlussa Farm](#), on the road to Pennygael, just beyond Lochdon, they have an honesty box from Easter to October but due to its popularity it does sometimes run out!

Other shops further afield are the [Old Post office](#) at Loch Buie, Flora runs a wonderful shop and tea room selling all manner of goodies and also sells delicious ready meals for your freezer for those evenings when you can't be bothered to cook or go out!

We are lucky enough to have our own slaughter house on Mull, just South of Salen you can buy all sorts of meat from different producers, mostly frozen. If you're heading down to Iona or to some of the wonderful beaches in the

ross of Mull then you must stop of to sample some food from the Creel, a small shack by the pier selling the most delicious seafood.

[The Hen House](#) is a sweet little shop and cafe on the Western Coast of Mull on the road to Ulva Ferry. Well worth a stop off. We're not sure on reopening yet for this season.

The [Boat house](#) on Ulva is highly recommended, delicious fresh produce and there are some wonderful walks on Ulva.

We have a wonderful new online shop selling arts and crafts made by local producers, <https://www.themullandionashop.co.uk/> where you can pick up some beautiful things and support our local artists and makers.

If you drive on from Calgary around the point there is a fantastic new gallery displaying the works of local artists and run by ceramicist Charlotte Mellis. It's called the [Tin Shed Gallery](#) and is well worth a visit.

Some good general resources about the island are:

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

<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/isle-mull/>

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

<https://www.isle-of-mull.net/mull-information/about-us/explore-mull/>

A great place to keep abreast of events is our [Facebook page](#), and also the Facebook pages of the different producers.

WALKS NEARBY

We are lucky enough to be close to some amazing beaches: Calgary Beach (7 miles by car), Langamull (6 miles by car plus 30 mins walk), and Croig/Port na Ba (5 miles plus 20 mins walk). If white sand and crystal clear waters are your thing then these beaches will bring you much happiness.

Walks from Achnadrish:

There is a track along the East side of the house which leads out into the wilds of North Mull past the old ruined village of Torrassa (up to the right when you reach a reedy area). The track offers wonderful views and a sense of wild isolation and eventually you will reach the forestry plantation which is approx 3kms away from the house. You can walk in the forest although the track is boggy, or for the intrepid you can go off track and follow the edge of Loch Frisa. See if you can find a pretty little bay with an island (go right when you reach the edge of Loch Frisa once in the forest), or the old boathouse (go left when you reach the edge of Loch Frisa once in the forest). If you can make it through the forest you'll reach Tenga and you can then walk around the East side of Loch Frisa and back to Achnadrish which is approx 14 miles.



Track leading to Tenga from Achnadrish

Loch Torr - Head onto the road down the hill to the [Loch Torr hide](#), you can hang out in there for a while and watch the wildlife on the loch or you can walk around the miles of forestry tracks in this area. You can walk to Glengorm from here, or you can do a loop around through Glengorm farm land which meets the road at the end of the Loch Frisa track and take the road back to Achnadrish. You can also walk to Quinish, Mingaray and Dervaig.



Walks around Loch Torr from Achnadrish

For a list of other Forestry walks in the area please [download this map](#)
 For a list of other wonderful walks in North Mull and beyond please go [HERE](#)
[Walk Highlands](#) is another great resource for walks.

We are lucky enough to have our own Munro on Mull, so if you are Munro bagging or you just love a stunning mountain view then Ben More at Loch na Keal is your go to mountain! It takes approx 5-6 hours and walk details are [here](#)

Other amazing walk recommendations include walking at Loch na Keal which is great for otter watching, Mackinnons Cave, walks on the island of Ulva and a visit to the Eas Fors waterfalls on the road to Ulva ferry is one of our favourites, as is a walk at 'Black Beach' or Traigh na Cille. Whilst round there pop in and see Lucy Mackenzie's amazing garden [Lip na Cloiche](#) which features regularly in magazines.

A trip down to the Ross of Mull (approx 90 mins drive) is also highly recommended, [Ardanalish](#), Scoor, Uisken, Fidden and [Knockvollogan](#) all have absolutely stunning beaches. The world renowned island of Iona is also a must see with its incredible history and stunning beaches. Come back via the 'scenic route' with stunning views over Loch na Keal.

RECOMMENDED TRIPS

Sea Trips

[Sealife Surveys](#) - Based in Tobermory they run a variety of trips and have a wonderful sense for finding the cetaceans, some of whom they have known for many years!

[Turus Mara](#) - Trips run from Ulva Ferry and they visit the island of Lunga to see the puffins, and land on Staffa weather permitting to see the amazing rock formations.

[Mull Charters](#) - Running from Ulva ferry Mull charters offer sea angling trips and specialise in Sea eagle watching.

Land Based Tours

[Nature Scotland](#) - offer wildlife trips around the island. Ewan has an incredible knowledge and sensitivity to wild life and we highly recommend going on one of his trips.

[Mull Magic](#) -Ruth offers amazing walking tours in various locations around the island.

No trip to Mull is complete without a trip to [Mull Eagle Watch](#) to see the sea eagles. Book through the Visit Scotland Craignure on 01680812556