

Old Blair Lodge

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the housekeeper's name and contact?

Elspeth Cameron 01796 481610

2. What is the housekeeper's role?

When you arrive the lodge will have been cleaned and all the linen / towels changed. The housekeeper lives nearby and can be contacted in case of incidental questions, but she does not clean the lodge through the week or get involved with cooking / clearing up unless by separate arrangement directly with you. It is expected that the lodge will be kept reasonably clean during the week and left so at departure.

3. How am I expected to leave the lodge at my departure?

As you will appreciate a house of this size takes a great deal of preparation for the arrival of guests. Included in the rental you have paid is an allowance for a weekly clean and we expect to have to Hoover, mop, dust, wash and dry the linen, re-make the beds, fill the wood store, clean out the fires and check the inventory. In order to help us maintain a high standard for all our guests we ask you to do the following before you leave:

- Leave the toilets and baths reasonably clean
- Leave the kitchen, oven and hob reasonably clean
- Empty and clean fridges
- Empty all rubbish bins and remove rubbish to the outdoor bins
- If you have used the barbecue please leave this clean for the next guests
- Return all furniture to original place: especially if you move beds
- Dog owners: please check for any dog mess outside and remove
- Please leave a note of any breakages or malfunctioning items

4. What provision is there for additional cleaning services during the week?

The housekeeper may be available by separate agreement to help during the week but is not obliged to do so. If you require additional help please contact the Estate Office at least one month before your arrival and we can confirm availability.

5. Am I required to bring a cook?

It is not an obligation for your party to obtain the services of a cook but we strongly recommend it. Apart from the obvious advantage of convenience, the cook can keep the kitchen and eating areas maintained during your stay and ensure they are left in a clean condition at your departure.

6. What laundry services are provided?

We provide all linen and towels which will be fresh for your arrival. A requirement for further changes of linen during your stay would be an additional service and should be discussed well in advance of your arrival.

7. Can I arrive early?

The housekeeper only has a window between 10am and 4pm to clean and change the lodge. Any disturbance during that period can be very inconvenient for her. With advance warning it can be arranged for guests to drop off luggage at the lodge during the day if that is of significance.

8. Will there be someone there to let me in?

The housekeeper can be available to welcome you if you make contact with her in advance to confirm your arrival time.

9. Where do I get the key?

When you contact the housekeeper in advance of your arrival, and assuming you do not arrange to meet her, she will confirm the location of the keys or arrange for the lodge to be left open for you.

10. What utensils / services will there be in the kitchen?

The kitchen is fully equipped to cook and cater for the capacity of the lodge. However, we cannot supply utensils / equipment for every taste, therefore please enquire in advance if there is a specific item which will be important to your stay.

11. Can I take dogs?

A reasonable number of well behaved and house trained dogs are permitted in the lodge. Dogs are not permitted in the bedrooms or on any of the furniture.

12. Is there telephone and internet connection?

There is a payphone and broadband internet cable or wi-fi connection.

13. What entertainment facilities are there?

There is a TV, DVD and music system, but no connection to satellite services.

14. Where are the nearest shops?

There are good convenience stores in Blair Atholl. Pitlochry provides supermarket and chemist supplies, while Perth is about 40 minutes drive from Blair Atholl.

15. Is the lodge supplied from a private water source?

Yes. Only water from the kitchen tap is filtered and sterilised.

16. What is the lodge postcode?

PH18 5TX

Useful Phone Numbers

Lodge	01796 481551	Blair Atholl Garage	01796 481221
Estate Office	01796 481355	Tilt Grocery Store	01796 481206
Police	01796 472222	Tourist Information Centre	01796 472215