

Lochaber Mountaineering Club JMCS Steall Hut, Glen Nevis

Location

Grid Reference NN 178 683. Located through the Glen Nevis Gorge approximately 11km drive from Fort William to the Head of Glen Nevis and a 1.5km walk through the gorge to the hut. There is a 3 strand wire rope bridge to cross the river to get to the hut. There is parking at the road head, but this can be extremely busy during the summer months between 10am and 6pm

Accommodation

Open plan kitchen and living room, Ground floor bunk room for 6 people, 2 rooms on the first floor with Alpine style sleeping platforms and outside toilet. Mattresses are provide in all bedrooms.

Facilities

Electricity from Gas generator for Lighting and power; 2nr gas hobs with 4 burners in each (If power not on, use lighter to ignite gas); Kettles for use on hob; Microwave; Pots & pans; plates, cups and cutlery; Gas heater in living area; Electric heater in ground floor bedroom; Drying room with electric heaters.

Water supply

There is a cold water supply to the kitchen sink and toilet however we do experience problems with blockages in the tank at the burn above the hut. The water supply is not treated and should be boiled before use. The backup is from the river below the hut, but take from above where small burn running beside the hut enters the main river.

Refuse & left over food

Please do not leave any refuse or left over food, as the refuse lorry can't get to the hut!! Please do not leave any food, or even goods such as candles, as it only feeds the mice.

Things to take

In addition to a sleeping bag, it may be useful to take a dish towel, toilet roll and washing up liquid as we cannot guarantee these will be available.

Security during your stay

Please note that the walk through the gorge up to the falls is a very popular trip all year round, but especially in the summer. It is not unknown for people to walk into the hut thinking it is an open bothy. If you are away from the hut for extended periods, we would recommend locking up, including the toilet and generator shed. We have had the generator stolen in the past!!

On Arrival

Remove key from key safe located at the entrance door using code provided. Replace key on opening.

Key for toilet & Generator shed hanging up on wall at the bottom of the stairs

For generator and gas for cooking and heating, open valves on both cylinders inside generator shed at the rear of the hut.

To start generator, first open valve on pipeline serving the generator, then prime the generator by pushing button on the front for 1-2 seconds, then pull starter cord. It may take several pulls, especially in winter. To stop the generator, close of the valve supplying the generator.

If no power in the hut, check the fuse board over the kitchen sink and then try pressing the reset button on the generator above the cable plug. You may have to switch off the electric heaters in the bedroom & drying room to use the Microwave or toaster.

Gas Fire in living room - Ignition knob (right hand knob) is located at the bottom of the front panel. **First open gas valve located to the left of the fire.** Then turn fully clockwise to Off position (3 o'clock), Then press in the knob for several seconds, then turn slowly anticlockwise to the ignition position (12 o'clock). The pilot light should light. If not repeat the first steps. Turn fully anticlockwise (9 o'clock) to light main burner. To switch the fire off, simply close the valve on the gas pipe.

On Departure

Ensure Gas fire is switched off by closing the valve on the gas pipe.

Close the valve supplying the generator to switch it off.

Close the valves on both gas cylinders.

Lock the generator shed

Lock the Toilet door and return the key.

Secure the 2nr ground floor shutters

Remove all rubbish and unused food. If you took it in, take it out.

Lock the main entrance door using the key in the key safe.