

WHITE ROCK BED AND BREAKFAST

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Open all year round.

We look forward to offering you a warm welcome to our home.

Leac Na Ban ('place of the white rock') offers you the quiet and solitude of a converted 18th century croft house set high in the hills of Argyll, 8 miles from Lochgilphead.

On our 70-acre farm, you can meet our small herd of Highland cattle, our Herdwick sheep and an assortment of dogs, tabby cats, hens, ducks and geese.

Here you will find a microcosm of the west of Scotland; from our 'mountain' Bar Mor (140m) with its panoramic views across the Moine Mhor and Dunadd (the 'cradle of Scotland') - to our quaking bog and its wealth of wildlife; from our wild-flower studded hay field and the surrounding forest, to our burns and rocky outcrops.

Leac Na Ban is a convenient base from which to explore Argyll and its scenic

coastline, to discover the pre-historic monuments of the Kilmartin Valley, and to enjoy the many outdoor activities on offer locally including bird watching, sailing, fishing, horse riding and golf.

ROOMS

In the farmhouse, you have a choice of 2 guest bedrooms. Both rooms have tea/coffee making facilities - and wonderful views!

PRICES

LARGER ROOM (sleeps 2 with double bed)

Year round: double occupancy £58 per night, reducing to £54 after 3 nights. Single occupancy £40 per night.

Christmas/New Year: double occupancy £70 per night / single occupancy £50 per night.



Double-bedded room with shower and wash hand basin

SMALLER ROOM (sleeps 1 or 2 with small double bed. No single supplement.)

Year round: £20 per person per night, reducing to £18 after 3 nights.

Christmas/New Year: £35 per person per night.



Single / small double with wash hand basin

MEALS

The full breakfast can include laid-that-morning eggs and homemade bread, with organic/vegetarian choices, served in the guests' dining-sitting room.

There is television and radio in this room, together with plenty of reading material, should you want to spend an evening indoors.



We can provide an evening meal - and picnic lunches - if required, with homegrown vegetables when available.

Evening meals from £17, by arrangement.

We are pleased to cater for vegetarian / vegan guests.

For eating out, we are just 4 miles from the village of Tayvallich, with its well-known inn, and within easy reach of several other eating-places to suit all tastes.

We welcome payments by credit card, but please note that a small charge (currently £1) will be made to cover card company administration fees.



We regret that we can't welcome your pets - we have too many on-site animals to make that practical - but if you want a riding holiday we can accommodate your horses. Grass keep for horses £3 per day.

Guests are requested not to smoke indoors.

WILDLIFE

Leac Na Ban is a great place for naturalists. If you are lucky you might see pine marten, red squirrel, stoats or weasels, even a badger in the gloaming. Some summer evenings a herd of red deer graze across the pasture (and come to eat our garden plants!) while sika and roe deer can often be glimpsed in the woods.

Ornithologists will enjoy our range of bird life: siskins, cuckoos, ravens, buzzards, owls, finches, snipe, skylark, swallows, martins, and herons, to name just a few. Ospreys nest not far away, and on occasion we have been visited by black cock, green woodpeckers and, once, a golden eagle. Slow worms and lizards bask on the drystone dykes, while toads and frogs lurk in the damperies.

We have an abundance of wild flowers, starting in spring with primroses, bluebells and violets, through to the irises and orchids of summer, the pinguicula, water avens, harebells, and a rare white thyme. Indeed, a geography field trip identified well over 50 varieties of plant life in just four small selected sites on the farm.



ACTIVITIES

This is a wonderful place to relax, to paint, or write, or just to do some of the local trails. Walk down the ancient drove road through our farmland, and on through the woodland to the little church at Bellanoch, or for a longer trek, over the hill to Crinan Harbour. You will be free to explore our interesting ancient sites, and if you are so inclined, in season you might help us hand turn and bring in the hay!

We also run arts, crafts and theatre workshops; while you are on holiday you might like to learn about rush seating or props making, and there are always examples of local artists' crafts for sale, as souvenirs of your visit.

Opportunities for outdoor activities in the vicinity include sailing, fishing, swimming, horse riding, mountain biking, and golf. Horses, boats and bikes can be hired locally.

TOURING

Leac Na Ban is ideally situated for exploring Argyll, with ready access via the A819 both north and south, from Fort William to Campbeltown.

Within comfortable driving distance can be found several castles, gardens, churches, prehistoric and early-industrial sites, and nature trails.

We have a large selection of books and leaflets to help you plan your days and get the most out of your holiday.

We are at the head of the tongue of land that reaches out into the Sound of Jura, and several ferry terminals are within easy reach for day trips to the islands.

- Kennacraig (26 miles) - CalMac ferry to Islay
- Claonaig (30 miles) - CalMac ferry to Arran
- Oban (35 miles) - CalMac ferries to Mull & Lismore
- Crinan (4 miles) - local Water Taxi service to Jura and inshore islands

HOW TO FIND US

From Glasgow head north on the A82 via Loch Lomond. Take the left turn at Tarbet on to the A83 and follow it through wonderful scenery, over the "Rest and be Thankful" through Arrochar, Inverary, and Lochgilphead. Turn right on to the Oban road, the A816, then following directions for Tayvallich, take the left fork on to the B841 at the Cairnbaan Hotel. Over the canal bridge and follow the Crinan Canal then turn left on to the B8025 signed to Tayvallich.

From the north, take the A816 south from Oban. Approximately 2 miles past Kilmartin take the B8025, signed to Tayvallich, off to the right and follow this to the Crinan Canal bridge at Bellanoch. Turn right on to the B841 for three quarters of a mile, then left on to the B8025.

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Take the right fork at the Celtic Cross onto a single track road, signed to Tayvallich. After approximately 2 miles turn right at our Farmhouse B&B sign onto a Forestry track (there is a black and red post box too - please check for mail and bring it up with you. Thanks!) Follow the forest road for three quarters of a mile up hill to our gate (please remember to close it after you!) then continue up the drive to the house.

If you are travelling by coach or Citylink bus, alight at Lochgilphead. There are two public call boxes on the Front Green, just along from the bus stop. Phone us on (01546) 870 310 and we will be pleased to come and collect you.

