

Achnacarron Boathouse, Loch Awe

We have provided some essential information for your guidance in the property. It covers all the facilities in and around the property, some ideas on places to eat, essential numbers, our contact details and the water sports acceptance and disclaimer form. Should you need any help while on your holiday please feel free to call or email.

Should you decide to use the water sports equipment please be aware that most of the shoreline is private. The canoes, kayaks and paddleboards are stored under the Boathouse and access is via a coded padlock. The number will be passed on to you once you have read and accepted the equipment use agreement, either sign on our website www.achnacarron-boathouse.co.uk/equipment-use-agreement or sign a paper agreement form and email to: achnacarron.boathouse@gmail.com

Over 50 species of birds have been recorded around Achnacarron in a single week. Ospreys are regular visitors in the summer and it's not unusual to see them in front of the Boathouse. There are several nesting pairs that come to Loch Awe to breed each year. Sea Eagles occasionally pass over and there are a wide range of falcons and hawks. On the Loch you will see a myriad of waterfowl ranging from Cormorant's to Grebes and Divers. There is one bird that you may come across close to the property and that is the infamous hooded crow. 'Hoody's' like to make their presence felt. These intelligent birds have a habit of sitting on the balcony and tapping the windows as they see their own reflection in them. Being territorial, Corvids will attack the interloper, not realising its their own reflection! So, if you do hear a knocking noise around sunrise, it could be one or two semi resident Hoody's that regularly visit the property.

We very much hope that you enjoy your holiday here and around Argyllshire and that we may have the pleasure of welcoming you again in the future. If you have time, please leave some comments in our guest book.

For tourist information please see:

- <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/have-great-time-be-great-visitor/local-tourist-information>
- <https://www.visitscotland.com/places-to-go/argyll-isles>
- <https://loch-awe.com/things-do/>.

We hope you enjoy our home as much as we do!

Annie & Jay

Things to do!

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Enclosed in this file are some local walks which guests have done and shared with us.

Please feel free to take the file with you for the day and explore.

If you find a hidden gem, please mention it in the back of the file and we will share them with other guests. We hope to build up a lovely variety of activities, walks, trips to the islands from Oban, or simply great places to eat.

Thank you

Annie & Jay

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Canadian Canoe, Kayak and Paddleboard Usage Terms and Conditions

The Owner is Annie Willetts. The Client is any person/s or company who uses or has agreed to use equipment from the Owner. Equipment means items provided by the Owner with the property as detailed in this agreement and used in conjunction with this agreement.

1. An adult must accompany anyone under the age of 18 on their trip.
2. Clients, guest's and children must be supervised and accompanied – you have sole responsibility.
3. All clients must wear a buoyancy aid at all times whilst on the Loch.
4. A minimum of 2 people must paddle a Canadian canoe unless the client has previous experience. Paddleboards and Kayak can be used individually
5. Equipment must be lifted into the water and not dragged across the rocks.
6. It is advised that all participants are proficient swimmers.
7. Clients can only use equipment on Loch Awe.
8. Usage is subject to safe Loch levels and weather conditions. Please be aware of weather conditions and keep close to the shore. Please do not try and navigate across Loch Awe.
9. The client assumes complete responsibility for any loss or damage to equipment during the period of use and agrees to pay for any loss or damage of equipment (allowing for fair wear and tear) Clients must report lost equipment so that other Guests will not be let down.
10. The client will ensure that all equipment is kept in their possession throughout the usage period and is not left unattended at any time.
11. The client agrees not to sell, sublet or dispose of any items of equipment.
12. The client will allow access to equipment at any reasonable time by company representatives for the purpose of inspection, repair or removal.
13. Clients must be considerate to all other Loch users such as swimmers, fellow canoeists, powered boats, fishermen and others.
14. Clients are responsible for ensuring they have the correct protective clothing and footwear and are fit enough to complete any trip comfortably.
15. Consumption of alcohol in boats is not permitted at any time. Alcohol can be carried for consumption off the water (overnight camps etc.).
16. Clients who appear under the influence of drink or drugs will not be allowed access to canoes, kayaks and paddleboards.
17. Fishing is permitted under the Achnacarron licenses.
18. There must be a designated responsible adult over the age of 18 years for any use.
19. The designated responsible adult must agree to these terms & conditions and ensure that all of the party are aware of them. By signing this agreement the client is agreeing that those taking part are competent to do so. If you have any doubt about the competency of the users you should not agree for them to participate on your trip.
20. The designated responsible adult must ensure they have read and understood the safety information and ensured that all of the party are aware of this. By signing this agreement each participant will be confirming they have read and understood the safety information (continued on next page).
21. **DISCLAIMER.** The owners of Loch Awe Boathouse will not be liable for any death, personal injury, or loss of or damage to goods arising out of their client's use of canoes, kayak and paddleboards unless that death, personal injury or loss of, or damage to the

goods arises directly from an act of omission on the part of the company, its servant or agent.

22. Canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding are inherently dangerous activities with a danger of personal injury or death attached. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement. By accepting these Terms and Conditions you are confirming that you are aware of this and accept the risks associated with this activity.
23. Loch Awe Boathouses does not have any responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to your personal belongings. You accept that you are taking your personal property on to the river at your own risk.
24. Clients booking by telephone or email will be deemed to have read and accepted these terms and conditions. Electronic acceptance is deemed to be a contractual commitment.
25. Clients with existing injuries should not participate if the nature of the injury will affect their ability to take part in the activity.
26. We strongly recommend pregnant persons do not take part in any of the activities on the water if they are over 6 months pregnant – You are advised this is entirely at your own risk.
27. We strongly recommend that you take out personal accident insurance to cover your participation in these water activities. We also advise that you take out liability insurance to cover you in case your paddling activities result in injuries to third parties
28. We reserve the right to make amendments to these Terms and Conditions without notice.
29. Guests are responsible for checking all equipment is servable for use

Sign this agreement on our website www.achnacarron-boathouse.co.uk or print, sign, scan or photograph and send to achnacarron.boathouse@gmail.com Once the signed agreement has been received, we will send the code for the boat store lock. This room is located underneath the Boathouse and must be locked after each use.

We provide various life jackets from small to extra-large – there should be two of each. Life Jackets need to be hung up on the rack and paddles left in the paddle rack. We understand that equipment will get damaged from time to time – Please let us know if paddles or life jackets have been lost as we are contractually required to provide them for our guests.

There are often several Canoes, Kayaks and paddleboards locked – these boards either belong to clients or are for private use by the family. We provide a minimum of 1 Canadian Canoe, 1 two seat Kayak and one paddleboard with associated paddles (all double paddles).

You must thoroughly wash the boats after fishing. Please leave the boat store in a clean and tidy condition ready for the next guest.

PLEASE DO NOT USE WHITE TOWELS OUTSIDE – ONLY USE THE BEACH TOWELS PROVIDED – THANK YOU

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