Edinburgh JMCS



The Smiddy
Dundonnell
Ross-shire

A few notes to improve the quality of your stay…….

Location The hut is located on the south side of the A832 at GR 095876 and 0.5k before the Dundonnell Hotel when approaching from Braemore junction.

Access The car park is protected by a barrier chain with a padlock. The key you have received is for the hut only. The key for the padlock on the chain is in the lobby of the hut attached to a large wooden fob.

It is essential that you raise and lock the chain when leaving the hut for the day to prevent unauthorised persons using the car-parking area.

Power Main switches are located in the lobby. Electricity is supplied via a meter which requires **new £1.00 coins**.

Water There is a UV filtered water supply. **Do not interfere in any way with the switches or controls of this system.** Should the water supply be frozen or have dried up then water may be taken from well up the burn to the rear of the hut and should be **boiled** before use. You may be better to bring supplies of bottled water if such conditions prevail.

Do not attempt to use the water heater if the system is frozen. You may also find it economic to switch it off if it will not be used for some time.

Heating Is by electric convectors and open fire. Coal is provided but you are advised to bring some kindling and firelighters.

Accommodation The hut accommodates a maximum of 10 climbers on Alpine style bunks complete with mattresses and pillows.

Facilities There is an electric hob & oven, a fridge and a micro-wave together with a full complement of cook-ware, crockery and cutlery. **User instructions are contained in the black folder on the rear window sill.**

Toilet This is located at the rear of the building and the key will be found in the lobby. Spare loo rolls can be found in plastic boxes below the bunks. Showers may be had on request at the Broombeg Bar of the Dundonnell Hotel for a small charge.

Provisions There is a small general store at Badcaul some 10k down the lochside to the west. There are larger stores in Aultbea and Gairloch and a Tesco in Ullapool. Eggs are usually available from an honesty box beside the telephone kiosk at the farm entrance 100m to the west.

Climbing wall It rains here occasionally and the climbing wall in Gairloch is well worth a visit.

And a few rules…….

The hut should be locked at all times when not occupied.

Users have no authority to admit casual callers to the premises who do not form members of their party.

Camping is not allowed in the area around the hut and users have no authority to permit casual callers to camp there. This should be made aware to all members of your party.

Climbing in or on the structure of the building is prohibited.

Ashes from the fire must be disposed of discreetly in the gorse bushes to the rear of the car-park and not dumped visibly in the close environs of the building.

The hut will be left in a clean and orderly state on departure. **There is no local authority refuse collection here and all rubbish must be removed**.

No food of any sort must be left in the hut and the fridge door should be left open.

The hut contains some interesting items of bric-a-brac which should be treated with respect. In particular, do not crank the bellows handle – it's not connected to the fire anyway!

And finally…….

We hope you enjoy your stay in this historic building. Ensure that you have entered details of your party and their activities in the hut book.

Please complete the slip below and return it without delay to the Custodian together with the key and your cheque. Charges are £10.00 per person per night.

Please ensure the correct stamp value on your return envelope – it requires a LARGE 1st or 2nd class stamp.

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To - **John Fowler, 4 Doune Terrace, Edinburgh, EH3 6DY**

I enclose a cheque for the sum of £……, made payable to **JMCS Edinburgh**, in respect of the recent stay in the Smiddy by -
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The coal bin is – full – ¾ full – ½ full – ¼ full – empty. Please circle as appropriate.

The following items need attention -
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Signed…….

Date……..……