

# DUSK WATCHES



*"Once seen, not forgotten!  
What could be better than  
close-up views of shy native  
mammals such as Badger  
and Pine Marten, in the  
comfort of a warm hide.  
The supporting wildlife cast  
is pretty good too!"*

John Walters

Come and enjoy our famous "State of the Art" warm, comfortable hide in Speyside's Caledonian Pine Forest, for Pine Marten, Badger, plus Red and Roe Deer.

- Comfortable, purpose built hide, in the Cairngorms National Park
- We regularly see Pine Marten, Badger and much more!
- Red and Roe Deer are frequent visitors
- The animals come right up to the windows, you won't get any closer!
- You'll be accompanied throughout by our friendly, expert guide
- Hire exclusively and have the hide to yourselves
- Tawny Owl, Woodcock and Buzzard are occasionally seen

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| Cost          | £30.00 per adult (discounted price £25.00 if booked online)<br>£15.00 per child 8-14yrs (discounted price £10.00 if booked online)<br>Not suitable for children under 8yrs  |
| Exclusive Use | £300.00 per evening (discounted price £250.00 if booked online)   |
| Opening Times | Nightly from Easter to October on an exclusive basis or as part of a group. From November to Easter on a request basis only for exclusive use or parties of 4 people or more. Pre-booking is essential. Start times vary with the seasons. In summer we don't start until 9:00pm, in winter we meet around 6:00pm |
| Group Size    | Maximum 12 people in the hide   |
| Insects       | Biting midges possible during summer  |
| Walking       | A 5 minute walk on a wide sandy track from meeting point to hide  |
| Access        | Car access can be arranged in advance for those with limited mobility. The door is wide enough for wheelchair access with a ramp to it. Seating in the hide is at viewing level through large picture windows   |
| Clothing      | Warm, non-rustling, subdued outdoor clothing and walking boots or shoes. Advice on the "how to do it" of wildlife watching is provided on booking   |
| Location      | A meeting point map and meeting times are provided on booking. Use the map to find the meeting point, rather than "SatNav" which is unreliable. The hide is not located at our office   |
| Photos        | Excellent photographic opportunities for exclusive users and some incidental opportunities at other times. Flash photography is not permitted, but there is outside lighting  |

Mike Hems: Pine Martens at the hide  
Sally Dowden: Our hide

For something new and completely different, come one evening and watch the nocturnal creatures that visit our warm and comfortable, baited hide on the Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Our guide will meet you just before dusk, at our location outside Aviemore in the Caledonian Pine Forest and walk with you down a wide sandy track into the hide.

Once there, he'll explain the habits and life cycles of the Pine Martens and Badgers that are the most frequently anticipated night-time visitors, while you sit back and relax and await their appearance. Whilst the animals are free and untamed and appear when they wish, years of understanding their nocturnal habits has ensured incredibly reliable sightings.

Red and Roe Deer may come to the viewing area whilst it's still light, but the visits by Pine Martens and Badgers will usually only occur once it is dark. The hide has outside spotlights however, allowing the animals to be seen clearly from the large picture windows.

The hide has been designed to give the maximum viewing area possible for all the guests, without fear of disturbance to the nocturnal visitors. In addition, infra-red cameras give advance notice of whatever animals are moving about in the forest

around us. The animals will come to the viewing area at different times in an evening, but we expect that to occur within the 2-3 hours you will be in the hide.

Photographers prefer to take the hide on an exclusive basis. We'll meet you and take you into the hide and explain the anticipated behaviour of the animals and then leave you to capture the images you've always wanted. The outside lighting ensures flash isn't needed and indeed can't be used as it disturbs the wildlife.

The BBC have filmed here over the years for both The One Show and Springwatch and journalists from around the world have enjoyed the nocturnal antics of the animals that appear.

