

DUSK WATCH



"Memorable wildlife experiences that won't be forgotten! What could be better than close-up views of shy, native mammals such as Badger and Pine Marten, in the comfort of a large warm hide. The supporting wildlife cast is pretty good too!"
John Walters

Cost	£25.00 per adult, if booked online (£30.00 if booked manually via our office) £10.00 per child 8-14yrs, if booked online (£15.00 if booked manually via our office) Not suitable for children under 8yrs
Exclusive Use	£250.00 per evening, if booked online (£300.00 if booked manually via our office)
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 10 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

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 and more.

- Large, 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

For a memorable wildlife encounter, spend an evening with our knowledgeable guide 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. Your guide will meet you just before dusk, at the location just outside Aviemore within the Caledonian Pine Forest and walk with you down the wide track to the hide.

Once there, they'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 every night 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 without interference.

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 alone 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.

