

EVENING MAMMAL WATCHING



"See some of Scotland's and the Cairngorms National Park's most iconic species, from our large and comfortable hide, allowing you to get within a couple of feet of Badgers and Pine Marten and of course, the Woodmice! An experience that will make you want to come again"
 Kate Mennie

Come and enjoy our comfortable hide on the edge of the Caledonian Pine Forest in the Cairngorms for Badger and Pine Marten plus Roe Deer and more.

- Comfortable hide in the Cairngorms National Park
- We regularly see Badgers at close quarters
- Pine Marten also visit
- The animals come right up to the windows
- You'll be accompanied throughout by our friendly, expert guide
- Hire exclusively and have the hide to yourselves
- Badger photography hide also available for exclusive hire

Cost	£20.00 per adult, if booked online (£25.00 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	£150.00 per evening, if booked online (£200.00 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 2 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 10 people in the hide
Insects	Biting midges possible during summer
Walking	There is a short walk, less than 5 minutes on a wide track from the meeting point to the hide
Access	Although the hide is accessible to wheelchairs, the viewing windows will be out of reach. Bar stools are available if you can move from your wheelchair to use these
Clothing	Warm, non-rusting, subdued outdoor clothing and walking boots or shoes. Advice on the "how to do it" of wildlife watching is provided on booking
Location	The hide is a short journey from Aviemore. A meeting point map and meeting times are provided on booking.
Toilets	Please note there are no toilet facilities at the hide.
Photos	The viewing windows do not open, so there are only some incidental photographic opportunities

Kate Mennie: Pine Marten, Jane Hope: Badger

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 in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Your guide will meet you just before dusk, at the location just outside Aviemore on the edge of 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 Badgers and Pine Martens that are the most frequently anticipated night-time visitors, while you relax and await their appearance. Whilst the animals are free and untamed and appear when they wish, understanding their nocturnal habits every night has ensured reliable sightings.

Roe Deer may be seen whilst it's still light, but the visits by Badgers and Pine Martens 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.

The viewing windows do not open, so there are only some incidental photographic opportunities. Please note that flash photography is not permitted at any time and please turn any camera functions to mute so that electronic noises do not disturb the animals. We have a photographic hide on site for 1-2 people, which can be booked on an exclusive basis.

The main wildlife viewing hide can also be booked on an exclusive basis if you wish to bring your own group for the evening.

