EVENING MAMMAL WATCHING

"Our nocturnal wildlife never ceases to amaze our visitors. With Badger, Pine Marten, Red and Roe Deer, Wood Mice, Bank Vole and Scottish Wildcat all possible. We have a complete repertoire of the nocturnal wildlife in the Highlands."
Harris Brooker

Cost	£30.00 per adult, if booked online (£35.00 if booked manually via our office) £15.00 per child 8-14yrs, if booked online (£20.00 if booked manually via our office)
	Not suitable for children under 8yrs
Exclusive Use	£275.00 per evening, if booked online (£325.00 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 12 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	The hide is accessible to wheelchairs, and has lowered sections of windows for viewing. Please get in touch if you would like more information about access to the hide.
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	The hide is a short journey from Aviemore. A meeting point map and meeting times are provided on booking.
Toilets	Please be aware there are no toilet facilities whilst in the hide so apologies, no comfort breaks during the evening.
Photos	The viewing windows do not open, so there are only some incidental photographic opportunities.

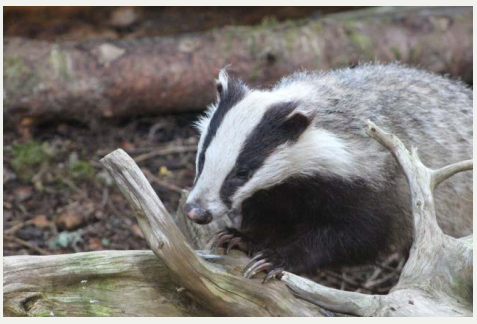
Terry Lee: Pine Marten, **Jane Hope:** Badger

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, Red Deer and more.

- Comfortable hide in the Cairngorms National Park, with easy access
- We regularly see Badgers at close quarters
- Pine Marten and Scottish Wildcat 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

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 our location just outside Aviemore 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. Every evening provides a new experience and exciting close encounters with our precious native mammal species. Roe Deer and Red Deer may be seen whilst it's still light, but the visits by Badgers and Pine Martens will usually only occur at dusk.

The hide has been designed to give the maximum viewing area possible for all guests, without fear of disturbance to the nocturnal visitors and we have outside spotlights, allowing the animals to be seen clearly from the large picture windows without interference on the darker evenings. There is a lower section of window for wheelchair users and those needing to be seated lower down rather than on the bar stools. Our infra-red cameras give advance notice of whatever animals are moving about in the forest around us and our microphone will pick up their sounds as they feed. 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. This main wildlife viewing hide can be booked on an exclusive basis if you wish to bring your own group for the evening.