

## Alex MacIntyre Memorial Hut – Information

**Situation** North Ballachulish on the A82, one mile north of the Ballachulish bridge, ~ 50 m past the entrance to Creag Mhor Lodge. Grid reference NN044611 on OS sheet no. 41, Ben Nevis. Postcode (sat nav) PH33 6RY. Look out for the green painted fence.

**Parking** At the rear of the hut. Access is from the main road via a narrow lane. **Please keep the driveway clear at all times and consider the needs of the neighbours;** noise has been an issue, especially early in the morning and late at night. Also note that the hut electricity is NOT to be used to charge EVs. There are charging points at the local filling station.

**Access** Normal access is via the side door on the E side of the building at the rear. There is a digital keypad lock on this door. If you have not been informed of the current code for the lock after you have paid in full, please contact the bookings secretary.

**On arrival** If you are the first into the hut turn on the electricity supply at the distribution panel – to your left as you enter. See the notice board for details and follow the instructions provided. **Sign in;** it is *important* that everyone in residence signs the hut log book and gives the name of their affiliated club or MScot/BMC membership number. This authenticates the individual's right to use the hut and claim a bed. Signing in is particularly important in relation to current fire regulations as the log book functions as the record of occupants – see 'Fire safety'.

**Accommodation** 16 beds are available in 5 rooms. Upstairs: 2 with 3 beds, and 2 with Alpine style sleeping platforms. Downstairs: a small room with a bunk bed. Mattresses are provided, but no pillows or blankets.

**Facilities** Cooker with oven and grill, also a separate grill and a separate hob with 4 hotplates, microwave, 2 toasters, 2 refrigerators (there is no freezer), cooking and dining utensils, hot and cold running water, two showers and toilets, drying room. Electric storage heaters are situated on the ground floor with an additional manually controlled heater in the lounge. The dormitories have electric convactor heaters with coin meters, which require £1 or £2 coins – no other coins will work.

**Bookings** Bookings and payments should be made online – <https://www.mountaineering.scot/clubs/huts/national-huts/ammh-bookings> 'Alex McIntyre Memorial Hut' account number 00243495 sort code 80-18-44

*In exceptional cases*, bookings can be made via the hut bookings secretary Sherry MacIver Tel 07771 878522. E-mail – [ammh@mountaineering.scot](mailto:ammh@mountaineering.scot)

Bookings are accepted *only* from member clubs or individual members of MScot and the BMC. Members are each allowed to bring *one* guest.

**Please note that we do not offer a 24 h booking service.** Bookings can be made online at short notice, with online payment. *It cannot be guaranteed* that there will be an immediate response to online bookings made at short notice.

It is AMMH policy that in the event that a club or group reserves the whole hut and has prepaid but still has vacant spaces then those places *must* be given up to members (individual or of other clubs) wanting accommodation on the day. The latter should make online payment to 'Alex McIntyre Memorial Hut' as above, *not* to the club or group providing the places.

**Hut fees** £20 per person per night in 2023 and until further notice. Payment to be made by online transfer – for further details contact the bookings secretary. A 50% non-returnable deposit is payable at the time of the booking with the balance payable up to one month prior to the date of the trip.

**Pets** With the exception of assistance dogs, no dogs or other pets are allowed within the building.

**Children** Parents with their children or adults acting *in loco parentis* with children can stay at the hut provided they are comfortable with the sharing arrangements. "Official" educational or other groups with under-18s that have child protection concerns cannot be admitted when the hut has a custodian in residence (usually January to April inclusive). Large groups of this type not willing to share the

premises with strangers can, if they so choose, pay for all places at the hut. However, members of MScot or the BMC may stay at the hut provided that the leader of the group is prepared to admit them and beds are available.

### **Food storage**

Space for food storage in the kitchen is limited, particularly when the hut is full and occupied by a number of different groups. There is space for storage of dry goods by the side door. Members are reminded that there is no shortage of shops in the area. There are small supermarkets at Ballachulish (Co-op) and Kinlochleven and supermarkets in Fort William. There is no need to bring sufficient food for a lengthy stay.

### **Smoking**

Smoking within the building is *not permitted*.

### **Fire safety**

The building is fitted with a fire alarm system. The alarms may be triggered automatically by smoke and heat detectors or manually at alarm points in the hallway and the upstairs landing. If the alarm sounds then the building must be evacuated *immediately* and all occupants should make their way to the designated fire assembly point – follow the direction signs. The custodian, if in residence, or the person in charge of the party, will take a roll call of names listed in the signing-in book. Once everyone has been accounted for, call the emergency services (999). Do not re-enter the building until authorised to do so by fire and rescue personnel.

### **Refuse collection**

Please ensure that the wheelie bins are left positioned at the roadside on Sunday evening for Monday morning uplift – see the information notice in the kitchen.

### **Recycling**

The local Council provides separate bins for recyclable materials and for general refuse. Bins containing incorrect materials will not be emptied. Please consult the appropriate notice in the kitchen for details and separate all recyclable items appropriately. Bottles, cans, plastic milk bottles, tetrapaks etc. should be *rinsed out* before placing them in the designated recycling containers in the kitchen. Note that glass bottles and jars must be recycled by *you* separately at the nearby filling station or elsewhere. *Do not* take them away in the red box in the kitchen.

### **When departing**

Please leave the hut clean and tidy. At the end of your stay, if you are the last to leave please check that 1) all windows – both upstairs and downstairs – are closed and locked 2) that the water heaters in the kitchen and shower room and the dehumidifier inside the drying room are turned off at their respective wall switches and then turn off the electricity at the supply panel.

When you exit check that the back door is locked. The front door is self-locking.

Please report any broken or faulty equipment to [huts@mountaineering.scot](mailto:huts@mountaineering.scot)

### **Feedback**

If you have any comments or suggestions to make regarding facilities at the hut please pass them on to the bookings secretary [ammh@mountaineering.scot](mailto:ammh@mountaineering.scot)

If you live in Scotland and would be interested in helping to operate the hut by joining the management committee, please contact [ammh@mountaineering.scot](mailto:ammh@mountaineering.scot) outlining relevant skills and experience.

**Enjoy your stay**