

Accommodation

The cottage has been tastefully modernized to include a new heating system, new carpets, curtains and soft furnishings and the rooms are in very good decorative order. The sitting room has an open fireplace which adds to the warm, homely atmosphere, and a colour TV with DVD/video and CD player.



There is a new, spacious contemporary kitchen with integrated appliances including a dishwasher, washer/dryer and microwave in addition to an electric cooker and fridge. There is also a multi-fuel burning stove and a Freeview flat screen TV. The two bedrooms include one double and one twin bedded



room with ample storage and a hair dryer. The newly refurbished bathroom includes a 'Heritage' white bathroom suite and a separate Showerlux shower unit. The White Company towels and bedlinen are provided. There is also a boot room for outdoor/sports equipment/ storage.



Shopping Facilities

All basic amenities will be found 4/5 miles away in Kirriemuir including a supermarket, excellent butcher, baker, chemist and newsagent, together with banks, post office, DVD hire etc. More comprehensive shopping facilities are available at Forfar including a 24-hour Tesco Superstore (delivery can be arranged via the internet). Indoor shopping malls can be found in Perth and Dundee.

Directions

Winters Cottage is approximately one and a half hours drive north of Edinburgh and half an hour from Dundee. Flights are available to Dundee and Edinburgh via flybe.com and can be very economical. Car hire is available at Edinburgh airport and a pick up service is available at Dundee airport for car hire.

From Dundee take the A90 (signposted Forfar). After approximately 5 miles take the A928 on the left (signposted Kirriemuir) through the village of Glamis. As you approach Kirriemuir turn left at the Newton Hotel to the B955 signposted 'the glens'. Dykehead is approximately 5 miles north of Kirriemuir. As you approach Dykehead through the avenue of beech trees, Winters Cottage is the first property on your left. There is off-road parking for 3 cars.

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**WINTERS COTTAGE
DYKEHEAD
KIRRIEMUIR
ANGUS DD8 4QN**



Dykehead is a hamlet on the Earl of Airlie's estate adjoining Glen Clova and Prosen. This peaceful, arable and stock farming countryside lies on the edge of the Cairngorms National Park in the county of Angus.

This charming period cottage has been in the Winter family since 1860 and was originally the village post office. It stands on the edge of the village with a southerly panoramic view of the countryside to the hills beyond.

Winters Cottage

The view from the cottage.



The Ministers Path
Glen Clova



Winters Cottage c 1912



Sporting/Leisure Activities

There are excellent local golf courses at Kirriemuir, Rosemount, Alyth and Edzell with world-class courses within one hour's drive at St Andrews, Carnoustie and Gleneagles.

Fishing is available on the South Esk either through Airlie Estates, the Clova Hotel or Kirriemuir Angling Club.

Dykehead and the surrounding areas of Glen Clova, Glen Doll and Glen Prosen provide excellent hill walking opportunities with guided hill walks in the high season for all abilities in glorious countryside with stunning views. The Angus glens are home to an abundance of wildlife including osprey, ptarmigan, capercaillie, deer, red and black grouse, red squirrel and wildcat. Bird watching at the local RSPB reserves at Loch of Kinnordy near Kirriemuir, the Montrose Wildlife Centre and Loch of Lowes is recommended as are pony trekking and cycling (bike hire from Forfar and Blairgowrie).

We recommend a visit to the university town of St Andrews (45 minute drive) which has an excellent beach and some very good restaurants. Try 'The Dolls House' or 'The Glasshouse' - contemporary restaurants owned by TV presenter Carol Smillie - with good food at reasonable prices.

Indoor sporting facilities may be found at the leisure centre in Kirriemuir which include an indoor swimming pool, gym, badminton etc. Dundee and Perth have more comprehensive indoor facilities including swimming pools with chutes/wave pools. Dundee has multi-screen cinemas, skating rink, bowling alley etc.

Places of historic interest

Local places of interest include historic Glamis Castle, birthplace of the Queen Mother, and also the Glamis Folk Museum. The National Trust House of Dun at Montrose. Home of Peter Pan author J M Barrie at Kirriemuir. Scott's ship 'Discovery' is moored on the Tay at Dundee and the Discovery Centre dedicated to his fated trip to the Antarctic is well worth a visit as are the Scottish Tourist Board 'Verdant Works' which trace the history of Dundee.

The local highland games are held at Cortachy Castle in August and the Braemar Gathering is held in the first week of September. Pitmuies Gardens near Forfar are recommended followed by coffee or tea at Trumperton Forge. National Trust Crathes Castle and gardens at Banchory and Scone Palace near Perth. Balmoral gardens are open when the Queen is not in residence. Edinburgh is well worth a visit, especially during the Festival in July/August. Comprehensive details about other places of interest may be found at the cottage.

Restaurants, Hotels and Pubs

We recommend the Drovers at Memus - an old pub with an understated, contemporary feel, an open fire and a restaurant with a reputation for good food. We also like the Clova Hotel (and Climbers Bar) in Glen Clova which has been restored and serves good food. A new bistro in Forfar at Chapelbank Hotel is recommended. Slightly further afield is the Dunkeld House Hotel in Dunkeld which we recommend for Sunday lunch/afternoon tea and for the discerning visitor we recommend Kinloch House Hotel near Blairgowrie for dinner.