



Island time... in no time

# island guide

2022-23



island map  
arran in a day  
where to shop, eat & stay  
family fun  
activities & adventures  
entertainment & events  
competition

the only Arran guide you'll ever need  
[www.visitarran.com](http://www.visitarran.com)

**ARRAN TIME**  
*your time*

# THE DOUGLAS

Hotel • Bistro • Bar  
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk



A TASTE OF LUXURY ON THE ISLE OF ARRAN



The multi-award winning Douglas Hotel sits proudly on Brodick sea front with breath-taking views across the bay to Brodick Castle and Goatfell

boasting 21 beautiful and uniquely styled rooms, delicious food locally sourced from Arran, Ayrshire & Scotland, and a fabulous selection of gin, whisky & cocktails to enjoy ~ we truly are the perfect taste of luxury!



To book, simply call our friendly Reception Team on 01770 302 968 or email: [stay@thedouglashotel.co.uk](mailto:stay@thedouglashotel.co.uk)

## contents

- 4 welcome
- 6 getting about
- 10 essential arran
- 16 what's on
- 21 villages
- 22 family fun
- 23 pets on hols
- 24 celebrations
- 25 wellness
- 26 outdoors
- 31 coast
- 32 golf on arran
- 34 arranology
- 36 arran map
- 38 creative arran
- 42 mainland getaways
- 43 did you know?
- 44 shoparran
- 50 food & drink
- 54 where to stay
- 66 visitarran partners
- 68 tourist information
- visitarran board, useful numbers



The information contained in this publication has been published in good faith on the basis of information submitted to VisitArran and every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy. However, you are strongly advised to double check prices, dates etc before making final arrangements. All liability for loss, disappointment, negligence or damage caused by reliance on information contained in this publication is hereby excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.



Front cover image: Old Man of Tarsuinn by Kirstie Smith, A Focus for Adventure. Other Photography credits: Alex Ulivi, Andrew SurrIDGE Photography, Arran Adventure, Arran Graphics, Arran in Focus Photography, Hamish Bannatyne, James Taylor, Kirstie Smith, Mike Boyes, Unfolding Moments

Design by: [www.revolutiongrowth.co.uk](http://www.revolutiongrowth.co.uk)

[www.visitarran.com](http://www.visitarran.com)

**07775 591 325**

or email [arrancastaways@yahoo.com](mailto:arrancastaways@yahoo.com)

**arrancastaways.com**  
*Quality self-catering accommodation*

Established over 15 years

# welcome

## ... a warm Arran welcome to the 13th edition of the VisitArran magazine!

VisitArran brings island businesses and community together to provide you with a quality 'Arran' experience for your holiday. This collaborative approach is based on a sustainable business model where Arran's community, environment and economy are equally balanced, benefiting the island, the residents and of course our lovely visitors.

This Island Guide magazine is just the start of your journey, and we hope the information contained will help inspire you to plan and improve your stay to our beautiful and accessible island. Some people come for a day, some may come and stay a month, but almost all will return to enjoy their 'island-time' on Arran – and we hope you will become (if not already) one of our repeat-visiting friends!

The pandemic has changed all our lives. On Arran, businesses closed, and with our limited (though excellent) healthcare facilities, island communities rallied round, supporting and caring for each other, as best we could. We also took time to take stock of what is important in all our lives.

We are only stewards for Arran; we need to make sure that our beautiful island is here for future generations to enjoy. As such we all need to respect and care for our stunning natural environment – so please, leave only footprints, take away more than you brought, and if you feel you want to help us further, perhaps consider donating to The Arran Trust, our visitor gifting charity.

Through the Arran Trust we can offer community groups funding to assist with access, paths, conservation, and other environmental initiatives, all of which help to keep the places you love on Arran, beautiful – for generations to come. [www.arrantrust.org](http://www.arrantrust.org)

Finally, our fabulous cover image is of course 'Old Man of Tarsuinn' taken by our fellow islander Kirstie Smith. With 2022 being Scotland's Year of Stories, we wonder how many tales he could tell, as he watches over us all...?

**Enjoy your island time in no time – Arran welcomes you!**



**Sheila Gilmore**  
Chief Executive, VisitArran

SUPPORTING  
**YEAR OF  
STORIES**  
— 2022 —

**CHECK OUT**  
[WWW.ARRANCARD.COM](http://WWW.ARRANCARD.COM) FOR  
DETAILS OF OUR  
ALL-IN-ONE GIFTCARD

# ARRAN TIME

*your time*

# getting about

## how to get here

Arran is easily one of the most accessible islands to visit, and although we are a true island, we're much closer than many of our island cousins. Basically, we're first on the left across the border with England! If you live to the East or South of the country, there are regular 55-minute ferry crossings from Ardrossan to Brodick with CalMac Ferries.

Ardrossan is ideally situated in Ayrshire, only a short drive from both Glasgow International and Prestwick Airports, and although there are additional sailings on this route in summer months, these sailings can be very busy. So if you are travelling on this route, foot passengers and anyone travelling with a vehicle or bike must book. You can do this through [www.calmac.co.uk](http://www.calmac.co.uk).

From September 2022, as part of the upgrades to Ardrossan Harbour, ferries may be sailing from Troon to Brodick, and all details will be on the CalMac website ([www.calmac.co.uk](http://www.calmac.co.uk)). You may also sail to Campbeltown from Brodick in the summer.

If you don't have a car, there's a direct rail link from Glasgow Central Station to Ardrossan Harbour – and the journey takes about 45-50 minutes, so all in all your travel time from Glasgow to Arran can be less than 2 hours! Troon (from approx. Sept 22), also has regular trains every 30 minutes to and from Glasgow with a bus link between the port at Troon and the railway station.

If you're travelling from the North or West, then perhaps the Lochranza – Claonaig ferry is for you. This 30 minute link connects Arran directly with Argyll, is also run by CalMac Ferries, and you just turn up and go! In winter the ferry sails from Tarbert to Lochranza, and you need to book. Watch out for marine wildlife such as dolphins, minke whale, and porpoises as you sail!

01770 302310 [sales@arranestateagents.co.uk](mailto:sales@arranestateagents.co.uk)

**Arran**  
ESTATE AGENTS



ARRAN'S ONLY LOCAL ESTATE AGENCY

Local  
knowledge

Arran Estate Agents is the island's only LOCAL ESTATE AGENTS and has been owned by Bob Brass since 1990. Bob and his staff utilise their WEALTH OF LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, and take pride in their professional reputation whilst never forgetting that a personal service is very important to their clients. They understand Arran and with 30 years of experience coupled with an EXTREMELY FRIENDLY APPROACH, offer you the very best service whether you are buying or selling. Arran Estate Agents is easy to find, enjoying a PROMINENT LOCATION IN THE HEART OF BRODICK so please feel free to pop in for a chat. With completely TRANSPARENT AND COMPETITIVE FEES, Arran Estate Agency has with no hidden extras unlike many online and off island agencies.

CALL ON 01770 302310 OR EMAIL [SALES@ARRANESTATEAGENTS.CO.UK](mailto:SALES@ARRANESTATEAGENTS.CO.UK)

Worldwide  
reach

rightmove  
find your happy

The Property  
Ombudsman

Zoopla.co.uk  
Smarter property search

PrimeLocation  
Find the home you deserve



## by air

Regular train services are available from both Glasgow airports. A shuttle bus from Glasgow International (GLA) Airport can take you directly to Paisley Gilmour Street train station, where trains will connect with the ferry terminal at Ardrossan or with the buslink at Troon (see page 6). Alternatively, taxis are relatively inexpensive and readily available. Glasgow Prestwick Airport has its own rail station with services via Kilwinning, where you can change for Ardrossan Harbour. The same rail link takes you through Troon en route to Kilwinning.

## by train

There are excellent rail links east, west, north and south between Glasgow and most parts of the UK. There is a direct and frequent train service between Glasgow Central and Ardrossan or Troon, where a bus link will take you to the relevant port. For further information contact [www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk) For more travel details check out the Traveline Scotland journey planner: [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com)

## by car

The UK's network of motorways, and other major roads means that Ardrossan (or Troon) can easily be reached by car, possibly via the M6/M74 (from London to Glasgow) and M77/A77 or M8/A737 (from Glasgow to Ardrossan/Troon). Remember if you are bringing a car over to the island, you must book in advance with CalMac: [www.calmac.co.uk](http://www.calmac.co.uk)

Typical journey times by car to Ardrossan Harbour from:

<b>London</b> – about 7.5 hours
<b>Birmingham</b> – about 5.5 hours
<b>Manchester</b> – about 4.5 hours
<b>Edinburgh</b> – about 2 hours
<b>Glasgow</b> – about 45 minutes
<b>Inverness</b> – about 4 hours

## once you're here...

Why not use local buses to get around and really see the island? All three main routes operate on a return basis, and most coincide with the ferry times from Brodick. Timetables are available on the website. [www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/west-scotland/arran-by-bus#](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/west-scotland/arran-by-bus#)

Car hire can offer more freedom, as can having your own personal tour guide. You can take a taxi or a private hire, and pre-book these to collect and drop you off anywhere on the island; the taxi/private hire partners with VisitArran offer personal guided tours as well. Wheelchair accessible taxis are also available.

Some accommodation providers may offer transport to and from Brodick Pier, and if you're bringing your electric car there are several charging points in Brodick, and at various business around the island too. Check this link for more details: [www.zap-map.com/locations/brodick-charging-points/](http://www.zap-map.com/locations/brodick-charging-points/)

Arran by bike is a really super way to get around and 'feel' the island. Bike hire is available in Brodick, and e-bikes can even be hired for those less fit! Check out our **Adventure Providers (Page 28)** for details.

**cars and garages** \*also sell fuel

**Arran Taxi** - taxi, tours and private hire

T: 01770 700345

**Mogabout Safari** - coastal road and forest safari

T: 07799 555287

**Bay Garage (Brodick)\***

T: 01770 302839

**Bay Garage (Whiting Bay)\***

T: 01770 700345

**Blackwaterfoot Garage\***

T: 01770 860277

**Lamlash Garage\***

T: 01770 600242

**service providers**

**Arran Banner** Our local paper – see their What's On for events! T: 01770 302142

**Arran Estate Agents** T: 01770 302310

**Arran Haulage** For all your delivery needs.

T: 01770 302777

**Arran Online App** [arranonline.com](http://arranonline.com)

**Arran Vets** T: 01770 302511

**Forestry & Land Scotland** T: 01770 302218

**Heather Lodge** Holistic Therapies

T: 01770 302827

**Jas Campbell** Solicitors & estate agents

T: 01770 302027

**Laundry & Left Luggage** T: 01770 302879

**Simply Housekeeping** T: 01770 302879

**Studio Softbox** Filming & Creativity

T: 0775 2942803

# Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park



Visit this grand baronial castle and estate for the perfect family day out on the Isle of Arran.

Enjoy our interactive visitor experience in the castle, with mood lighting and evocative sounds, as you discover a brilliant collection of period furniture, silverware, porcelain, paintings and sporting trophies.

Wander through the formal gardens on the Silver Garden Trail and Plant Hunters' Walk, or venture further to discover ponds, waterfalls and woodland trails, where you can spot red squirrels.

Run, climb and swing through our Isle Be Wild adventure play area or look for fairies on our new Fairies and Legends Trail.

Explore Britain's only island country park, from seashore to mountain top.

Please check our website or visit [facebook.com/brodickcastle](https://facebook.com/brodickcastle) for opening times

Open April through to October

No need to book



# essential arran

We are proud Arranachs. We love our rolling hills, fabulous environment, community warmth and stunning food from this beautiful island and welcome you to feel it, to experience some Arran magic, and overall to enjoy it too. We have scenery that will blow your socks off, wildlife and nature that rivals anywhere else in Scotland, world famous produce and lots of space to really embrace your island time.

Visitors to the Isle of Arran (Eilean Arainn) become our friends. We enjoy a blether and can tell you lots of local tips about the best places to walk, stay, eat or play! We invite you to come and share our island home – and maybe take a little bit of Arran magic with you, until you come back next time...that is!

We have seven primary schools, one secondary school and a resident population of around 5000. We have a cottage hospital, two main medical centres and various satellite surgeries around the island. Administratively, we are part of North Ayrshire Council, and along with our lovely wee cousin islands of Cumbrae (why not take a day to cycle round?) and Bute, we are part of the Highlands & Islands Enterprise area too.

Arran has an excellent grocery offering, so there's also no need to bring in your own provisions – you can buy all you need here on Arran, and support the local economy at the same time. Villages such as Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot and Pirnmill have excellently stocked local shops offering choice and

good value, and of course Brodick and Lamlash have supermarkets too. Remember that nowhere is really more than half an hour's drive away from the village you're staying in – yet there's still plenty of space to enjoy. The influence of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf Stream create a mild oceanic climate, which is why you'll see swaying palm trees around the shores...bizarrely sometimes at the same time as snow on the hills!

Arran is well known for community spirit. We believe in working together; if it's good for our community, then it will be good for our residents, and therefore good for our visitors too. We're justifiably proud of our hospitality and know you'll get a warm welcome whether it be at the church coffee mornings, a village ceilidh or school concert. Check out our **Villages (21)** page for more details.

If you're anxious about accessibility, VisitArran's most up-to-date accessibility audit is available (along with lots of other useful info) on our Downloads section: [www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip](http://www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip)

Many VisitArran partners are dog and pet friendly, whether it's accommodation, eating out, retail or activity – check out our **Pets on Hols (23)** page! Again, we have a Pet Audit and you can access this information on our downloads page from [www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip](http://www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip)

Families can embrace loads to do on Arran, making memories that will resonate for years to come. Whether you're 8 or eighty we have activities to suit everyone, from mini golf to adventure playgrounds, from alpacas and farm tours to swimming pools, from teen zones to softplay in the Playbarn. Check out our **Families (22)** page for more details and inspiration.

All of Scotland's Big Five (red deer, golden eagles, common seals, otters and red squirrels) can frequently be seen on Arran - check them off as you spot them, and have your phone camera at the ready! Our island offers incredible adventure opportunities to really get out of your comfort zone – you can cycle, kayak, abseil, golf, horse ride, and of course Arran offers walk for all levels, whether low level or challenging ridge walking in the hills. Check out our **Outdoors (26)** pages for more info.

No visit to Arran would be complete without checking out local produce, all created in this amazing island environment. Whether it's luxury toiletries, handmade jewellery, crafts and artwork, cheese, mustard, preserves, coffee, ice cream, baked goods, chocolates, beer, gin or whisky! Check out local menus for mouth-watering dishes using local ingredients too! Nowhere could be better placed to tempt your taste buds with local delicacies than Arran. Check out our **Food (50)** and **ShopArran (44)** pages for more details.

So, have we tempted you? To ensure your quality Arran experience, don't forget to look out for the VisitArran 2022 logos on all our partner businesses!



Arran's local community radio station with worldwide reach. Music, drama, interviews, tales, features, meet the locals, all ages, requests, get in touch we'd love to hear from you too with your stories.



T: 07543 964037  
E: [arransound1@gmail.com](mailto:arransound1@gmail.com)  
[www.arransound.com](http://www.arransound.com)



## day trip?

If you can only spend a day on Arran - what should you do? Well, you could try one or two of these ideas:

- Take a service bus trip around Arran to really appreciate the beauty of this stunning island.
- Hire snorkelling kit from COAST or hire a SUP or kayak from Arran Active (new for 2022) and get into that water!
- Go shopping! Treat yourself to some goodies from our niche retail outlets around the island – gifts for you to remember Arran when your holiday is over.
- Pop in to the Marine Discovery Centre at Lamlash – and find out what is under our seas, we bet you get some surprises!
- Check out some pre-history by visiting some of the lesser known standing stones (such as the ones at Auchengallon) and chambered cairns like the one at Torrylin!
- Explore some of the forest trails - do be aware of felling though and remember, trees are just a crop like any other.
- Enjoy simpler pleasures, such as a game of tennis or putting, or even both!
- Eat. With such incredible produce available, you will be spoilt for choice. Some of our takeaway outlets provide incredible freshly made filled rolls perfect for picnics too.
- Get on a guided tour. Arran has various tour guides and many of them offer transport, from cars up to 16 seats in luxury coaches and Mogabout Safari experiences. Also check out the **Geotourist VisitArran app**, which highlights some lesser known sites of interest!

## if you have longer...

- Find out more about Arran's history and how the island environment as we know it today was formed through the Arran Geopark hubs in Lochranza, Brodick Castle and Arran Heritage Museum.
- Art lovers might want to check out Arran Arts Heritage Trail and also the Arran Art Trail!
- Download the VisitArran tour on the Geotourist app. There's a wee bit of walking involved in some of the sites selected, so download the app, get yourself kitted out and off you go!
- Golfer? Get yourself an Arran Golf Pass and see how many of our seven courses you can 'bag' - remember the Golf Pass lasts 12 months! Visit our **Golf page (32)**.
- Sign up for a week of activities - ideal for family too! Go kayaking, mountain biking, take a wildlife tour, hike up the Three Beinn, climb North Goatfell, abseil, have a go at archery, ride a horse along the beach and lots more - check out our **Outdoors pages (26)**.
- Arran Coastal Way is 67 miles long and it's waiting for you! One of Scotland's Great Trails, the Coastal Way has something to challenge and excite everyone - check out our **Outdoors pages (26)**.

It's so hard for us to select just a few things for you to do, when there's so much available! We know that you'll make your own Arran adventures, so be sure to share them with us on our social media channels – @VisitArran - we love to see and share your experiences!

## out of season...

Arran has something to offer no matter what season you choose to visit!

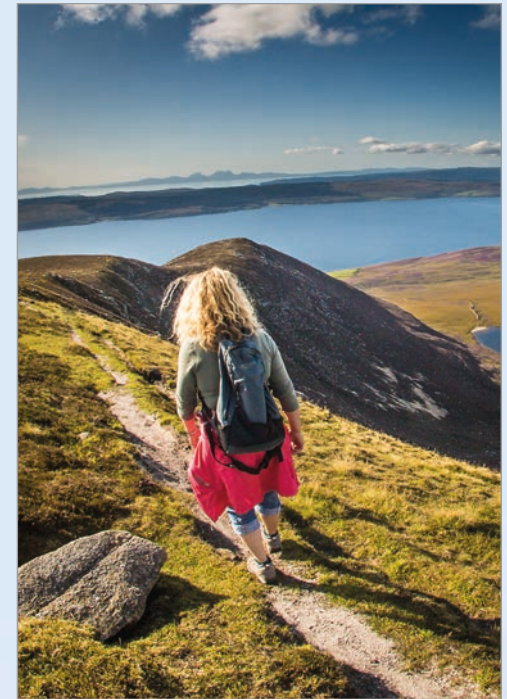
**Spring** - March, April, May - it's like the island is reborn and the whole island buzzes with activity in preparation for the summer. Spring is also peak breeding season for wildlife and for farmlife too, so do be aware and keep your distance - and remember to always keep your dog on a lead.

**Summer** - June, July, August - flowerbeds bust with colour, and heather offers a purple tint to the hills. This is the time of year when there's loads of activities and events on offer, so perhaps you can try your hand at a new activity.

Wildlife is plentiful as the young of Spring settle into their new lives

**Autumn** - Sept, Oct, Nov - the Autumn colours on the hills offer golden russets, and bright oranges as nature switches the palette over from Summer. This is a lovely time to visit, quieter but still with plenty of options, and weather can remain warm well into September. Many islanders take a well-deserved holiday in October - not the stags though; they're in rut!

**Winter** - Dec, Jan, Feb - this is definitely the 'out-of-season' time. Winter on Arran will show snow capped hills, framed by a range of rich brown lower slopes. This is a perfect time to embrace nature and get your walking boots on. Some of the activity providers remain open, but the island is generally less busy. Sometimes businesses close in January for renovations - so do check before you come to make sure you're not disappointed.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
THERE ARE NO MOLES, FOXES,  
WEASELS OR GREY SQUIRRELS  
ON ARRAN!





## Visit the award winning Lochranza Distillery on the Isle of Arran

— As one of the few independent Distilleries in Scotland we look forward to giving you a warm welcome in our unique surroundings

— CASKS Cafe serves delicious local produce and a full selection of Arran Single Malts by the dram



For opening times and availability please visit:  
arranwhisky.com  
@arranwhisky  



# VISIT THE LAGG DISTILLERY ON THE ISLE OF ARRAN



Learn how Lagg peated Single Malt Scotch Whisky is made and witness its evolution into one of the world's finest whiskies.

THE SHIELING RESTAURANT AND KILMORY CAFE ARE OPEN FOR MEALS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

PLEASE VISIT [LAGGWHISKY.COM](http://LAGGWHISKY.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TOURS, TASTINGS AND OPENING TIMES.

@LAGGWHISKY  





# what's on 2023

Events on Arran range from small village coffee mornings and pub quizzes, to international hill races and Hill Billy Golf!

We do try and keep the VisitArran website up-to-date but it can be hard for businesses (and community) to remember to list events everywhere, so always check local paper The Arran Banner's "What's On" pages to confirm fêtes, dances, conker championships, hill-billy golf, classic concerts, sales of work, farmers' markets, cookery competitions, craft fairs etc!

Whilst some of these events are big annual attractions, some are much smaller, but equally worth a wee look!

Some of 2023's key events are listed here, but always check social media and local shops for posters and information about other activities which will happen locally. We have an amazing community, and fundraising is something we're all good at!

Check out our **Village pages (21)** for more details of community life. Don't be surprised when you pop in to a coffee morning and find that you feel you want to spend more on raffle tickets, or end up buying lovely baking to take home... that is the Arran Effect!

Saltwater Gallery Spring Show  
**DATE:** May 1st - July 1st

Arran Connections  
**DATE:** May 6th

Arran RFC Rugby 7's  
**DATE:** May 6th

Anodised Aluminium Jewellery  
With Jenna Macdonald  
**DATE:** May 6th - 7th

McLellan Poetry Festival  
**DATE:** May 11th - 14th

Arran Mountain Festival  
**DATE:** May 12th - 15th

Corrie Film Club  
**DATE:** May 14th

Lamlash GC Senior Open  
**DATE:** May 23rd - 24th

Wizard School Wand Making Class  
**DATE:** May 26th

Wizard School Potion Making Class  
**DATE:** May 26th

Arran Visual Arts Art Exhibition  
**DATE:** May 27th - 31st

Isle of Arran Pipe Band  
**DATE:** May 28th

Animal Fun in Paint with Joan Lawson  
**DATE:** June 3rd

Arran Pride  
**DATE:** June 3rd

Brodick GC Arran open  
**DATE:** June 3rd - 4th

Arran Folk Festival  
**DATE:** June 9th - 11th

Corrie Film Festival  
**DATE:** June 11th

Arran Farmers Market  
**DATE:** June 11th TBC

Arran Island Adventure Weekend  
**DATE:** June 16th - 18th

Christine Bovill  
**DATE:** June 17th

Ultra Trail Scotland (Arran)  
**DATE:** June 17th - 18th

Whiting Bay GC Seniors Open  
**DATE:** June 17th - 18th

Isle of Arran Pipe Band  
**DATE:** June 18th

Feis Week  
**DATE:** June 25th - 28th

Hansel & Gretel Story time  
**DATE:** June 25th

Dougarie Estate Charity Garden Opening  
**DATE:** July 4th

Saltwater Gallery Summer Show  
**DATE:** July 4th - November 11th

Curly's Hidden Treasures -  
Coast Discovery Centre, Lamlash  
**DATE:** July 5th

Charlie & The Chocolate Garden  
**DATE:** July 7th

Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company  
**DATE:** July 8th

McLellan Poetry Competition  
**DATE:** July 10th

Kildonan Seals & Shore  
**DATE:** July 11th

Lamlash GC Junior Open  
**DATE:** July 14th

Arran Open Studios Preview Exhibition  
**DATE:** July 14th - 17th

Otter's Tail Holy Isle Kayaking Challenge  
**DATE:** July 15th



# what's on 2023

Whiting Bay Shore Scramble

**DATE:** July 18th

Lamlash GC Ladies Open

**DATE:** July 19th

Whiting Bay GC Gents Open

**DATE:** May 14th

Brodick Shore Scramble

**DATE:** July 25th

Shiskine GC Ladies Greensome Open

**DATE:** July 27th

Whiting Bay GC Ladies open

**DATE:** July 29th

Isle of Arran Pipe Band

**DATE:** July 30th

The Nature Library

**DATE:** July 30th - 31st

Arran Farmers Show

**DATE:** August 2nd TBC

Brodick Highland Games

**DATE:** August 5th

Lamlash GC Gents Open

**DATE:** August 5th - 6th

K9's at the Castle

**DATE:** August 7th

Blackwaterfoot Shore Scramble

**DATE:** August 9th

Arran Open Studios

**DATE:** August 11th - 14th

Corrie Film Club

**DATE:** August 13th

Festival of the Sea

**DATE:** August 13th

Arran Brass Band

**DATE:** August 20th, 2pm

Lamlash Shore Scramble

**DATE:** August 22nd

Scots Poetry Evening

**DATE:** August 25th

McLellan Arts Festival

**DATE:** August 25th - 3rd September

McLellan Poetry Winners Night

**DATE:** August 26th

Blackwaterfoot Beer Festival

**DATE:** August 26th

Isle of Arran Pipe Band @ Brodick Castle

**DATE:** August 27th

Arran Poets & Musicians Jam night

**DATE:** August 27th

Arran Brass Band @ Brodick Castle

**DATE:** September 3rd

Scottish Ensemble

**DATE:** September 9th

Arran Festival of Food & Drink

**DATE:** September 13th - 24th

Isle of Arran Pipe Band @ Brodick Castle

**DATE:** September 24th

Arran Farmers Market

**DATE:** September 24th TBC

Arran Vegan Festival

**DATE:** September 30th

Stroud Zhang Duo Violin & Piano

**DATE:** October 21st

Shop Arran

**DATE:** November TBC

Saltwater Gallery Themed Winter Show

**DATE:** November 14th

The Tim Kliphuis Trio

**DATE:** November 25th

Santa Sparkle

**DATE:** November 25th

Arran Farmers Market

**DATE:** December 3rd TBC



## Arran truly has something for everyone

Each village on Arran has its own character - and characters. Be sure and get along to a local event - meet the islanders and enjoy our craic!

If it's peace and quiet you're after why not think about heading over to the south or west coast of the island to enjoy a long lazy walk along Blackwaterfoot, Pirnmill or Kilmory beaches - or if you prefer more hustle and bustle perhaps you'd rather be attending one of the island's annual key events such as the Malt and Music Festival, Arran Farmers' Show, or Brodick Highland Games.





Please remember that whether cycling, walking, horse riding or driving - Arran's roads are unique. We have changeable road surfaces, unexpected livestock on every bend, and of course breath-taking scenery that can act as a great distraction! Remember too that Arran is a working island - farmers need to get beasts moved, and buses run to very strict timetables, so pull in and let that tractor or bus past - that way you'll enjoy your visit more.

Check out the information boards at Ardrossan Harbour, Brodick Pier and other sites around the island; by respecting your fellow road users at all times we can all share Arran's roads safely!

Arran has many churches of various denominations, and you'll be very welcome to any service. Some congregations meet outwith traditional church buildings. Check the Arran Banner for details of times and locations for each service.



THE OLD   
POST OFFICE  
**LAUNDRY**  
also offers  
**LUGGAGE  
STORAGE  
in BRODICK**


-  SERVICE WASHES
-  PICK UP DROP OFF SERVICE
-  COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS
-  GREAT CRAIC



Pop in and ask for details of our sister company **SIMPLY HOUSEKEEPING ARRAN**. A friendly, reliable holiday home housekeeping agency with years of experience. Flexible changeover service offered to cater to the fast changing holiday market. Call in to chat about your requirements...



How to find us:

Coming off the ferry, turn right heading into Brodick village. Pass 'Little Rock' and the 'Crazy Golf' on the left . . . keep on the same straight route until you see a putting green on the right. On the left, just after 'The Parlour', take a sharp left . . . or find us on 

# villages

Arran has no towns. Fact.  
We have lots of lovely villages though, dotted about our coast!

Each village has its own special character, and each is well worth some further exploration. Most villages run their own community halls voluntarily, with the exception of Brodick (run by North Ayrshire Council, the local authority) and Lamash (which is sited within Arran High School campus) - so be sure and pop in if they have an event on! Let's start our journey clockwise from Brodick:

**Brodick** is home to the island's main ferry terminal. Arran Heritage Museum is a short walk from the village and Brodick Castle is a very popular visitor attraction. See if you can spot Brodick's standing stones... one is right opposite the school!

The village of **Lamash** looks across to beautiful Holy Isle, with breathtaking sunrises all year round. Lamash is the island's administrative hub, with Arran War Memorial Hospital, Arran High School and the local authority offices all sited within the village boundaries. You should also note the Clearances Memorial Monument, in front of lovely Hamilton Terrace.

**Whiting Bay** spreads south from Sandbraes, and used to boast the longest pier on the Clyde. There are many routes from the village to one of the island's most picturesque walks to Glanashdale Falls. The Giants' Graves can also be accessed from the village. Whiting Bay has traditionally been known as the arts centre for the island.

**Kildonan** is a quiet little village at the south end of the island, overlooking the tiny island of Pladda. The shores at Kildonan are popular with seals and otters and 'Silver Sands' is one of the island's most beautiful beaches. Passing **Shannochie**, and right at the bottom of the island you will find **Kilmory**, home to the island's newest whisky distillery at Lagg. Kilmory also has a stunning beach - one of our best-kept secrets, so shhhh...

Moving up the west coast, you will come across **Slidery** and **Corriecravie**. These communities, along with those in Kilmory and Shiskine Valley, form the farming heartland of the island, and you can see rolling pastures alongside the sea cliffs as you travel north.

**Blackwaterfoot** is the largest community on the west of the island, and part of the area known as Shiskine Valley. The village hosts hotels, riding stables, golf, tennis and various local retailers and producers. Another lovely long beach can be accessed here, and you can walk along the shoreline to King's Caves.

The spread-out community of **Machrie** may be small, but the area is famed for its pre-history. As well as the famous Standing Stones on Machrie Moor, look out for the lesser known Auchengallon stones - and for the Druid Stone up at the Old Byre! There's also a lovely forest and cliff walk to King's Caves.

Moving farther north you will come to **Pirnmill**. This is the closest village to mainland Kintyre and you can see amazing sunsets over Kilbrannan Sound. You will pass through the little village of **Catacol**, with its famed Twelve Apostles, known locally as 'The Row', before coming into **Lochranza**, home to our second ferry terminal and the wonderful Lochranza Distillery (big sister to Lagg Distillery!). Lochranza Castle is also well worth exploring, and you can walk around the coastline here, down to Sannox via the Coastal Way.

**Sannox & Corrie** are twin villages - they share a village hall, a golf course and lots of community spirit! Look out for the seal on the rock at Corrie...



Massage therapies, reflexology,  
craniosacral therapy, sound  
therapy, herbal medicine, reiki,  
psychological services.  
See website for more.

[www.heatherlodge.scot](http://www.heatherlodge.scot)

Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ  
email: [info@heatherlodge.scot](mailto:info@heatherlodge.scot) tel: 01770 302 827

# family fun

Arran offers something for the whole family to enjoy and experience on our beautiful island.

Beaches, glens, restaurants, cafes and activities all cater for everyone, so you can be sure that the littlest, and the biggest, kids will be happy!

There's so many activities on Arran that families can enjoy together, or just chill as the rest of the family enjoy! Brodick Castle and Arran Heritage Museum are firm favourites offering both history, and opportunity for a wee play! Why not consider horseriding, kayaking, segways, farm tours or alpaca trekking?

Build castles with golden sand, go crabbing in little rock pools, or search shorelines for dinosaur footprints created thousands of years ago. There's even a new Arran Snorkel Trail that allows swimmers to see exactly what's under the sea!

If eating out at pubs, please be respectful of licensing laws which may request children to vacate premises by a certain time.

Sometimes on Arran of course, it rains - we wouldn't have such a lush stunning environment if it didn't! Remember it's only fairy rain - it's just sometimes they can be very big fairies...! Oh, and there's a playbarn at Auchrannie if you forget to pack the wellies!



## where to play...

### Arran Alpacas

T: 01770 465 095

### Arran Heritage Museum

T: 01770 302636

### Auchrannie Leisure

T: 01770 302234

### Bellevue Farm Tours

T: 01770 860251

### Brodick Castle

T: 01770 302202

### Cairnhouse Stables

T: 01770 860466

### COAST Marine Centre

T: 01770 600656

### Kinloch Leisure

T: 01770 860444

### Mini Golf

T: 01770 302272

### North Sannox Pony Trekking

T: 01770 810222

### Old Byre Visitor Centre

T: 01770 840227

### Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club

T: 01770 860226

### The Parks Disc Golf

Just turn up with a frisbee and play!

### The Playbarn

T: 01770 302234

# pets on hols!

When the family goes on holiday, we want to make sure you can take the whole family if you choose to.

For this reason, Arran welcomes your furry friends - just as much as we welcome you! Our businesses are very supportive of dogs, and you'll find pet-friendly accommodation, restaurants, cafes and bars and many offer water bowls and even doggy snacks. Of course, we recognise that this might not appeal to everyone, and we do try to cater for all tastes, so please respect that some eateries may offer designated seating areas.

Our stunning environment is perfect for dog walking, or horse riding (and livery can even be arranged). We would ask, however that you always keep your dog on a lead around livestock, because even the best behaved pooch can take off at speed when they see a sheep! The Scottish Outdoor Access Code offers lots of guidance and tips: [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/)

Beaches are great places to allow dogs to run free - however remember that in Spring, there are many ground-nesting birds, so again, a lead is advised. Ticks can be an issue so check after walks and just as a precaution, we hope you don't need it but if you do - Arran Vets number is 01770 302511

You can find out more details through our Pet Audit on the downloads page of our website: [www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip/useful-downloads](http://www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip/useful-downloads)



**Arran Vets Ltd,**  
Knowe Road,  
Brodick,  
Isle of Arran  
KA27 8BY.

**Tel 01770 302511**

By Appointment Only

email [admin@arranvets.co.uk](mailto:admin@arranvets.co.uk)  
website: [arranvets.co.uk](http://arranvets.co.uk) • Facebook: Arran Vets

# celebrations

What better place to celebrate your special occasion than on Arran.

Here you will feel the warmth of our island welcome you, and your loved ones, giving you beautiful memories that you can cherish forever. The island's rolling hills, sweeping glens and seascapes make the most dramatic setting for those all-important photos too.

There's a variety of premises waiting for your party! You might choose bespoke locations which cater specifically for such occasions, or a smaller village hall – and of course we have some lovely hotels too. Catering suggestions can be provided, or you may be able to have the venue arrange this in-house. Celebrants, florists, favours, balloons, photographers and cakes can all be arranged locally, so no need to bring all the whole kit and caboodle with you! Just bring yourselves, those you want to celebrate with and let the wonder of Arran take care of it all.

So whether it's weddings, anniversaries, or that big birthday, you will be able to celebrate in style on Arran with friends and family.

## who can help you?

### Arran Banner

T: 01770 302142

### Arran Botanical Drinks

T: 01770 302513

### Arran Gift Box Company

T: 0788 3302021

### Arran Sense of Scotland

T: 01770 302595

### Book and Card Centre

T: 01770 302288

### Harbour Shop

T: 01770 860215

### Lagg Distillery

T: 01770 830264

### Lochranza Distillery

T: 01770 830264

**Sarah Pomfret** - family celebrant & wedding planner

F: [www.facebook.com/SarahCelebrantArran/](https://www.facebook.com/SarahCelebrantArran/)

### The Boathouse at Dougarie

T: 01770 840259

Check out our ShopArran pages (**page 42**) for gift ideas

# wellness

Arran's natural beauty and environment will help recharge your batteries and refresh your mind.

Our wonderful natural environment supports a holistic approach to your wellness. Sometimes though, to enable us to reach complete wellness we might need a little extra help and on Arran there is a wide range of holistic treatments which help heal both body and mind.

From the minute you set foot on the ferry, you can take a deep breath and know you're on island time. Feel the benefits of art, sound and hypno therapies, hot stone massages, reiki, reflexology and many other fabulous treatments available all over Arran.

You can also get support with emotional and social factors, which have strong influences on your overall health. However, having a pampering massage, getting your hair done, or enjoying a manicure might be more your thing!

It always helps you to feel good inside when you treat yourself on the outside.... and we think you're worth it!

Pre-booking is always advisable for any treatments - though you might get lucky and get a drop-in appointment - just ask for availability.

## who to contact

### Aspa at Auchrannie Resort

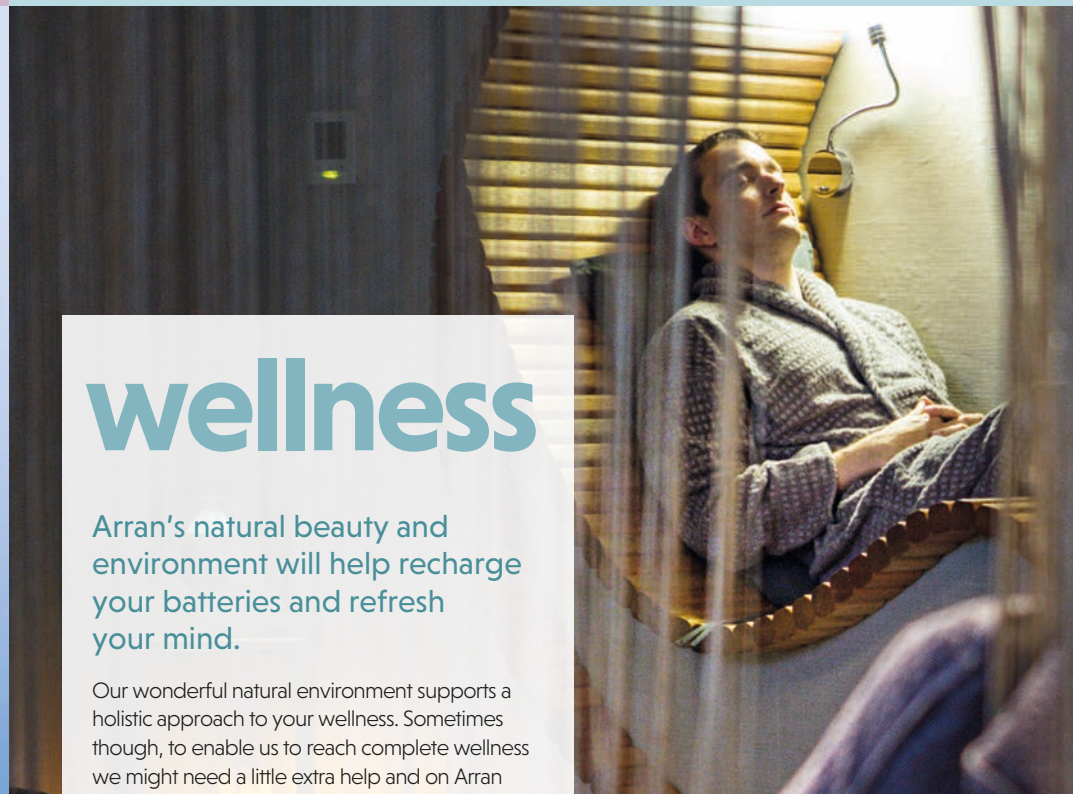
T: 01770 302234

### Heather Lodge Holistic Therapies

T: 01770 302827

### Soul to Sole Holistic Therapies

T: 01770 820636



# outdoors

We've said it before and we'll say it again, Arran has something for everyone!

Whether you're 8 or 80, Arran's beautiful environment will offer you endless opportunities to explore our island, see stunning views and amazing wildlife, and enjoy thrilling adventures. There's never enough time to do it all in one visit, so take your time and peruse our information.

And... if our fairy rain gets you (remember all our rainwater goes into our fabulous products, so we really like our fairies), there are also lots of indoor activities, such as Brodick Caste, Arran Heritage Museum and COAST Marine Interpretation Centre to explore.

## arran walking in general

Famous for its wonderful landscapes, nowhere else offers an environment quite like Arran. If you're looking for something less challenging than Arran's hills, there are lots of low level walks on Arran.

Although Arran has that special "wild" feeling, please remember that the land is all managed, and we would ask you to respect this by leaving no trace of your visit, and keeping your dogs on leads around livestock. Agriculture is an essential element of Arran's economy and deer stalking, as well as being an important income for the northern estates, helps maintain the ecological balance in the mountains. The land relies on everyone using the countryside for recreation, to act responsibly and follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, and if you are heading into the hills during the deer stalking season, please make use of the Hillphone facility - see page 66 for details.

Arran is working towards UNESCO recognition as a Geopark, and as part of this, various trails are being developed - to find out more check out [www.arrangeopark.co.uk](http://www.arrangeopark.co.uk). Forestry also covers a large part of our island, and there are some great tracks and trails to be found. Remember however, that forestry is a crop, like any other, so just be sure to avoid felling! Contact the local forestry office on 01770 302218 if you're in any doubt.

For more information on short strolls to more challenging hill walks visit - [www.walkhighlands.co.uk/arran](http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/arran)

The Arran Coastal Way is recognised as one of Scotland's Great Trails.

## coastal way

Supported (amongst others) by the Arran Trust, the Coastal Way is a continuous 67-mile route taking in many of the varied habitats that the island has to offer.

The Arran Coastal Way is recognised as one of Scotland's Great Trails, due in part to all the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes to develop and improve the path.

The route is mapped by waymarkers featuring a gannet. Most of the paths are well-walked and should be easily completed by the average walker. However, there are parts of the Coastal Way that are challenging where paths can be muddy, or boulder strewn. Others are only safely passable at low tide.

For more info check out [www.coastalway.co.uk](http://www.coastalway.co.uk) and if you'd like to support path developments on Arran visit [www.arran-access-trust.org.uk](http://www.arran-access-trust.org.uk), or donate to the Arran Trust - [www.arrantrust.org](http://www.arrantrust.org)

## be safe

Please remember that sensible walking shoes or boots and appropriate clothing should be worn/taken for all walks. A compass, Ordnance Survey map, whistle and mobile phone (which may not work in all areas) are recommended and essential for more adventurous outings.

## who to walk with...

**Arran Adventure**  
T: 01770 302234

**Arran Outdoor Education Centre**  
T: 01770 600532

**Lochranza Centre CIC**  
T: 01770 830637

**NTS Ranger Service**  
T: 01770 302462

**WalkArran**  
T: 07973 531412

**Wild Walks on Arran**  
T: 07825 644161



# SUP HIRE

EXPLORE OUR COASTLINE ONBOARD THE WORLDS #1 PADDLEBOARD BRAND red paddle.co

## DAILY AND WEEKLY RENTALS

BOARDS, EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES STOCKED IN STORE

SHARE YOUR MOMENTS #MAKEARRANACTIVE

BOOK ONLINE [ARRANACTIVE.CO.UK](http://ARRANACTIVE.CO.UK) **Arran Active** WATERSPORTS

# BELLEVUE FARM BY ARRAN

# FARM TOURS & EXPERIENCES

For latest events & booking information please visit [bellevue-arran.co.uk](http://bellevue-arran.co.uk)

Follow our latest news and offers [@bellevuefarmarran](https://twitter.com/bellevuefarmarran)

f i t

## cycling

All styles of cycling have become popular with local residents and visitors alike, as a consequence Arran now sees regular weekly riding from mountain bikers, road riders, gravel riders, commuters and e-bikers. It's important to remember that Arran's roads are unique. We have narrow winding roads, challenging hills, changeable road surfaces and steep descents – not to mention sheep and deer - it's a different road cycling experience! There are now half a dozen cycling clubs and groups on Arran, such as Arran Bike Club. They may all choosing slightly different styles of riding but all enjoying Arran's wonderful diversity, and visitors are welcome to join many sessions. Check out the cycling pages on our website for more details:

[www.visitarran.com/see-do/activities/cycling](http://www.visitarran.com/see-do/activities/cycling)

If you're coming in a club or group to circumnavigate the island, remember that you should make contact with CalMac Ferries as soon as possible, as bike spaces can be limited on certain sailings, and it's best to avoid disappointment - [www.calmac.co.uk](http://www.calmac.co.uk)

Remember also to travel in smaller groups, allowing backlog of traffic to pass whenever possible, which makes your cycle much more pleasant. VisitArran has an island Guide for Cyclists that you can download from our website [www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip/useful-downloads](http://www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip/useful-downloads)

Cycle hire is available in Brodick, and there's even e-bike hire - but do bear in mind that children under 10 years old may find many of Arran's trails and roads quite hard, so you might consider booking a private hire car to take you (and bikes) back if the whole family don't want to cycle home again!



## adventure

Arran is an adventure island - so why not challenge yourself and try something a bit different - have a go at kayaking, SUPing, or what about some open water swimming? It's not all about watersports though - you could try your hand at abseiling or canyoning!

Arran's hills are begging to be explored - and are well worth the effort. Always make sure you're well kitted out, and be sure to tell someone where you're going and when you expect to be back.

You can also traverse the island's varied terrain on Mogabout, the ultimate 16 seater 4 x 4 that can provide safe, stress-free access into the most remote mountainous and woodland areas of Arran. Perhaps you'd rather gallop a horse up a wild and scenic glen, or along a sandy beach with the sea spray in your face?

Whatever your adrenalin rush is - you'll have a great time on our outdoor adventure island!

## the adventure providers...

**Arran Active SUP Hire** W: [arranactive.co.uk](http://arranactive.co.uk)

**Arran Adventure** T: 01770 302234

**Arran Bike Hire** T: 01770 302377/07717 845755

**Arran Outdoor Education Centre**

T: 01770 600532

**Cairnhouse Stables** T: 01770 860466

**COAST - Arran Snorkel Trail**

T: 01770 600656

**Dive Arran** T: 07713 142214

**Kayak Arran** T: 07931 803799

**Lamlash Cruises** T: 07904 846765

**Lochranza Centre CIC** T: 01770 830637

**Mogabout Safari** T: 07799 555287

**North Sannox Pony Trekking** T: 01770 810222

**NTS Ranger Service** T: 01770 302462

**Otter's Tail Adventure** T: 01770 700590

**Ride Arran MTB** T: 07961505817

**Walk Arran** T: 07973 531412

**Wild Walks on Arran**

T: 01770 601339/07825 644161

## holy isle

Located off the picturesque Lamlash Bay, Holy Isle has an ancient spiritual heritage stretching back to the 6th century. Visitors are welcome all year round.

At the north of the island, there is the Centre for World Peace, where an ongoing retreat and course programme takes place during the season, which lasts from April to October. They also welcome guests to stay at the Centre for personal retreats or holiday breaks. A closed Buddhist retreat takes place at the south of the island.

You can easily visit Holy Isle for the day, and explore by foot. The island is divided into several areas, some of which are reserved for birds and animals, others for our native tree-planting programme. They request visitors to stay on the paths and not to take animals onto the island.

Holy Isle has Eriskay ponies, Soay sheep and Saanen goats all living wild on the island!



## ARRAN BIKE HIRE

At Arran Bike Hire we provide good quality hybrid, mountain, electric and kids bikes. We are located a short stroll from the ferry terminal between The Shore House and Arran Active.

Arran Bike Hire

Shore Road, Brodick, KA27 8AJ

T: 07375508144

E: [arranbikeshire@gmail.com](mailto:arranbikeshire@gmail.com)

[www.arranbikeshire.com](http://www.arranbikeshire.com)



# MOGABOUT

ARRAN SAFARI

### Coastal Tours

Whisky Tours  
Private Tours/Charter  
Island Tours



### Forest Tours

Forest Safari  
Private Hire/Charter  
Beach & Forrest



CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR TOUR

07799 555 287

info@mogabout.com




sea kayak

kayak sail

gorge walk

hillwalk

01770 700590

**Otter's Tail**  
adventures on Arran

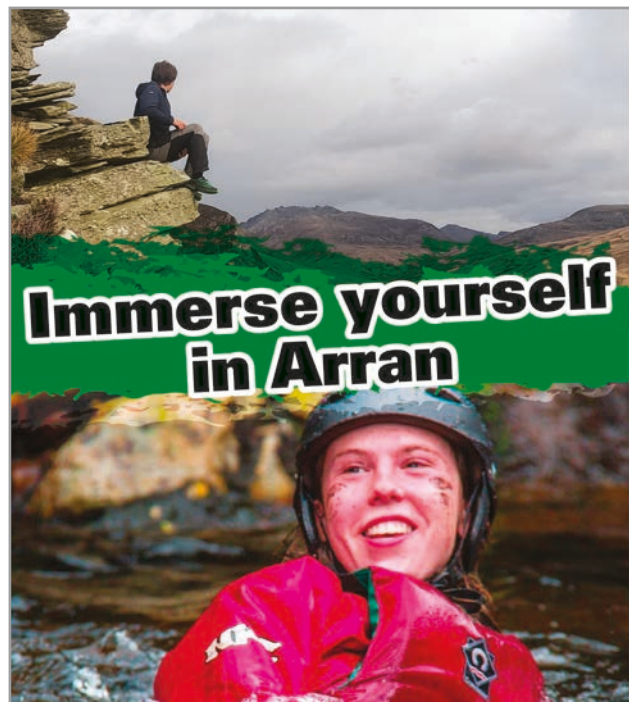
facebook.com/otterstailarran

instagram.com/otterstailarran

www.otterstail.co.uk  
info@otterstail.co.uk

explore ~ relax ~ challenge

friends ~ family ~ individuals



**LOCHRANZA CENTRE**  
ISLE OF ARRAN

**Family Activity Holidays**  
**Interest Holidays**  
**Group Accommodation**  
**Half Day Activity Sessions**

**Escape, learn and have some fun in a spectacular setting**

Phone: 01770 830637  
Email: info@lochranzacentre.co.uk  
www.lochranzacentre.co.uk  
www.facebook.com/lochranzacentre

# coast

From the moment you step aboard the ferry, a trip to Arran inextricably links you to the sea. Whether you are an ocean lover at heart, enjoy coastal walks to view seals and otters, or simply enjoy watching the waves crash onto the shore, Arran is the place to be!

For over 25 years, the people of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) have worked and battled hard to protect and restore the marine environment around Arran and the Firth of Clyde.

In 2008, our community were proud to establish the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone, a small area of the bay where any extraction of marine life is prohibited. It is a living laboratory and testament to how our ecosystem can recover when protected.

In 2016, the much larger South Arran Marine Protected Area was enforced, to protect sensitive seabed habitats from the impacts of unsustainable fishing methods. This 280km<sup>2</sup> area allows the recovery of valuable habitats, such as maerl beds (a pink, coralline seaweed) and seagrass (a vital carbon sink), that provide shelter, food and reproduction to hundreds of different species.

Today, COAST is recognised worldwide as one of the UK's leading community marine conservation organisations, enjoying widespread support on Arran and beyond. With help from the local community, COAST run Scotland's first community-led Marine Protected Area Visitor Centre, the COAST Discovery Centre, at the south end of Lamlash Green.



## Visit the COAST Discovery Centre

A unique opportunity to connect to the ocean, through interactive displays, videos and events. Taking centre stage are our catch and release marine tanks, filled with creatures from Arran's seas.

What will you discover?

Find us at the south end of Lamlash Green!

www.arrancoast.com  
01770 800 656



The Discovery Centre provides a unique opportunity to connect to our seas, through interactive displays and videos. Taking centre stage is a catch and release marine tank, filled with creatures from Arran's seas.

Visit the centre to shop for beautiful marine gifts or book on to one of COAST's infamous shore scrambles or snorkel taster sessions. You can play tennis by the sea or pitch up and putt at the recently re-established Lamlash putting. Enjoy a cold drink and Arran ice-cream, whilst the children enjoy watching our marine tank feeding sessions.

COAST also run a host of summer events, so come along to find out more about our seas and community.

Check out what's happening and support our work by visiting [www.arrancoast.com](http://www.arrancoast.com)



# golf on arran

Arran is Scotland's Golf Island and it's a golfer's paradise; but don't think these courses are all for novice players - they can offer a challenging game to any low handicapper.

Golfers of all abilities will be in seventh heaven – because there are seven (yes, seven) courses to play on Arran! There are three 18-hole courses (Brodick, Lamlash & Whiting Bay), two 9-hole courses (Machrie Bay and Corrie), one 11 hole par 3 pitch and putt (Lochranza) and the famous 12 holes at Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club.

Courses vary between parkland, such as Lamlash, to traditional links, such as at Brodick. Each course offers different challenges to the player, whether you're a scratch golfer or a complete novice. Be prepared for blind holes, stunning scenery and well maintained courses with views that will blow your mind!

Most clubs have excellent catering, either onsite or adjacent. Clubs and buggies can be hired and we recommend booking tee times, especially at busy times of the year. Some courses allow dogs and children may be able to enter for free when accompanied by a playing adult.

You can, of course play one round at all seven at a discounted rate with the fabulous Arran Golf Pass. Well worth considering, especially as it lasts 12 months, so you could split your golf over two Arran visits! Find out more at [www.golfonarran.com](http://www.golfonarran.com)

## Golf Courses:

<b>Brodick Golf Club</b> T: 01770 302349	<b>Machrie Bay Golf Club</b> T: 01770 840329
<b>Corrie Golf Club</b> T: 01770 810223	<b>Shiskine Golf &amp; Tennis Club</b> T: 01770 860226
<b>Lamlash Golf Club</b> T: 01770 600196	<b>Whiting Bay Golf Club</b> T: 01770 700487
<b>Lochranza Golf and Campsite</b> T: 01770 830273	

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
YOU CAN PLAY ALL SEVEN COURSES  
ON ARRAN WITH THE  
ARRAN GOLF PASS CHECK OUT  
[WWW.GOLFONARRAN.COM](http://WWW.GOLFONARRAN.COM)  
FOR DETAILS

## Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club

This unique, unspoiled 12-hole links course is set in magnificent scenery with splendid views over to the Mull of Kintyre. Online booking is available and we have a well stocked pro shop with clubs for hire.

Our Clubhouse is open to all and serves a warm welcome, with wonderful views, home baking and local produce.

Shore Road, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran, KA27 8HA  
Telephone: 01770 860 226 [www.shiskinegolf.com](http://www.shiskinegolf.com)

# ARRAN

## SCOTLAND'S GOLF ISLAND

## ARRAN GOLF PASS [www.golfonarran.com](http://www.golfonarran.com)

Inclusive ticket entitles the holder to one round on each of Arran's courses:

**Brodick** 18 holes  
**Lamlash** 18 holes  
**Whiting Bay** 18 holes  
**Shiskine** 12 holes  
**Machrie Bay** 9 holes  
**Corrie** 9 holes

**Lochranza** 11 hole par three

Valid 12 months from date of purchase

# arranology


As you will have gathered, we are rightly proud of our geology, archaeology, ecology, and botany and all of this combined goes to make up Arranology - a term initially construed by our colleague Stuart Blake from Lochranza. It sums up Arran perfectly.

Each aspect impacts on the other - without geology we wouldn't have our incredible rock formations; without those we wouldn't have communities created thousands of years ago; we wouldn't have the stunning natural environment and eco system that supports our flora, fauna and even our incredible produce.


You can find out more at the Arran Geopark hubs, Arran Heritage Museum, and also from Arran Rangers and others in the community itself.

Arranology is the melding and overlap of all of these things to create the beautiful and stunning island that we are proud to call home and that we are welcoming you to embrace. Enjoy your Arran-time, do some exploring, and become an Arranologist!





## The Isle of Arran Heritage Museum



**On the main road just north of Brodick**

<p><b>SOCIAL HISTORY</b></p> <p><b>VIKINGS</b></p> <p><b>GENEALOGY</b></p> <p><b>GEOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>ARCHAEOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>CHILDRENS QUIZ</b></p> <p><b>ARCHIVES</b></p> <p><b>PLAY HUT</b></p> <p><b>19th CENTURY COTTAGE</b></p>	<p>Shop Waterside Gardens Picnic Area</p> <p>Visit the Café for delicious freshly prepared food</p> <p>Open March - October EVERY DAY 10.30am - 4.30pm</p> <p>(Check Website for Winter Opening Hours)</p> <p><small>Rosburn, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DP Tel: 01770 302636 Email: info@arranmuseum.co.uk www.arranmuseum.co.uk</small></p>
--	--



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
WE HAVE AT LEAST  
TWO WHITE DEER ON ARRAN -  
THEY'RE VERY SPECIAL

# the island

## at a glance

### Approx driving times between villages clockwise

Brodick - Lamlash	10 mins
Lamlash - Whiting Bay	10 mins
Whiting Bay - Kildonan	10 mins
Kildonan - Kilmory	20 mins
Kilmory - Blackwaterfoot	20 mins
Blackwaterfoot - Machrie	10 mins
Machrie - Pirmill	10 mins
Pirmill - Lochranza	10 mins

### Counterclockwise from Brodick

Brodick - Corrie	15 mins
Corrie - Sannox	5 mins
Sannox - Lochranza	15 mins

### West-East

Blackwaterfoot - Brodick (via B880 String Road)	20 mins
--	---------

### From further afield



Standing Stones, Machrie



### The Arran Defib Project

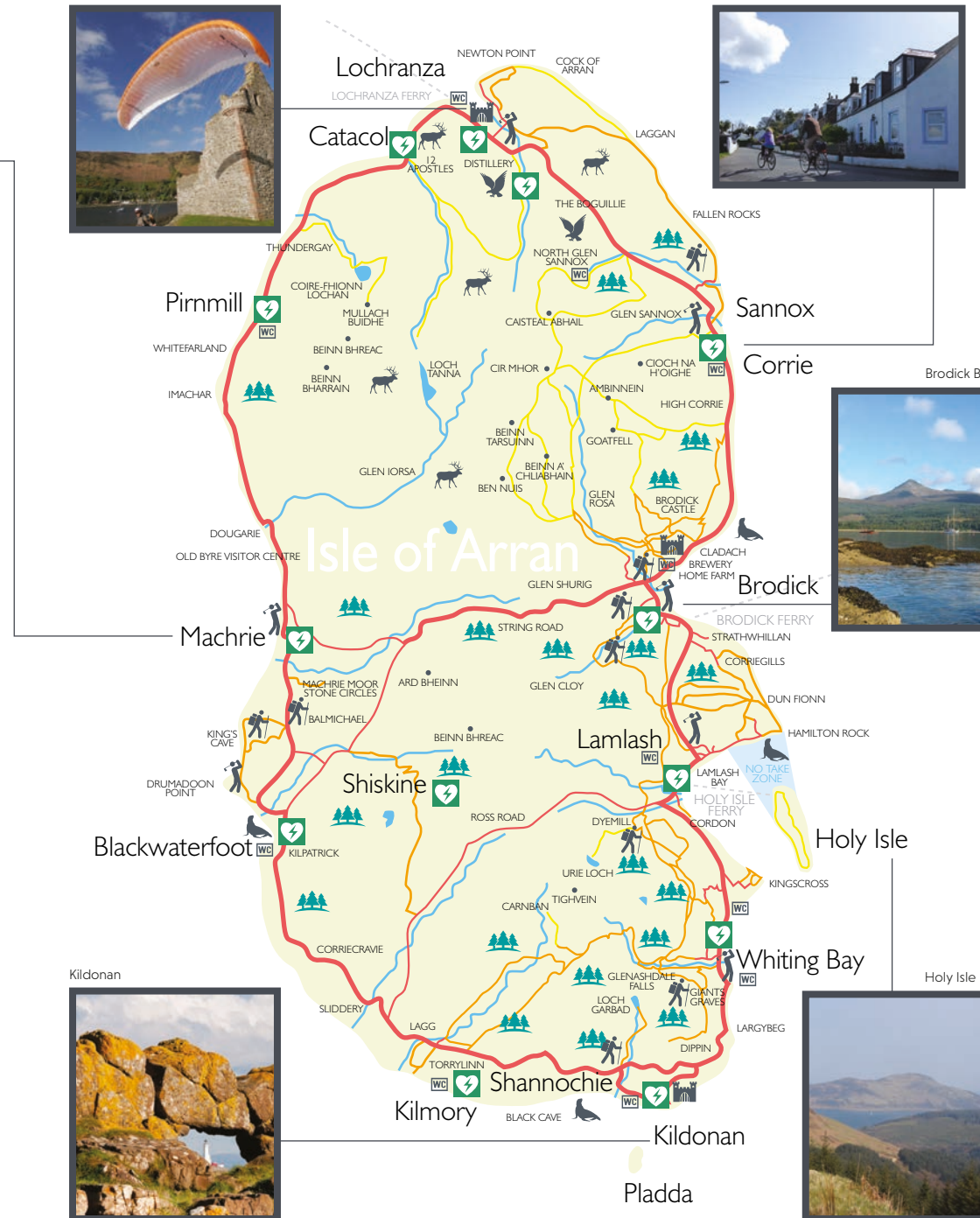
The Arran Defib Project was started in 2012 with the aim of getting at least one Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) in every village. To date CPAD's can be found in the following locations

- Lochranza** Lochranza Distillery  
Lochranza Ferry Terminal
- Pirmill** Pirmill Village Shop  
(in the old red telephone box)
- Machrie** Machrie Village Hall  
and tearoom (on the back wall)
- Shiskine**  
Shiskine Doctors Surgery  
Shiskine Village Hall
- Blackwaterfoot** Kinloch Hotel  
Shiskine Golf Club
- Kilmory** Kilmory Village Hall
- Kildonan** Kildonan Village Hall
- Whiting Bay** Bay Wool & Crafts  
Sandbraes Public Toilets
- Lamlash** Lifeboat Station  
COAST at the tennis courts
- Brodick** Arran Active  
(wall facing Little Rock)  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Auchrannie Spa  
Brodick Castle Visitors Centre  
Ormidale Pavilion
- Corrie and Sannox**  
Corrie and Sannox Village Hall  
Corrie Golf Club, Sannox

Lochranza Castle



Corrie



Brodick Bay



### key

- ROADS
- TRACKS & TRAILS
- MOUNTAIN PATHS
- RIVERS
- GOLF COURSES
- CASTLES
- SUGGESTED WALKS
- WILDLIFE
- FORESTS
- PUBLIC TOILETS
- DEFIBRILLATORS

Kildonan



Holy Isle



# creative arran

Arran's landscapes, and colours are inspirational for all art mediums, whether it be visual, music or drama orientated, and local artisans can be found in most villages.

The talents and skills that are demonstrated are worthy of great appreciation, and if you want to take a little piece of Arran home, look out for paintings, knitting, jewellery, felting, sculptures from fused glass, and ceramics, just to mention a few!

Although we do have some galleries on Arran, many artists work and sell their works from home. Arran Art Trail presents a unique opportunity to visit these creative studios, workshops & venues around the island: [www.arranarttrail.com/](http://www.arranarttrail.com/)

Iconic artists such as Joan Eardley, Hugh Purdie, Mary Armount, William McTaggart and George Edwards Hering all had long established Arran connections. Twenty key locations have been identified to establish an island wide Arran Arts Heritage Trail which aims to celebrate and document Arran's rich cultural arts heritage for current and future generations, and is an amazing and inexhaustible resource. [www.arranartsheritagetrail.com](http://www.arranartsheritagetrail.com)

Have a good look for local artisan products and displays - and check out some of the live performances on in local halls and pubs. Posters are usually in local shops and the Arran Banner (our local paper) is a good source for information!

## drama and music

As a small island, Arran is extremely creative in terms of performing arts. The one-act competitive Arran Drama Festival is held annually in Spring, and clubs involved are both junior and senior. Although competitive, the camaraderie and support amongst the friendly clubs is obvious.

Isle of Arran Music Festival is held in Whiting Bay, usually at the end of March, with adjudicated classes for school pupils and adults alike. This festival comprises verse speaking, music, singing and even

country dancing - with even the youngest school pupils doing their pas de bas!

The McLellan Arts Festival is held annually each Autumn, in celebration of the life of Scots playwright and poet, Robert McLellan OBE (1907-1985). Robert lived at High Corrie, wrote in Scots language and based many of his works on Arran. The festival includes all aspects of performance art.

There are often one-off drama, poetry or music performances in halls, pubs and at island events, so it's worth checking out the Arran Banner for a full list of what's on. Dates for all the main festivals are on our website.

## visual arts

Just some of our talented Artists....

**Andrew Surridge Photography & Workshops**

T: 01770 700275

**Angela Elliott-Walker, Artist**

T: 01770 302220

**Ann Hume, Jewellery T: 07975 589432**

**Arran Art Gallery T: 01770 700250**

**Arran Arts Heritage Trail**

W: [arranartsheritagetrail.com](http://arranartsheritagetrail.com)

**Arran Art Trail T: 01770 302220**

**Arran Studio T: 01770 700599**

**Bay Wool & Crafts T: 01770 700481**

**Iconic Reserve Art T: 0780 1234588**

**Island Porcelain T: 01770 600919**

**Jess Macdonald Brass, Jewellery**

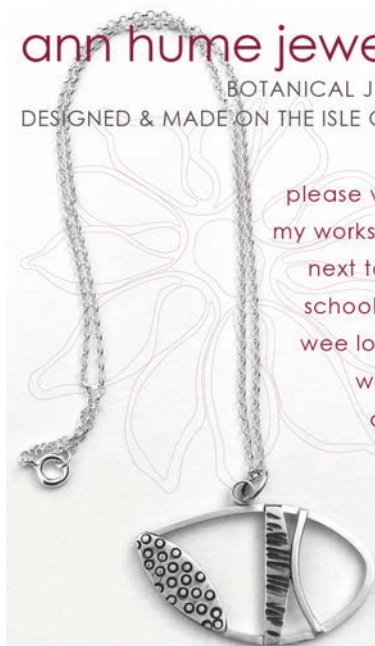
T: 07961 866255

**Lynn's Art on Arran T: 01770 700542**

**Studio Softbox, Filming & Creativity**

T: 0775 2942803

ann hume jewellery  
BOTANICAL JEWELLERY  
DESIGNED & MADE ON THE ISLE OF ARRAN



please visit me in  
my workshop - just  
next to brodick  
school - have a  
wee look on my  
website for  
directions

07975589432

[www.annhumejewellery.co.uk](http://www.annhumejewellery.co.uk)





## ARRAN ARTS HERITAGE TRAIL

*Exploring Arran's  
landscapes through the  
eyes of iconic artists*






BRODICK HERITAGE MUSEUM GLEN SHURIG GLEN ROSA GOATFELL BRODICK CASTLE  
CORRIE GLEN SANNOX LOCHRANZA CATACOL MACHRIE BLACKWATERFOOT KILDONAN  
WHITING BAY KINGSCROSS LAMLASH HOLY ISLE CLAUCHLANDS THE VIEWPOINT

[www.arranartsheritagetrail.com](http://www.arranartsheritagetrail.com)

# Arran Art Gallery



An ever-changing mixed exhibition of quality original art, artist prints, photography, glasswork, ceramics, sculpture, textiles and jewellery from over 80 established and emerging artists.



Nick Giles



Pam Carter



Philip Raskin



Lin Pattullo



Nick Giles



Emma Davis



Will Shakespeare



Nick Giles

# Arran Art Gallery



### Visit

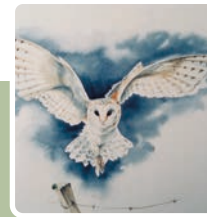
Shore Road, Whiting Bay  
(200m south of the village shops)  
We look forward to seeing you!

### Opening hours

10am-5pm,  
7 days a week,  
all year round.

### Keep in touch

w: [arranartgallery.com](http://arranartgallery.com)  
e: [info@arranartgallery.com](mailto:info@arranartgallery.com)  
t. 01770 700250



Chris Mills



Nancy Turnbull



Kevin Fleming



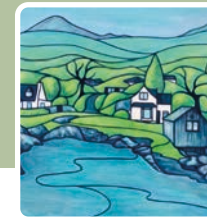
Gordon Wilson



Helen Acklam



Dorte Pape



Angela Elliott-Walker



Pauline Montgomery

# mainland getaways



## explore argyll

It only takes 30 minutes to reach Kintyre via the 'wee boat' that sails to Claonaig from Lochranza in the summer months. As a base this is a great way to explore Argyll by car – but remember that ferries can be busy during summer months! From here you can easily head north to Oban; south to Campbeltown or even visit the lovely wee Isle of Gigha!

If you fancy a nice wee jaunt by foot, it's just under 3 miles to walk along the coast to Skipness Castle – and if you go between May and September, you might just be lucky enough to visit the famous seafood cabin, where you can enjoy freshly caught fish and shellfish – delicious!

## jaunt with the coig?

The Coig (#TheCoig) offers five touring routes, of which #TheArran is one! The other routes include The Bute, The Cumbrae, The Shire and The Shiel, offering scope to explore Ayrshire with a little bit of Inverclyde and Argyll too!

Perhaps you might enjoy a cultural visit to Brodick Castle's sister National Trust for Scotland property – Culzean Castle & Country Park? Dean Castle in Kilmarnock and Kelburn up at Largs are also well worth a visit. Ayrshire is also home to the fabulous Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine – lots to see and do down there!

Check out [www.thecoig.com](http://www.thecoig.com) for lots of inspiration.



# did you know?

- From the top of Goatfell on a clear day you can see right down to Snowdonia!
- If you buy an Arran Card, you can use this at nearly 60 outlets, including accommodation, retail, activity and attractions! [www.arrancard.com](http://www.arrancard.com)



- Arran has seven primary schools and just one secondary school. See if you can spot them as you travel around the island.
- All of Scotland's Big Five can be seen on Arran, and in some villages, all within the one walk! So look out for red deer, golden eagles, harbour seals, otters and red squirrels – but you might also spot basking sharks, dolphins, porpoises, and minke whales at certain times of the year too!
- Red deer are abundant on Arran, and we also have a couple of white deer! If a white deer appeared it was supposed to signal a death in the Hamilton dynasty. The white deer of Arran are actually red deer that are white – the result of a genetic condition which makes them very

unique. Keep your eyes peeled and see if you can spot one!

- We love our swings on Arran – you might spot some as you travel around, particularly up the West Coast
- The twelve apostles has thirteen chimneys! Decoration? Or just one lucky house?!
- You can play 95 holes of golf on just one ticket! Check out [www.golfonarran.com](http://www.golfonarran.com) for details.
- The Arran Coastal Way is 67 miles long – but the road around the island is only 56 miles – even with all the twists and turns!
- Arran has loads of geocaches – all you need is a GPS tracker on your phone, a good understanding of the clues and you can head off on your own island treasure hunt! Check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)



# shoparran

We offer a niche welcoming and inspiring retail experience on Arran.

Treat yourself and take something home with you that reflects your fabulous Arran experience. You won't find any chain stores - instead you'll find yourself browsing shops with stunning handcrafted products, nautical treasures, practical walking shorts, comfy designer knits, soft sheepskin rugs, tasty food or amazing aromatics. Go on, you deserve it - and you won't be stuck for a gift to take home for the neighbours either!

Treat yourself - or a friend - to a little piece of Arran; this might be a piece of hand made silver jewellery, beautiful pottery or some delicious cheese, coffee or beer! To make it even easier to shop, we've got the ArranCard, a prepaid gift card that can be used

at almost 60 businesses island-wide! It's also going digital so no need for paper vouchers anymore - just check out [www.arrancard.com](http://www.arrancard.com) for more details and enjoy!

Local grocery shops island-wide offer a fantastic range of supplies, from local milk and breads to cleaning and household items, so no need to bring any supplies with you. But then a shop is not just a shop on Arran. Be prepared to get your groceries in the village post office; or your hardware at the local paper shop or post a letter at the newsagents - be sure and have a chat to the staff who can offer advice, suggestions and a bit of craic!

## where to shop

### ■ Island-Wide

#### Iconic Reserve Art

T: 0780 1234588

### ■ Blackwaterfoot

**Arran Butcher** T: 01770 860354

**Blackwaterfoot Post Office** T: 01770 860220

**Harbour Shop** T: 01770 860215

**Jess MacDonald Brass, Jewellery** T: 07961 866255

**On a Roll** T: 01770 860220

### ■ Brodick

**Ad Astra** T: 01770 302400

**Angela Elliott-Walker, Artist** T: 01770 303906

**Ann Hume Jewellery** T: 07975 589432

**ArCaS Charity Shop** T: 01770 302928

**Arran Active** T: 01770 302113

**Arran Brewery** T: 01770 302353

**Arran Cheese Shop** T: 01770 302788

**Arran Gift Box Company** T: 07883 302021

**Arran Sense of Scotland** T: 01770 303003

**Auchrannie Shop** T: 01770 302234

**Book & Card Centre** T: 01770 302288

**Driftwood Arran** T: 01770 303970

**Isle of Arran Coffee Co.** W: [arrancoffee.com](http://arrancoffee.com)

**Red Door** T: 01770 303549

**Taste of Arran Shop & Mini Golf** T: 01770 302272

**The Byre at Brodick** T: 01770 840227

**Wooleys of Arran** T: 01770 302280

### ■ Lagg

**Lagg Distillery** T: 01770 870565

**The Honesty Box** T: 01770 870526

### ■ Lamlash

**Chameleon Ladies' Boutique** T: 01770 600201

**Island Porcelain** T: 01770 600919

**Janelles** T: 01770 600723

### ■ Lochranza

**Lochranza Distillery** T: 01770 830264

### ■ Machrie

**Old Byre Showroom** T: 01770 840227

**The Shoe Bothy** T: 01770 840227

### ■ Whiting Bay

**Arran Art Gallery** T: 01770 700250

**Arran Studio** T: 01770 700599

**Bay Kitchen & Stores** T: 01770 700229

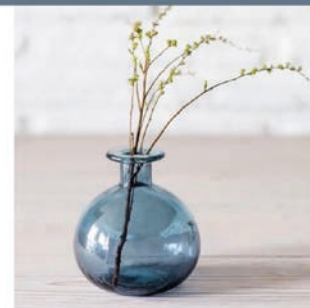
**Bay Wool & Crafts** T: 01770 700481

**Eco Savvy** T: 01770 700417



## driftwood

GIFTS FOR YOUR HOME AND FOR YOU



Ceramics candles & toiletries • Locally made jewellery • Gifts

Come and visit us at our shop on  
Shore Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ  
01770 303 970 • [driftwoodarran@hotmail.com](mailto:driftwoodarran@hotmail.com)

@driftwoodarran  
 Driftwood Gift Shop Arran



## Coffee Roastery & Shop



Our wee shop (aka The Coffee Lab), along with our 10kg roaster, has a selection of coffees for you to take home and enjoy (including freshly ground coffee), and with a selection of coffee gear - cafetieres, stove top pots, V60's, mugs & cups.

The Coffee Lab is open to the public and we look forward to welcoming you. Each day we will have 3 to 4 coffees for you to sample. So why not come visit?

Find us on: [www.facebook/arrancoffee](http://www.facebook/arrancoffee)

Duchess Court, Home Farm, Brodick KA27 8DD

[www.arrancoffee.com](http://www.arrancoffee.com)

# Arran Active

**MORE THAN AN OUTDOOR SHOP**  
Discover a wide range of casual clothing, swimwear, accessories and essentials

**FOR THE HILLS AND THE BEACH**  
Explore one of the largest ranges of outdoor gear on the West Coast of Scotland. From jackets to wetsuits, we have you covered

**INDEPENDENT**  
Family owned and truly independent with expert local staff on hand 7 days a week to help you choose the very best outdoor gear for your next adventure

## FORGOT YOUR ESSENTIALS?

ORDER ONLINE AND COLLECT IN STORE

**ARRANACTIVE.CO.UK**  
FREE UK DELIVERY WHEN YOU SPEND £80 OR MORE ONLINE

**MERRELL** DARE 2B

**Jack Wolfskin**

**SPRAY WAY**

**sherpa**

**Hogs of Fife**

**KEEN**

**MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT**

**REGATTA GREAT OUTDOORS**

**HI-TEC**

**red**

**weird fish**

**nomads**

**PARAMO**  
DIRECTIONAL CLOTHING



01770 302113  
enquiries@arranactive.co.uk  
Shore Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran  
KA27 8AJ

**Craghoppers**

**cotopaxi**

**MONTANE**  
FURTHER. FASTER.

**TRESPASS**

**SCARPA**  
WE POLICE OUR FEET

**HH**

**Rab**

**PETZL**

**O'NEILL**

**rieker**

**DOLOMITE**  
1897

## Isle of Arran Cheese Shop

Watch the CHEESE being made

Sample the produce

At Home Farm Visitors Centre  
Beside Arran Aromatics

**Buy cheese & hampers online at**  
**www.ARRANCHEESE.com**

## BAY WOOL & CRAFTS

Bay Wool & Crafts in Whiting Bay have the largest selection of Arran-themed, handmade goods produced by local craftspeople.

Also a wide selection of wool, plus knitting, embroidery and crochet accessories, buttons, threads, ribbon and haberdashery.

**Tel: 01770 700481**

**www.baywoolcrafts.co.uk**

Search **Bay Wool & Crafts** on Facebook and Instagram for more info and upcoming events

## THE ARRAN BUTCHER

Harbour View,  
Blackwaterfoot,  
Isle of Arran  
KA27 8EZ  
01770 860 354

Award winning family run butchers

We offer an extensive selection of quality meats including traditional cuts of naturally reared beef, pork and lamb. We also have a fantastic selection of fresh fish and an ever-growing range of homemade produce including our own steak pies, sausage rolls, black pudding and traditional haggis.

Free deliveries available island wide.

**www.thearranbutcher.com**



## Big Tastes from our small island

All Taste of Arran products are made on the island using as many natural and locally sourced ingredients as possible, by people who care passionately about the wonderful environment in which they live and work.

Look out for our great range of locally produced food and drink in shops and restaurant menus both on the island and further afield.



☎ 01770 302 374

📌 tasteofarran

✉ info@taste-of-arran.co.uk

📱 @tastearran

[taste-of-arran.co.uk](http://taste-of-arran.co.uk)

# Chameleon LADIES' BOUTIQUE



28 HAMILTON TERRACE  
LAMLASH, ISLE OF ARRAN  
01770 600201

[WWW.CHAMELEONARRAN.COM](http://WWW.CHAMELEONARRAN.COM)

OPENING HOURS

MON-SAT 10:30 AM - 5 PM  
(CLOSED MONDAYS IN WINTER)

Find us on

## Old Byre Visitor Centre

Proud to be a family business since 1967

Machrie, Isle of Arran KA27 8EB

01770 840227 [www.oldbyre.co.uk](http://www.oldbyre.co.uk)



### OLD BYRE SHOWROOM

Quality knitwear, sustainable fashion brands, accessories, UK wool throws, leather and sheepskin



### THE SHOE BOTHY

Arran's new shoe shop from pre walkers to pensioners, shoe measuring service. Extensive range.



### CAFE THYME

Teas, coffees, home baking, delicious lunches from our wood burning oven and salads grown on site.

Outdoor play area with stunning views.



Or visit our smaller shop **THE BYRE AT BRODICK** for a taster.

# food and drink

What can we say about Arran's amazing produce that hasn't already been said? If Arran is "Scotland in Miniature", then it goes without saying that we're Scotland's food & drink in miniature too!

Fact. You will be hard pressed to find a more varied selection of food and drink (much of it locally produced), anywhere in Scotland.

Cafés offer delicious home baking with the aroma of freshly ground coffee, whilst restaurants - and pubs - can have menus with creative fine dining choices. For those wishing take away, there are also various high quality 'take out' options.

With such an incredible palate to tempt your tastebuds, you would be forgiven for purchasing some of our food to take home and remind you of your Arran-time, or perhaps as a wee gift for the people who weren't able to come with you - well, this time anyway!



## where to eat

### ■ Arran-wide

**Number 16 Arran Pop Ups** T: 07957 423615

### ■ Blackwaterfoot/Shiskine

**Blackwaterfoot Lodge** T: 01770 860202

**Kilbrannan Restaurant, Kinloch Hotel**  
T: 01770 860444

**On A Roll** T: 01770 860220

**The Tee Room and Clubhouse Grill**  
T: 01770 860777

### ■ Brodick

**Arran Botanical Drinks** T: 01770 302513

**Brambles Seafood + Grill** T: 01770 302234

**Brodick Bar and Brasserie** T: 01770 302169

**Brodick Castle Tearoom** T: 01770 302202

**Café Rosaburn, Arran Heritage Museum**  
T: 01770 302636

**Cruise Bar Brasserie** T: 01770 302234

**Douglas Hotel Bistro** T: 01770 302968



Proud to be rated in the top 5 Scottish island restaurants. We cook fresh using premium local produce. We bake our own bread, cure our own salmon and all our delicious desserts are made by our pastry chef.

Open 7 days. Arran beer on draft. Fine range of malt whisky.

Stunning cocktails. A warm family welcome awaits.

**Brodick Bar & Brasserie, Alma Road KA27 8BU**

**01770 302169** [www.brodickbar.co.uk](http://www.brodickbar.co.uk)



.....  
No visit to Arran would be complete without experiencing a 'Taste of Arran'.  
.....



### ■ eighteen69 Scottish Tapas

T: 01770 302234

**Hunters Coffee Shop** T: 01770 302211

**Little Rock** T: 01770 303886

**Ormidale Hotel** T: 01770 302293

**The Parlour** T: 01770 303823

**The Wineport** T: 01770 302101

**Wooleys of Arran Takeaway**

T: 01770 302280

### ■ Corrie

**Corrie Hotel** T: 01770 810273

**Mara Fish Bar & Deli** T: 01770 810226

### ■ Kilmory

**Lagg Distillery** T: 01770 830264

**Lagg Hotel** T: 01770 870255

**Velo Café** T: 01770 87025

### ■ Lamlash

**Glenisle Bistro** T: 01770 600559

**Lamlash Bay Hotel** T: 01770 600844

**Old Pier Tearoom** T: 01770 600249

**The Drift Inn** T: 01770 600608

**The Pierhead Tavern** T: 01770 600418

**Wooleys of Arran Takeaway**

T: 01770 600676

### ■ Lochranza

**Casks @ Isle of Arran Distillery**

T: 01770 830264

### ■ Machrie

**Café Thyme** T: 01770 840227

### ■ Whiting Bay

**Bay Kitchen & Stores** T: 01770 700229

**The Shore** T: 01770 700161



ARRAN BOTANICAL DRINKS

Relax, sip and enjoy a genuinely unique experience on Arran. Join us at our Cladach beach-front production HQ for tasting sessions, fireside cocktails, shop and bar.

Arran Botanical Drinks, Cladach Beach House, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DE

T: 01770 302513

E: info@arranbotanicaldrinks.com  
www.arranbotanicaldrinks.com

# THE DRIFT INN



## THE DRIFT INN

Situated in the heart of Lamlash looking across the bay to breathtaking views of The Holy Isle; The Drift Inn's seafood and grill menu is an unmissable treat for all the senses.

Shore Road, Lamlash, Isle of Arran, KA27 8JN  
T: 01770 600608  
E: thedriftinn@outlook.com

[www.driftinnarran.com](http://www.driftinnarran.com)

## Microclimate, maximum taste!

Arran's unique microclimate provides the perfect conditions for the island's happy cows to graze. Their naturally rich and creamy milk is then carefully churned in our small dairy beside Brodick Bay, to create our distinctive dairy ice cream.

To discover where you can find our delicious ice cream on Arran (and beyond) check out the 'Our Stockists' map on our website at [arranicecream.co.uk/flavours](http://arranicecream.co.uk/flavours)



Follow our adventures at @arranicecream

# CROFTERS



*Experiences to nourish body and soul*

[croftersarran.com](http://croftersarran.com)

## CROFTERS ARRAN

Relaxed, cosy bistro with an alfresco dining area on Brodick shore. Seasonal menu with local produce and Scottish craft drinks selection.



## CROFTERS LARDER

Artisan larder staples made from island-grown ingredients, using traditional preservation methods. Pickles, condiments, ferments and more available at Crofters and online.



## CROFTERS MUSIC

Roots, folk, traditional, Americana, gypsy jazz, contemporary... Live acoustic music has always been at the heart of Crofters, with performances in the bistro and online.



## CROFTERS CRUISES

Taking Crofters afloat in the stunning waters of the Firth of Clyde. The best of Scottish hospitality on our traditional Dutch sailing barge, Volharding.



## CROFTERS STILL

One-of-a-kind beverages, using wild fruits, botanicals and "waste" produce from the local area. Spirits, liqueurs and cordials - available in-house and online.



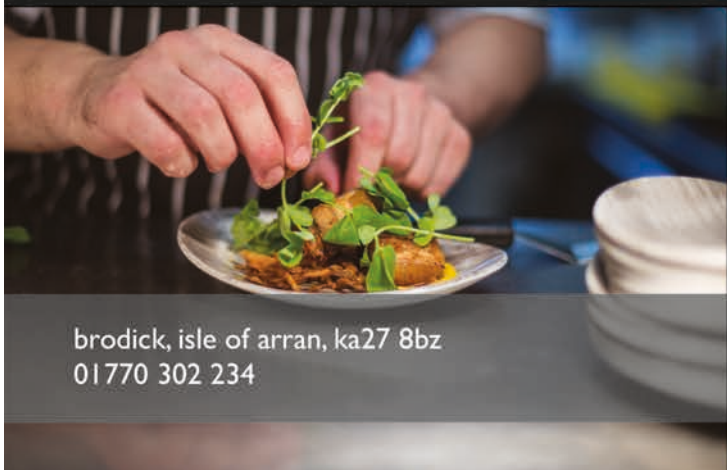
SHORE ROAD, BRODICK, ISLE OF ARRAN KA27 8AJ. TEL: 01770 302 579  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE. [CROFTERSARRAN.COM](http://CROFTERSARRAN.COM)





auchrannie  
resort

a wide range of accommodation, restaurants, bars, leisure facilities,  
outdoor adventure, spa, kids playbarn and more.....  
open all year round to overnight guests and island visitors



brodick, isle of arran, ka27 8bz  
01770 302 234



www.auchrannie.co.uk  
info@auchrannie.co.uk



**Kinloch Arran** *2 night Summer Break*

**£77.50 per person per night!**

- 2 nights bed and breakfast in a sea facing room
- Dinner on the first night of your stay (£25 food allocation per person)

Call 01770 860 444 to book "summer 22" • Terms & Conditions Apply • Minimum 2 night stay (Valid 1st May '22 to 30th September '22)



01770 860 444 | www.kinloch-arran.com | reservations@kinlocharran.co.uk | Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran, KA27 8ET

*Escape, Unwind, Enjoy...*




[www.cottagesonarran.co.uk](http://www.cottagesonarran.co.uk)  
[info@cottagesonarran.co.uk](mailto:info@cottagesonarran.co.uk)



**Cottages on Arran**

WE ARE A VISITARRAN PARTNER

2021-2022



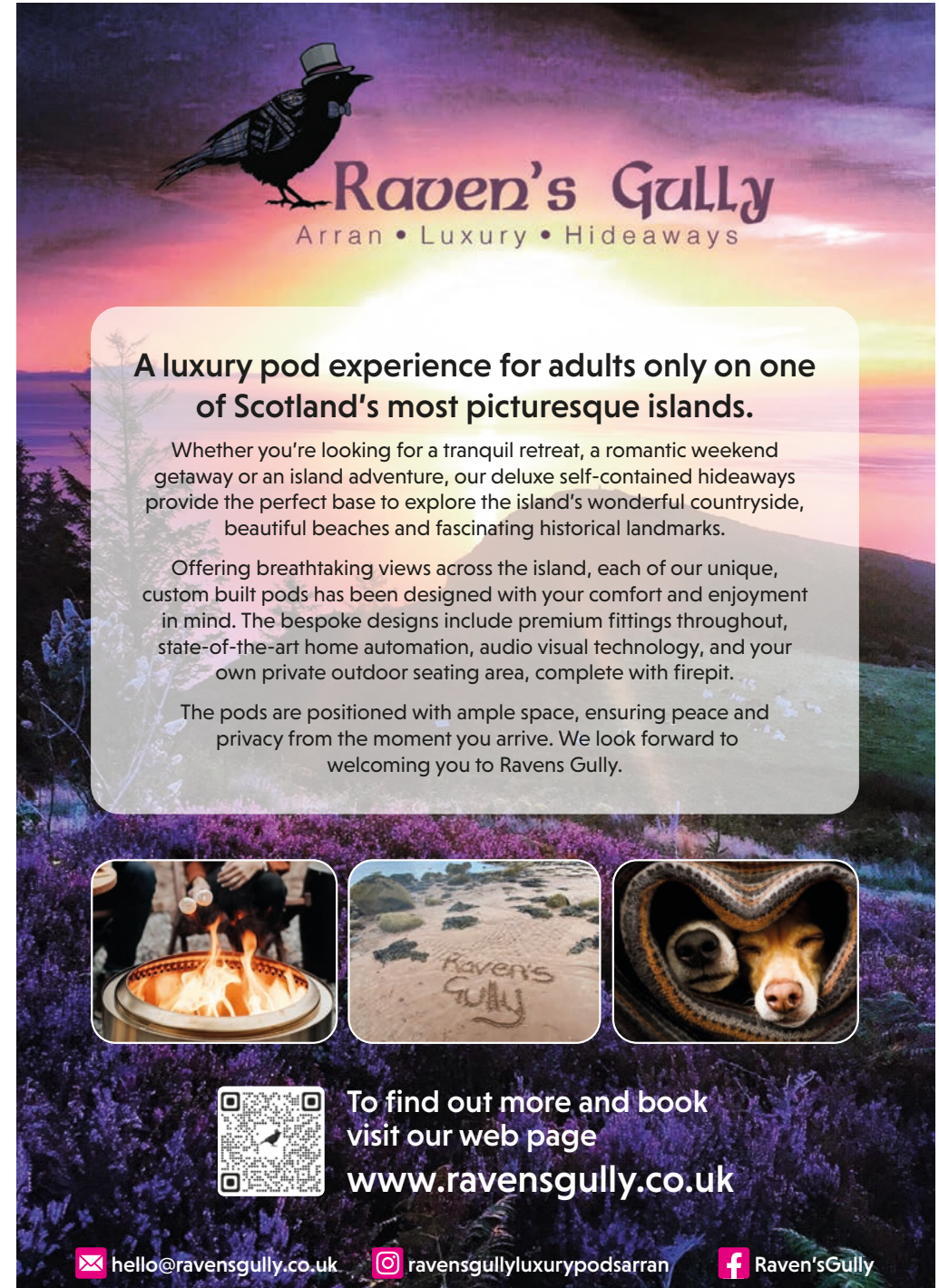
#ArranWelcome #WeAreArran





stripe  
SECURE PAYMENTS

check our [www.cottagesonarran.co.uk/arran-webcam](http://www.cottagesonarran.co.uk/arran-webcam)




**Raven's Gully**  
Arran • Luxury • Hideaways


**A luxury pod experience for adults only on one of Scotland's most picturesque islands.**




Whether you're looking for a tranquil retreat, a romantic weekend getaway or an island adventure, our deluxe self-contained hideaways provide the perfect base to explore the island's wonderful countryside, beautiful beaches and fascinating historical landmarks.

Offering breathtaking views across the island, each of our unique, custom built pods has been designed with your comfort and enjoyment in mind. The bespoke designs include premium fittings throughout, state-of-the-art home automation, audio visual technology, and your own private outdoor seating area, complete with firepit.

The pods are positioned with ample space, ensuring peace and privacy from the moment you arrive. We look forward to welcoming you to Ravens Gully.




 To find out more and book visit our web page  
[www.ravensgully.co.uk](http://www.ravensgully.co.uk)

 [hello@ravensgully.co.uk](mailto:hello@ravensgully.co.uk)
 [ravensgullyluxurypodsarran](https://www.instagram.com/ravensgullyluxurypodsarran)
 [Raven's Gully](https://www.facebook.com/Raven'sGully)



# glenisle

HOTEL & RESTAURANT | Isle of Arran



## Scottish Islands Romantic Hotel of the Year



*Come and try* our award winning restaurant & bar

The Glenisle Hotel has been at the heart of the charming village of Lamlash since 1849.

The hotel looks directly across the sea to the majestic Holy Isle in certainly one of the most spectacular settings on this beautiful island.

Since major refurbishment in 2020, the Glenisle Hotel & Restaurant has established a reputation throughout Scotland for its warm stylish ambience and its great, relaxed atmosphere.



- 13 Uniquely Designed Rooms
- Recently Refurbished
- Beautiful 180 Degree Views
- Lunch & Drinks Terrace

- Cosy Lounge With An Open Fire
- Delicious Food And Drinks
- Free WiFi / Internet
- Electric Vehicle Charging Point

- Breakfast
- Brunch
- Lunch
- Afternoon Tea
- Dinner
- Tea & Coffee
- Freshly Baked Goods
- Live Music
- Cocktails
- Local Beer & Whisky

Follow us



For all reservations call  
**01770 600559**

or book online at  
[www.glenislehotel.com](http://www.glenislehotel.com)



**Hunters Guest House** is located on the shorefront, close to the ferry terminal, shops and restaurants. Choose from our 6 en-suite rooms; two of which have fabulous sea views across to Brodick Castle and Goatfell. We have a ground floor bedroom and 'whole house rental' as an option!

**BOOK DIRECT ON 07557 638 501**

**COME AND TRY OUR SPECIALIST COFFEE SHOP**



- Beautiful location
- Comfortable ensuite rooms
- Delicious plant-based breakfasts enjoyed by vegans, vegetarians and everyone else!
- Warm welcome from your hosts Carol and Jules



Lamlash, Isle of Arran KA27 8JN  
**enquiries@stonewaterhouse.co.uk**  
 www.stonewaterhouse.co.uk  
**01770 601259** f@i  
 07415 427270 • 07508 707314





## STRATHWHILLAN COTTAGE, BRODICK

Comfortably sleeping 10 in 5 double or twin bedded rooms, with 5 bathrooms - the saviour of many a family holiday! A lovingly restored and enlarged crofters' cottage with well-equipped kitchen and large sitting and dining room overlooking Brodick Bay. TV room with log burner and a spacious utility room.

The cottage sits in the middle of its mature, fenced garden. Approximately 200m from the ferry and Douglas Hotel. Pets by arrangement.

Please enquire through our website  
[www.holidayhousearran.co.uk](http://www.holidayhousearran.co.uk)

## KINGS CAVES GLAMPING



Welcome to our Luxury Boutique Retreat, located in a truly tranquil & unique setting. 10 Premium Self-Catering Glamping Pods. Each sleeping 2+2 with Private Terrace, Bathroom & Shower, King Size Bed, Sofa Bed, Mini-Kitchen, Smart TV and Bluetooth Sound System.

We have EV Chargers, Spa Hot Tub, Convenience Store, Hot Food Deliveries and a Full-time Warden.

One night minimum stay.

Tormore, Machrie,  
 Isle of Arran, KA27 8DX  
 T: 0790 358 9898  
 E: [kings\\_caves@outlook.com](mailto:kings_caves@outlook.com)  
[www.kingscaves.co.uk](http://www.kingscaves.co.uk)



### BUTT LODGE

- Warm welcome from Cath & Mac
- Fantastic Lochranza location
- Relax watching the red deer
- Delicious breakfast and optional evening meals using local fresh produce
- Close to the ferry and Distillery

Lochranza, Isle of Arran KA27 8JF  
**01770 830 333**  
[www.buttlodge.co.uk](http://www.buttlodge.co.uk) [info@buttlodge.co.uk](mailto:info@buttlodge.co.uk)



### THE ORMIDALE



### ISLE OF ARRAN

A family run hotel set in 7 acres of woodland. The Ormidale is 5 minutes from the centre of Brodick, serving home cooked bar meals.

CAMRA recommended

Beer Garden with Children's Play Area  
 Regular Quiz Nights, Live Music and Discos.

Telephone **01770 302293**  
[www.ormidale-hotel.co.uk](http://www.ormidale-hotel.co.uk)



# Responsible tourism

Arran's incredible natural environment is our key asset. We are very proud of our beautiful island. We are, however, only stewards, and we want the island to be as enjoyable for the future generations. So we'd ask you to help us look after the stunning natural environment that we call home, by signing up to The Arran Pledge. This won't cost you anything, we just think it may make you look differently about how you travel, where you go, and how you can help Arran retain its special status – loved by all.

[www.arrantrust.org/the-arran-pledge](http://www.arrantrust.org/the-arran-pledge)

## The Arran Pledge...

I shall follow trails excitedly into the unknown, exploring Arran responsibly, taking photos to die for, without doing harm.

When I explore this beautiful island, I will leave it as I find it, respecting Arran's hills and coastal beauty, and the wildlife and fauna therein.

I will be considerate of other road users, smiling, waving and only parking respectfully.

If sleeping under the stars, I'll be on a campsite or wildcamping respectively, leaving nothing but footprints – and if nature calls, I'll respect nature.

I will be prepared for all weathers, all possibilities and all adventures that the Isle of Arran has to offer.

**#RespectProtectEnjoy**

## Shannochie Cottages Shannochie, Isle of Arran. KA27 8SJ



Three individual properties - Barnstable, Eryb & Kilbride Cottage

Situated in the stunning south, offering the perfect base to explore the delights of our beautiful island.

Pets welcome by arrangement - Open All Year



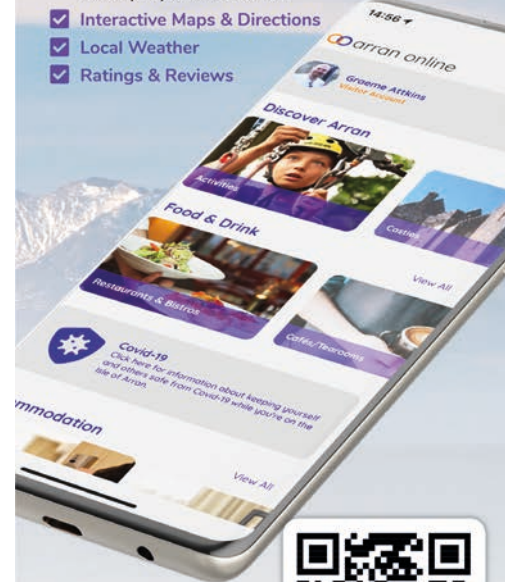
Web - [www.shannochiearran.co.uk](http://www.shannochiearran.co.uk)  
Email - [christine@shannochiearran.co.uk](mailto:christine@shannochiearran.co.uk)  
Tel - 01770820291

## \*\* FREE \*\*

# App for Arran

Carry the island in your pocket!

- ✓ Discover — Things to see and do
- ✓ Accommodation — Find a relaxing place to stay
- ✓ Food & Drink — Stop off for some refreshments
- ✓ Local Services — From Transport to Tourist Information, you'll find it all!
- ✓ Trades — Residents can find local tradespeople on the island
- ✓ Interactive Maps & Directions
- ✓ Local Weather
- ✓ Ratings & Reviews



SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA FOR MORE INFO



Download the Arran Online App free from Google or Apple's App Store. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code for more info, App Store links and to visit the website at [arranonline.com](http://arranonline.com)



4 Superking double/twin ensuites.  
Tariffs from £110 per night, including a full breakfast.  
7 minute drive from Brodick ferry terminal.  
10 minute walk from Lamlash.  
2 minute stroll from the sea.  
Off the main road and nestled among 3 acres of natural woodland, lawn and wildlife garden.



W: [www.monamore-arran.co.uk](http://www.monamore-arran.co.uk)  
E: [info@monamore-arran.co.uk](mailto:info@monamore-arran.co.uk)  
T: 01770 600621  
A: Cordon, Lamlash, KA27 8NQ

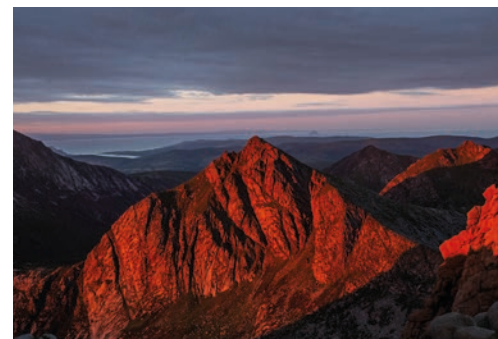


## Dunvegan HOUSE

Brodick ~ Isle of Arran

EnSuite or Private Facilities  
Full Breakfast and Dinner  
Located on Brodick Shorefront

George & Helen McAdam  
Welcome you to  
Dunvegan House  
Shore Road, Brodick,  
Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ  
Tel / Fax: 01770 302811  
Website: [www.dunveganhouse.co.uk](http://www.dunveganhouse.co.uk)  
Email: [dunveganhouse1@hotmail.com](mailto:dunveganhouse1@hotmail.com)



# visitarran partners

## A

44 Ad Astra  
57 Alice's Wonderland Vegetarian B&B  
38 Andrew Surridge Photography & Workshops  
38, 44 Angela Elliott-Walker, Artist  
38, 39, 44 Ann Hume, Jewellery  
44 ArCaS Charity Shop  
54 Ar Fasgadh S/C  
27, 28, 44, 46 Arran Active  
27, 28 Arran Adventure  
22 Arran Alpacas  
38, 40-41, 44 Arran Art Gallery  
38, 39 Arran Arts Heritage Trail  
38 Arran Art Trail  
10, 24 Arran Banner  
28, 29 Arran Bike Hire  
24, 50, 52 Arran Botanical Drinks  
44 Arran Brewery  
44, 47 Arran Butcher  
5, 54 Arran Castaways S/C  
44, 45 Arran Coffee Company  
44, 47 Arran's Cheese Shop  
9, 10, 55 Arran Estate Agents  
24, 44 Arran Gift Box Company  
33 Arran Golf Pass  
8 Arran Haulage  
22, 35 Arran Heritage Museum  
54 Arran Holiday Retreats S/C  
52 Arran Ice Cream  
54 Arran Island Cottages S/C  
8, 65 Arran Online App  
27, 28 Arran Outdoor Education Centre  
24, 44 Arran Sense of Scotland  
11 Arransounds.com  
38, 44 Arran Studio  
8 Arran Taxi  
8, 23 Arran Vets  
25 Aspa at Auchrannie Resort

22

54, 56-57 Auchrannie Leisure  
44 Auchrannie Resort  
44 Auchrannie Shop

## B

54 Balmichael Glamping  
8 Bay Garage  
44, 51 Bay Kitchen & Stores  
38, 44, 47 Bay Wool & Crafts  
54 Beachside  
54 Apartment S/C  
54 Bellevue Farm Cottages S/C  
22, 27 Bellevue Farm Tours  
54 Belvedere B&B & S/C  
55 Big Beach House S/C  
8 Blackwaterfoot Garage  
48, 54 Blackwaterfoot Lodge B&B  
44 Blackwaterfoot Post Office  
24, 44 Book and Card Centre  
50 Brambles Seafood + Grill  
54 Bridgend Camping  
50, 51 Brodick Bar and Brasserie  
50 Brodick Castle Tearoom  
32 Brodick Golf Club  
55, 63 Butt Lodge

## C

50 Café Rosaburn, Arran Heritage Museum  
51 Café Thyme  
54 Carrick Lodge B&B  
51 Casks @ Isle of Arran Distillery  
22, 28 Cairnhouse Stables  
44, 48 Chameleon Ladies' Boutique  
55 Clachaig & Bosolo Farm Cottages  
22, 27, 31 COAST  
32 Corrie Golf Club  
51 Corrie Hotel  
54 Cottages & Castles S/C  
54, 58 Cottages on Arran S/C

55

Cruikshanks Boutique B&B  
50 Cruize Bar Brasserie

## D

30 Dive Arran  
54, 69 Dougarie Estate  
2, 54 Douglas Hotel  
50 Douglas Hotel Bistro  
44, 45 Driftwood  
54, 65 Dunvegan House B&B  
55 Dyemill Lodges S/C

## E

44 Eco Savvy  
51 eighteen69  
Scottish Tapas

## F

55 Far Horizons Holiday Cottages  
54 Ferghan Mhor Vegan B&B  
8 Forestry & Land Scotland

## G

54 Gillie Ghagaich Cottage S/C  
55 Glenashdale Properties S/C  
51 Glenisle Bistro  
55 Glenisle Hotel  
60-61 Glenisle Hotel & Restaurant  
54 Glen Rosa Campsite  
54 Greannan B&B & S/C  
54 Greenbrae S/C

## H

54 Hamilton Cottages  
24, 44 Harbour Shop  
8, 21, 25 Heather Lodge Holistic Therapies  
54, 63 Hunters B&B  
51 Hunters Coffee Shop

## I

38, 44 Iconic Reserve Art  
38, 44 Island Porcelain  
44, 45 Isle of Arran Coffee Co.

## J

44 Janelles  
8 Jas Campbell  
38, 44 Jess Macdonald Brass, Jewellery

## K

28 Kayak Arran  
50 Kilbrannan Restaurant, Kinloch Hotel  
54 Kildonan Farm Cottages S/C  
55 Kilmory Hall Bunkhouse  
54, 62 Kings Caves Glamping & Aires  
54, 58 Kinloch Hotel  
22 Kinloch Leisure

## L

15, 24, 44, 51 Lagg Distillery  
51, 55 Lagg Hotel  
51, 55 Lamlash Bay Hotel  
30 Lamlash Cruises  
8 Lamlash Garage  
32 Lamlash Golf Club  
8 Laundry & Left Luggage  
54 Littlemill Holiday Cottage  
51 Little Rock  
55 Lilybank B&B  
55 Lochranza Campsite  
27, 28, 30, 55 Lochranza Centre CIC  
58 Lochranza Country Inn  
14, 24, 44 Lochranza Distillery  
32 Lochranza Golf and Campsite  
55 Lodge Farm S/C  
38 Lynn's Art on Arran

## M

32 Machrie Bay Golf Club  
51 Mara Fish Bar & Deli  
22 Mini Golf  
28, 29 Mogabout Safari Tours  
55, 64 Monamore B&B

## N

22, 28 North Sannox Pony Trekking  
9, 22 NTS Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park  
27, 28 NTS Ranger Service  
50 Number 16 Arran Pop Ups

## O

55 Oakbank Farm S/C  
22, 49 Old Byre Visitor Centre  
44 Old Byre Showroom  
51 Old Pier Tearoom  
44, 50 On a Roll  
51, 54, 63 Ormidale Hotel  
28, 30 Otter's Tail

## R

54, 59 Raven's Gully Glamping  
44 Red Door  
28 Ride Arran MTB  
55 Runach Arainn Glamping Yurts

## S

24 Sarah Pomfret - family celebrant  
54 Seal Shore Campsite  
55 Self Catering Arran  
55, 65 Shannoche Cottages S/C  
22, 32, 33 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club  
54 Shorehouse S/C  
8, 20 Simply Housekeeping  
54 Smugglers' Den S/C  
54 Springtide Cottage S/C

24

Soul to Sole Holistic Therapies  
55, 62 Stonewater House  
Vegan B&B  
54, 63 Strathwillan Cottage S/C  
8, 38 Studio Softbox, Filming & Creativity

## T

44, 48 Taste of Arran Shop & Mini Golf  
24, 69 The Boathouse at Dougarie  
44 The Byre at Brodick  
54 The Corrie Hotel  
51, 52 The Drift Inn  
44 The Honesty Box  
20 The Old Post Office  
22 The Parks Disc Golf  
51 The Parlour  
22 The Playbarn  
51 The Pierhead Tavern  
55 The Shieling S/C  
44 The Shoe Bothy  
51 The Shore  
50 The Tee Room and Clubhouse Grill  
51 The Wineport

## V

55 Valhalla Holiday Cottages S/C  
51 Velo Café  
55 Viewbank Guest House

## W

27, 28 WalkArran  
55 Westfield House S/C  
54 West Knowe Farm Stay S/C  
32 Whiting Bay Golf Club  
27, 28 Wild Walks on Arran  
54 Woodlea S/C  
44, 51 Wooleys of Arran Takeaway

## further tourist information

For new (and old) visitors to Arran, the first stop might be the VisitArran ferry desk on the MV Caledonian Isles. As well as free copies of this Island Guide magazine, you can get lots of other information on accommodation providers, retailers, attractions and activities. You can also take your pick of island maps and leaflets/guides to some of the island villages. If you have any queries, then contact us and we will do our utmost to assist - and if we don't know, we'll know someone who will!

At VisitArran, although we work from home and are not based in the VisitScotland iCentre, we work closely with our colleagues in VisitScotland. The iCentre is located at Brodick Pier - you can't miss the unusual 'peaked hat' roof of the building! Throughout the summer, the office is usually open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm (with a one hour closure for lunch variable around boat times). During the winter months the office is closed on Sundays, and is open reduced hours. The friendly local staff will be able to assist with any queries you may have relating to your holiday.

## visitarran board

VisitArran's day to day operations are managed by a small staff team, who work from home and are supported by a voluntary Board of Directors.

**Directors:** Rachel Armitage, Robbie Crawford, Ailsa Currie, Lorna Gunaydi, Jude King, Tom Jessop, Sarah Pomfret, Gerard Tattersfield, Chris Trail and Andrew Walsh

**Staff:** Sheila Gilmore (Chief Executive) and Katie Murchie (Customer Services)  
Erin McAllister (Customer Services)

## useful numbers

### Emergency:

<b>Fire, Police, Ambulance, Coastguard, Mountain Rescue</b>	999
<b>Local Police</b> (non-emergency)	101
<b>NHS 24</b>	111
<b>Arran War Memorial Hospital</b>	01770 600777
<b>Dentist</b>	01770 601067
<b>Doctors - Arran Medical Group</b>	01770 600516
<b>Hillphone</b>	01770 302363
<b>North Ayrshire Council</b>	01770 600338
<b>Vet</b>	01770 302511
<b>Travel:</b>	
<b>CalMac (Brodick)</b>	01770 460361
<b>Stagecoach Buses (Arran)</b>	01770 302000
<b>Rail Enquiries</b>	08457 48 49 50



## contact us

VisitArran, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AU

T: 01770 302043 E: info@visitarran.com **www.visitarran.com**

## THE BOATHOUSE AT DOUGARIE



**DOUGARIE  
ESTATE**



*Magical  
Weddings  
on the  
Isle  
of Arran*



*Wedding  
Packages  
or  
Venue Hire*



*2022  
&  
2023  
Availability*



events@dougarie.com  
www.dougarieestate.com



# auchrannie resort

At the heart of the beautiful Isle of Arran lies the multi-award winning Auchrannie Resort.

With two hotels, thirty luxury lodges, fourteen retreats and a motorhome stopover site Auchrannie is ideal for families as well as couples and solo travellers.

You'll be spoiled for choice with three restaurants and bars offering freshly prepared food from locally sourced ingredients.

Facilities include two swimming pools, saunas, gym and a destination spa.

For adventure seekers, we have a variety of activities including Segways, archery and bike hire to try. Younger kids will love the Playbarn.

Whether you want to relax or be active - there's something for everyone.

All facilities are open to non-residents.

Call us on **01770 302 234** to find out more or visit **[www.auchrannie.co.uk](http://www.auchrannie.co.uk)**

