

Visitors with an interest in walking and a concern for the environment have been considered by VisitScotland in the development of the Walkers Welcome Scheme which recognise the special efforts made by businesses to provide for them, and to help them choose suitable accommodation.



WALKERS WELCOME SCHEMES

Walking is the most popular activity undertaken by overseas and British visitors to Scotland.

Some visitors walk in the hills, some walk the long distance routes. Increasingly, visitors are encouraged to explore our towns and cities on foot.

Visitors have specific needs and it makes a positive difference to their experience if these needs are recognised and catered for. They appreciate having wet clothes dried overnight, the option to set off early in the morning without missing breakfast, or simply a welcoming cup of tea on arrival.

To become a member you must provide the following and your VisitScotland Quality and Tourism Advisor will verify what the required facilities exist when they visit or for non Quality Assured customers a representative from VisitScotland will arrange to come along and verify.

WALKERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SERVICED ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Be able to offer a packed lunch or filled flask if required.
Recyclable packaging to be encouraged.
3. Be able to offer a late evening meal (available until 8:00p.m.) if there are no other meal provider within one mile. A late night snack should be offered after 8:00p.m.
4. Early breakfast option from 7am, or for very early leaver a tray the night before.
5. Have a supply of local walking routes information available for visitor reference. This can be suggested Apps for Smartphone and GPS.
6. A hot drink should be available upon arrival.
7. Have information on local public transport services e.g. bus, train and post bus.
8. The daily weather forecast should be available.

9. Free unrestricted WiFi available.
10. A range of chargers for commonly used mobile devices.

WALKERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SELF-CATERING/HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Information on the location and opening times of the nearest shops and late-opening eating establishment (and directions).
3. A supply of local walks information available for visitor reference. This can be suggested Apps for Smartphone or GPS.
4. Local public transport information (including post bus).
5. Details should be displayed for local resource services including stating 999 phone number.
6. If not located in a named town or village, the Ordnance Survey co-ordinates should be made available. Sat Nav and GPS information to be provided.
7. Clothes washing facilities or location of nearest launderette facility.
8. Free unrestricted WiFi available.
9. A range of chargers for commonly used mobile devices.