Visitors with an interest in golf have been considered by VisitScotland in our development of the Golfers Welcome scheme which recognises the special efforts made by operators to provide for them, and to help them choose suitable accommodation.

GOLFERS WELCOME SCHEME

Scotland is known worldwide as ‘the home of golf’. Visitors have been coming to Scotland for golf holidays for over 100 years and there are 550 courses, more per head of population than almost anywhere else in the world.

Golf is a major source of income for Scotland and our golf courses are renowned worldwide. We need to ensure that the hospitality encountered by our visiting golfers meets, or preferably exceeds, their expectations.

Visitors who enjoy golf like to be made to feel welcome. They appreciate having lockable storage for golf clubs; a daily weather forecast; or details of local transport, golf shops, or tee-off times.

Those wishing to apply for the Golfers Welcome Scheme should display a positive attitude towards golfers and a genuine desire to meet and anticipate their needs.

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.

GOLFERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARKS

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Information on location and opening times of the nearest shops and late-opening eating establishment (and directions).
3. Information should be provided on local courses (clubhouse facilities, course maps, contact numbers, usual visitor tee times, dress code, directions, drive times between each level of difficulty, green fees or their acceptance of Golf Passes or saver voucher schemes)
4. General information on the local area with suggestions for the non-golfer.
5. Details of local sports/golf shops/club shops/hire clubs/coaching/availability of practice areas/driving ranges.
6. You should have information available on local public transport services e.g. bus, post bus and golfers taxi services.
7. You should provide a safe lockable storage area for guests’ golf clubs. Electric charge point for electric power trolleys.
8. Booking of tee times if required.
9. Daily weather forecast should be available.
10. Clothes washing facilities or location of nearest laundrette facility.
11. Free unrestricted WiFi available
12. Provide an area where golf shoes and equipment can be washed/cleaned, must not be pot wash or food preparation area.

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