



BALMORAL

BALLATER ARMS SCOTLAND



The Tail Wagger's Guide to Royal Deeside

# Useful Information

We love doggy visitors and want to make sure you have the best stay possible. We hope this information will ensure that you and your humans get the most from your time with us.

## Where to take a quick pee

Opposite us you will be able to spot grass areas on either side of the church, there are dog waste bins located here. This is a public space for many different uses so doggy bags will be provided by us in order to keep the area clean. If you're looking to go further for a short leg stretch in the morning or evening, Monaltrie Park is the perfect place to do so.

## Where to throw a ball

If your dog is bursting with energy and is going barking mad, again, we recommend Monaltrie Park in Ballater. There is a large green area for your dog to run around and play ball in the space where, once a year, the Ballater Highland Games are held.

## Where to buy a toy

Alistair Cassie (known by locals as Mr Ballater) owns the old-fashioned hardware shop on the high street. Among many other things he sells dog toys as well as leads, treats and pretty much anything else you can think of.

## In case of an emergency

Although we hope you don't have to make a visit to the vet, there is one located in the centre of Ballater incase any unexpected emergencies happen.

### Local vet

Morven Vets is located at 24 Golf Road, Ballater Email: [morvenvets@btconnect.com](mailto:morvenvets@btconnect.com)

Phone: 01339 755134

## Walkies

If you want to kick your feet up and relax or have plans your dog is not invited to, consider contacting "Ballater Barkers" our local dog walker who could help you out. To check availability contact: [ballaterbarkers@gmail.com](mailto:ballaterbarkers@gmail.com)

## Doggy Rules – The Bare Bones:

- We ask that you keep your humans on a lead while in public areas. • We have a dedicated dining area for you in The Ghillies Bar when you and your humans get hungry.
- Not eating but want to relax? Join us in the Lounge.
- If you need a lie-down, we ask that you keep your humans on the furniture and you take prime position by the fires, the comfy rugs or our dog beds.
- Keep the barks down.



# Three beautiful, local walks

## **Seven Bridges of Ballater Walk 10.5km**

If one bridge isn't enough there is the Seven Bridges of Ballater Walk. It's a good long walk which will take you slightly outside of Ballater but does start and finish in the village. The walk which is roughly 10.5km takes 2 ½ hours to walk through the beautiful scenery of the local area including the historic Knock Castle, the Old Railway Station and the opportunity to spot the local wildlife. Parts of this path were also affected by flooding so the path may have slight erosion but still walkable.

## **Craigendarroch Hill 4km**

Craigendarroch Hill can be seen in the north direction from the hotel and is the perfect walk if you're looking for a view. The walk is around 4km long and will take you just less than 2 hours to complete. The hill has a clear path to the top and does have some steep accents so walking boots would be advised and basic navigation skills will be required.

## **Ballater Golf Course Walk 3.7km**

A brilliant short walk. The walk takes less than an hour and is just less than 3 miles long. The route follows along the River Dee and starts and finishes in the village, perfect if your dog wants to go for a splash in the river. Please refrain from letting your pup run across the golf course greens and use the dog waste bins located in multiple places around the walk. The route was affected by the flooding in 2015 so parts of the path have been washed away and left with a rocky terrain so suitable footwear (trainers) would be advised.

## **Further info**

A polite reminder to keep Ballater's paths tidy and dispose of anything your dog may leave behind. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable please let us know, otherwise we hope you have a tail-wagging-ly good time.



## Local Walking Routes

- Seven Bridges of Ballater Walk (10.5km)
- Craigendarroch Hill (4km)
- Ballater Golf Course Walk (3.7km)

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