

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TIME DOES IT START AND FINISH?

The event will begin 30 minutes before sunset and will last approximately 1 ½ hours. The exact start time will be confirmed during the booking process.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Dress for the weather, and bear in mind that the evenings can be cool around Loch Lomond. Wear sensible shoes, and waterproofs are highly recommended.

SHOULD I BRING A TORCH?

Yes, if you have one. A torch is useful for finding your way in the dark; but don't worry if you don't have one as Jenny will accompany you at all times.

WHAT ABOUT INSECT REPELLANT?

Yes, absolutely! Midges can be very distracting, and there will be plenty of them about!

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE FOR CHILDREN?

The minimum age for children is 8. Please also note that all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

CAN I BRING MY DOG?

Unfortunately no; please ensure you make alternative arrangements.

IS THIS EVENT WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY?

The route can be adjusted to accommodate guests in wheelchairs. Please let Jenny know during booking.

BATTY

Q | How do bats fly without bumping into anything?

A | They use their wing mirrors!

Q | What happened when two vampire bats met?

A | It was love at first bite!

Q | Why did the vampire need mouthwash?

A | Because he had bat breath!

Q | What is the first thing that bats learn at school?

A | The alphabat.

Q | Why are bats like false teeth?

A | They all come out at night!

Q | What animal is best at cricket?

A | A bat!



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LOCH LOMOND

GUIDED BAT WALKS AT THE CARRICK



AMAZING BATS

GUIDED WALKS AT THE CARRICK WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE FASCINATING WORLD OF BATS

Bats are intriguing and captivating creatures that can often be misunderstood. Jenny Paterson, your Resort Conservation Manager, will guide you through the basics of using a bat detector, which is a hand-held device used for detecting the presence of bats by converting their echolocation ultrasound signals to audible frequencies.

There are 14 bat boxes in total dotted around The Carrick golf course, made up of a combination of regular roost boxes installed in woodland compartments, as well as two heated bat houses based at Auchentullich Guest Lodges. The boxes were installed in 2007 following a survey conducted by a licensed bat surveyor.

WHY ARE BATS PROTECTED?

There is considerable evidence that all species of bat in Britain have declined significantly during the past century.

The reasons for the decline include loss of suitable roost sites; loss of feeding habitat; reduced availability of insect prey through pesticide use and mortality resulting from the use of highly toxic timber treatment chemicals in house roosts. All British bats are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and by the Conservation Regulations 1994.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU FIND A BAT?

If the bat is on the ground, on an outside wall, or in an exposed area where it may be vulnerable, it should be contained in a box. You should avoid handling the bat with bare hands; use a cloth or tea towel to scoop it up into the box.

Call the Bat Helpline on 0345 1300 228 for further advice. Only a bat that has been confirmed as fit and healthy should be released, and never during the day.

FACT OR FICTION?

'Ugh! Bats can get caught in your hair.'

This is very rare! Bats have a very sophisticated ultra-sonic echolocation system. This enables them to navigate in the dark and manoeuvre quickly in complex environments such as amongst the foliage of trees, whilst feeding on insects.

'Bats are just flying mice and cause damage to my house.'

Wrong. Bats are not rodents. Bats are classified in their own order of mammals called Chiroptera, which translates as 'hand-wing.' Unfortunately, bats are sometimes wrongly blamed for property damage; however bats don't build nests like birds, OR chew cables and gnaw wood like mice!

'Bats will drink your blood.'

Vampire bats do exist, but they only live in tropical regions of Central and South America. Although they feed on animal blood the bat will only lap up a spoonful or two, and they certainly don't turn animals – or people – into vampires!



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