

# Argyll Estates Environmental Visitor Charter

Help us to look after the environment whilst making sure you have a great visit with us.

We are constantly working to make Argyll Estates more eco-friendly, but we need your help too. We can all reduce our impact on the environment by making choices. As a visitor, you have a very important role to play in helping us to conserve our natural assets and become a more sustainable destination. Here are our recommended tips on how you can help, both at home and whilst on holiday.

## **GIVE THE CAR A REST**

Leave the car behind, if only for a day. Walk, cycle or use public transport. We have several bus stops in Inveraray, and our nearest train station is in Dalmally which is also available by bus from Inveraray and offers services to Glasgow and Oban. Details available from the Castle information board. To calculate your holiday emissions and ideas for offsetting your unavoidable emissions, please visit <a href="https://www.worldlandtrust.org/eco-services/offsetting/individuals">www.worldlandtrust.org/eco-services/offsetting/individuals</a>

#### SHOP LOCAL

Use local products wherever they are available. They give you a flavor of the area and help support local communities. We are fortunate to have some fantastic producers of food, drink and arts and crafts here in Argyll. Ask our Gift Shop staff about the local products we carry.

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to the extra carrier bag. Invest in a reusable bag and keep it with you when going out. You can also support us in our efforts to recycle. Most of our office and restaurant waste is recycled so please ask the team about our recycling facilities available.

#### **BE WATER WISE**

The UK has rising costs for water treatment and flood defense so please use water wisely. Turn off the tap after washing your hands and please report any leaking taps or toilets to our staff.

# **RESPECT NATURE**

Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by taking litter home and leaving no trace, guarding against fire and using footpaths and cycleways responsibly. Ensure you follow the countryside access code. Fore more information on the countryside access code please visit <a href="https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com">www.outdooraccess-scotland.com</a>

## SUPPORT GREEN BUSINESSES

We are very proud to have achieved the standard of Green Tourism that we currently have. There are thousands of businesses in the UK that are working hard to reduce their carbon footprint through the Green Tourism Business Scheme. Businesses are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold for their efforts to be more sustainable. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.green-tourism.co.uk">www.green-tourism.co.uk</a>

We hope you have a great day with us.

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