

SPEYSIDE WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

We are becoming increasingly aware of our impact on the environment and consequently we're committed to providing a good quality service whilst also minimising the environmental impact of our activities. The delivery of sustainable practices ensures the continued enjoyment of the environment of Scotland for future generations.

We are committed to the following:

Adhere to good environmental practice in all business activities

- We adhere to the standards of the GTBS scheme, having gained a Silver accreditation for our business activities.

Continuous reduction of polluting activities

- We aim to minimise the use of vehicles wherever possible by prioritizing local sites during our holidays.
- We shall encourage our guests to travel to and from their holiday meeting points by train whenever possible.
- We aim to offer surface travel options for our European holidays whenever feasible.
- For air & car travel included in the price of Speyside Wildlife holidays, we shall buy trees from Abriachan Forest Trust to help offset the effects of climate change, using the following formula:

Air Travel	Each hour offset by ¼ of a tree
Car Travel	Each 1,000 kms offset by ½ a tree

Reduce waste by adhering to the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle ethos

- All general waste generated at our office and at the Steading will be disposed of through David Ritchie & Sons Ltd recycling centre.
- All electrical waste will be recycled as appropriate.
- We shall use Green Cone composting at our office and at the Steading to dispose of food waste.
- Our office waste paper will be reused wherever possible and then shredded. The shredding will be passed to local farmers for use as animal bedding.
- We are working to reduce the amount of paperwork generated by our office by switching to online newsletters, booking confirmations etc.
- We shall use recycled products wherever possible (e.g. toilet paper etc)
- We shall refill dispensers wherever possible (e.g. soap dispensers, cleaning products etc)
- We have switched to using re-usable containers for packed lunches instead of plastic wrap.

Involve the local community on any environmental issues

- Speyside Wildlife has linked up with "Abriachan Forest Trust", who are dedicated to involving local community groups in replanting mixed native forest.


Expect similar environmental standards from suppliers

- We shall use organic fairtrade wines on all our holidays based at the Steading in Speyside and wherever else they are available.
- Wherever possible we shall use locally sourced products in catering for all our holidays based at the Steading in Speyside

Continually seek to improve our environmental performance

- We shall review our environment performance each year at our annual staff conference and welcome suggestions for improvement from both guides and guests. These will be implemented whenever it is feasible to do so.

Our commitment to the delivery of best practice environmental management and ongoing improvement is confirmed

Signed: 

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On behalf of: Speyside Wildlife