



Bealach na Gaoithe - The road to Diabaig

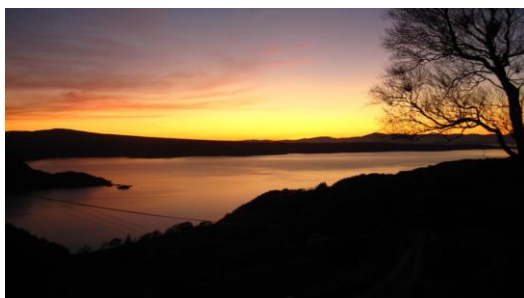
There is really nothing we can say that will do justice to the lochs and mountains around Diabaig. The changing light is an artist and photographer's dream. The stars fill the heavens and the dawns and sunsets are rarely less than dramatic. Walking, you may see Pine martens and Eagles, as well as Deer, Otter and Mountain goats. The coast path goes for miles and miles, allowing you to see Skye and the Outer Hebrides in all their glory. Whatever the weather, one is always drawn into the solitude found in this unique landscape.

Guests have been moved to write poems and we think Margaret and Paul Barnes found the just the right words to describe their visit.....

We've rented from you your timeless zone
 A Scottish cot you've made your home
 It boldly clings to sheer hillside
 A stone built gem in which to hide
 In colours soft the inside greets
 Each small space hangs with mindful treats.
 A birds-eye view on stairs to loft
 Where, birches fan low roof of croft.
 Beds tucked in eaves with views to tease
 You up and about, in footwear stout
 Even the loo has a pink craggy view!
 A rugged garden, gnarled, tree strewn,
 A wilderness, woven on nature's loom.
 But what sweet joy to sit and drink –
 Your mirrored loch's sweet sunlit wink
 Thank you Grace Cottage



Just a short walk takes you to the cove and then up a splendid path, part on a shallow stream bed, back to our loch. Turn around often, the views are breath-taking. As you go, look on the opposite hill (the back of our Knoll) you will most likely see the wild goats.



Winter sunset from our garden

Some more guest book comments: ask for a pdf of the visitor book for more.

April 2002 - Andrew and Inga, Sheena and Angus: *Spent a wonderful first week of our honeymoon here! What a beautiful cottage, in a beautiful setting!(first entry) Here are a few more:* November 2002 – Mark and Jan: *Today is our 2nd wedding anniversary and we could not have chosen anything more romantic. We are sat in front of the burning stove, sipping a wee dram. Grace Cottage has certainly been the place we expected and more. Thank you Pat and Richard for sharing this idyllic place!!.....* December 2002 - Harland and Lesley: *What better way to start the new year in a wonderful, cosy cottage in an awesome setting – so beautiful it's hard to know where to look first.....* January 2004 – Nina and Rod: *This is a great boon inside and out. The cosy nestiness of the cottage, with its excellent collection of CD's, books videos and impeccable taste in décor and furnishings, stand in stark contrast to the overwhelming rugged beauty of its surroundings.....* June 2005 – Mary and Mark (Illinois, USA): *A lovely week of relaxation in the comfort of this wonderful cottage for our 20th anniversary. Many long walks botanising, bird watching and viewing this stunningly beautiful scenery. It is hard to think of more dramatic landscape than that revealed from the knoll opposite Grace Cottage.....* May 2006 Louise and Mavis: *A wonderfully silent place - small sounds carrying across the loch, cuckoos calling continuously, the water still and silver below us, the cottage a cosy place to go to ground with many delights and comforts.....* October 2008 Lynda and Rob: *What a beautiful land of rainbows, lochs and waterfalls. The cottage is lovely to come back to a fire and a glass of wine. We saw an otter by the pier and an eagle above Ben Alligin. Thursday night was clear with millions of stars twinkling. We cannot believe the week is over. Thank you x.....* April 2009 Frances, Oliver, Chris and Jon (France): *Magic from beginning to end. The cottage is fantastic, the area stunning and people have been very friendly. I've seldom had such a sense of well being. The cottage is the best I've ever stayed in and exceptionally clean and well equipped. The locality is breathtaking. Thank you Pat and Richard.* **Jumping to the present...** March- Johnston Family-*We had an amazing time. The cottage is brilliant - so homely and cosy. The views are breathtaking and the whole place is just so relaxing. The dogs were so happy, although totally exhausted - have never seen them so chilled I can't put into words how much we all enjoyed our holiday.*



[The National Trust](#) do guided walks, details of which may be obtained at the Countryside Centre at the T-junction Torridon turn. We love a round trip to [Ullapool](#) and the National Trust [Inverewe gardens](#) just outside Poolewe. Nearer to Grace cottage are The [Torridon Stores](#) and café and the [Torridon Community centre](#) [The Torridon](#) at Annat (11miles) plus bar and restaurant. [The Applecross Inn](#), (Applecross) is a gastro pub. Gairloch and Red Point have wonderful sweeping sandy beaches and [boat trips](#). (1½ hours) On the way to Gairloch park at Loch Maree head, by Slatterdale and see Slioch in all it's glory. [Walkhighlands.co.uk](#) When we send travel details we include other walks around Diabaig and there are books and maps in Grace Cottage. [The Badachro Inn](#) has conservatory right on the shore. On the way to it is the car park for walking to lovely Fairy Lochs and Loch Horrisdale. There is also an historic [aircraft wreckage](#) shrine from the end of World War II. [Plockton](#) (1½hours) is where Hamish Macbeth was filmed and seal watching boat trips may be taken here [Poolewe](#)(very scenic) Walk to Loch Fada along river valley and into mountain wilderness. Bridge Cottage (Café).