



Booking a Hut

Club Guidelines

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Huts

1. Introduction

This document is for anybody looking to book a hut belonging to the BMC or a BMC affiliated club. Over 60 BMC affiliated clubs own or lease huts. The BMC is involved in the running of 3 huts (Don Whillans Memorial Hut, Roaches; Alex MacIntyre Memorial Hut, Onich; and the Glen Brittle Memorial Hut, Skye).

Some clubs only allow hut bookings by their own members or by kindred club members with whom they have reciprocal agreements. BMC huts can only be booked by BMC members.

Please bear in mind that clubs are under no obligation to accept a booking and reputations about inconsiderate guests swiftly circulate.

2. Hut Booking

The BMC maintains a list of huts which clubs will make available for bookings of by other clubs. This is organised by region. The list provides details of location and a brief description of the hut, the number of beds and the person to contact in order to make a booking. Please be aware that huts are often booked up long in advance.

3. Huts – Good Practice Guidelines

Members and their guests should:

- Comply with the rules laid down by their owners especially as regards to maximum permitted numbers.
- Respect the rights of other hut users.
- Leave huts clean and tidy and appropriately secured.
- Pay their bills promptly.
- Don't disturb neighbours with loud noises if arriving late at night or early in the morning.

Owners of huts should:

- Fulfil the duty of care they owe to all hut users and ensure that their premises are safe to use.
- Consider the impact of hut use on the local community.

4. The BMC Huts Group

Following the 2004 Huts Seminar, the BMC Huts Group initiated a series of guidelines covering topics of interest to clubs which own huts. These topics include new legislation, safety regulations and responses to common queries. The guidelines have been drawn up by volunteers and produced jointly by the BMC Huts Group and the Mountaineering Council of Scotland's Huts Working Group.

5. Further Information

BMC Hut Guidelines <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/Feature.aspx?id=1373>

BMC Hut List <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/Download.aspx?id=12>