

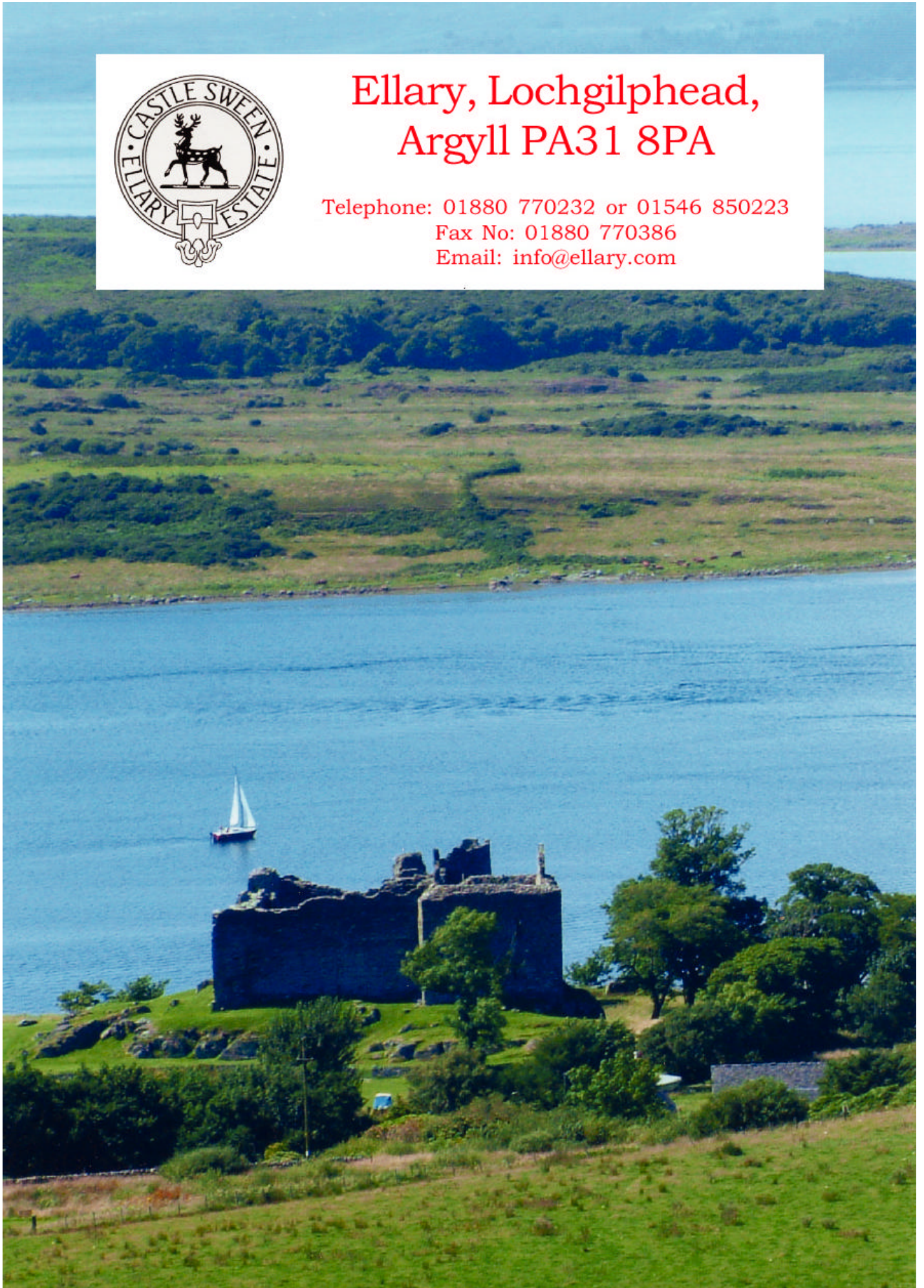


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8. The McCormick Isles





# Castle Sween



## Ellary Estate

Dear Holidaymaker,

This letter, together with the attached leaflet, is being sent to you in response to your request for more information about the holiday possibilities at Ellary and Castle Sween; or because you have shown interest in the past. If you have stayed with us before, then perhaps you might recognise some of the views!

Ellary and Castle Sween have been in the ownership of my family for some generations, and we have been offering holiday accommodation as an organised business for a very long time. During that time, we have learnt a great deal about the kind of holiday which people enjoy most, as well as the kind of families who most enjoy Ellary and Castle Sween. Some families have been visiting us on a regular basis almost since we began, and families and individuals have been drawn to make return visits. We have found that in any one year, more than two thirds of our guests have stayed with us before.

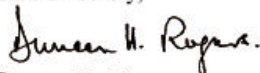
A holiday here is the correct choice for families or individuals who seek more than just a quiet relaxing holiday. So many holiday destinations offer "Peace and Quiet" that such a term hardly describes the unique atmosphere that you will find at Ellary and Castle Sween. This is a part of Argyll which is very much off the beaten track, and is very little visited. It is unspoilt, and is likely to remain so.

All of the accommodation listed in this brochure is close to the sea. Indeed even if you wander far into the hills, you are rarely out of sight of the sea. Sea air, known to be healthy and relaxing, is somehow more relaxing at Ellary and Castle Sween. If you wander only a short distance from your accommodation, you will find yourself in wild unspoilt countryside. If you are able to relate to this and appreciate it, you will find that it beckons you to explore further. You can go as far as you want on an adventure into the hills, or you can find equal fascination on the shortest of excursions, for example along the shore!

If you are a boating person, bring your boat. You will find the same sort of excitement, and it will take years to explore all of the coast properly.

This is not meant to be a professionally produced brochure, but rather a collection of pictures and some ideas which hopefully will give you an idea of the ambiance of the area; and a short listing of the accommodation available, all of which is kept in the best of condition and always offered in very good order. Above all, this is a special invitation from me and my family to spend at least part of your holidays this year at Ellary and Castle Sween.

Yours sincerely,



Duncan H. Rogers

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When you come to Ellary and Castle Sween, you will almost certainly come by car. Unless you come from the North, if you want to take the shortest and most convenient route you will come through Glasgow. The trip from Glasgow is a very spectacular drive taking you through some of the most famous and attractive scenery that the West of Scotland has to offer.

The distance from Glasgow to Ellary and Castle Sween is approximately 100 miles and it will take around two and a half hours. Although the journey can be accomplished faster than this, it is a beautiful drive, and well worth the time. Unless you want to stop off in Glasgow, it is best to drive right through the city on the M8 and cross the Clyde on the Erskine Bridge. This takes you straight on to the A82 which at that point is a fast dual carriageway on which you by-pass Dumbarton and most of the suburbs of Glasgow.

Immediately you leave the dual carriageway you are suddenly in the Highlands. What *were* the promise of some mountains in the distance, are suddenly all around you. Look across the water at ".....the steep steep sides of Ben Lomond" and soak up the views of Ben Lui, Ben Vorlich and many others. You are in the heart of "Ben" country. Leave Loch Lomond at Tarbet, cross over to Arrochar (now on the A83) and drive up the slopes of Ben Arthur or "The Cobbler" to the "Rest and be Thankful" the picturesque name given to the pass which takes you into Argyll proper. Is there already a different fragrance now that you are beside the sea? You are now about half way, and very soon you will arrive at Inveraray. There are a number of different things to see here not least of which is Inveraray Castle itself, and you may be tempted to stop on your way to enjoy a visit to the town. But Inveraray, as well as many other places of interest, is within an easy drive from where you will be staying.

Now that you have passed Inveraray I hope that you become aware of a different ambience. You are now essentially beyond the normal range of the tourist or day tripper. However often you make this trip, I hope that, at this point on your journey, you never fail to feel a tingle of excitement, a little like visiting a foreign land.

About 20 minutes brings you to the town of Lochgilphead, the administrative centre for Argyll & Bute. Here you must turn left for Ellary and right for Castle Sween. You now have approximately half an hour to drive. For Castle Sween turn left at Cairnbaan and left again at Bellanoch onto the B8025. Continue down the south shore of Loch Sween through Achnamara. For Ellary, drive through Ardrishaig and turn right onto the B8024. Turn right again at Achahoish and arrive shortly. On both of these final parts of your journey you have to negotiate a short stretch of single track road with passing places.

There are alternatives to the direct route all of which take a bit longer, and most of which involve one or more ferry crossings. Each is attractive in its own way.



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**Some of the things which might interest you during  
your stay at Ellary & Castle Sween.**

The unspoilt countryside of Ellary and Castle Sween makes it an ideal place to observe wildlife. There are large areas of oakwoods on the Loch Caolisport side, and considerable areas of the Loch Sween side are wooded mainly with birch and alder. These areas are home to many of Scotland's native species, and it is not uncommon to see fox, badger, otter, roe deer, sika deer and red squirrel. Higher on the hills you will be



unlucky if you are not able to observe herds of red deer, and if you include sea birds and migrating birds, around eighty different varieties can be seen on Ellary and Castle Sween. During a walk along the shore, you may observe otter and seal. Schools of porpoise and basking shark sometimes come near enough to be seen. Closer to the ground you



can spot stoat, weasel, shrew, dormouse, pine martin and occasionally adder! Wild flowers are abundant, some quite rare. Fungi of many different varieties; you can collect useful amounts of chanterelle and mushrooms in season. Ellary and Castle Sween is truly a haven for wildlife!



The remains of ruined settlements, chapels, castles and graveyards indicate that, long ago, this area was more occupied than it is in present times.

There are many reasons for this. The migration of folk to the cities is still a factor. The colonisation of the New World had an effect. The invention of the motor car made communication and transport by sea less important. There is evidence that the climate was warmer a thousand



years ago. It is established that this area supported a significant population for a very long time indeed, and there is archaeological evidence of this going right back to pre-Christian times. Look at Castle Sween itself, Kilmory Chapel, Viking Forts above Castle Sween, Dun a Bhuilg and Crannaig and St Columba's Cave. These are just a few of the examples of interesting sites on Ellary and Castle Sween, but the shortest of trips will take you to equally interesting areas, for example Kilmartin Glen and North Kintyre.



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As an occupier of accommodation at Ellary and Castle Sween you are welcomed to use the whole of the area of the estates which extends to approximately fifteen thousand acres. The enthusiastic hill walker will find all he could possibly wish for. Lochead Glen for example is one of



the prettiest glens in Scotland, and from the heights of Corrbhan on a clear day, you can see as far as the Nevis range in the North, the head of Loch Fyne to the East, Kintyre and Northern Ireland to the South and the Isles of Jura, Scarba etc. to the West. At the same time, the less energetic, who do not feel the need for such exercise, can experience the same kind of adventure taking a comparatively easy afternoon stroll, for example the walk from Balimore down to Stronefield beach, or from Ellary down past the golf practise area to the Salmon Pool and beyond takes you into fascinating countryside, and there are many alternatives. Remember, you are free, when you are staying



here, to go wherever you please.



The impression of being isolated, at Ellary and Castle Sween, is because not very many people visit this area. But in fact you are right in the middle of the most attractive part of Scotland's west coast. Day trips can include destinations as far as Fort William and beyond to the north, most of central Scotland to the east and even as far as Glasgow. Ferry trips to Arran, Gigha, Islay and Jura, Mull and Iona can be accomplished in time to get back for tea, and still leave plenty of time to do or see whatever motivated the trip. Such excursions might be to visit some of Scotland's most famous gardens (Brodick, Achamore, Arduaine, Crarae etc.) a trip on the steam locomotive from Fort William to Mallaig, a game of golf or a visit to a distillery



on Islay, a day skiing at Glencoe or Aonach Mohr or one of the hundreds of other attractions which this part of Scotland has to offer. Or perhaps you prefer to just drive a bit to explore the area and enjoy the scenery.



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Staying at Ellary and Castle Sween, you are never far from the water, - it is a peninsular! If you are interested in boating you should certainly bring your boat. There is a slipway at Castle Sween where it is possible to launch anything likely to be towed by a car. If you are staying at Ellary, assistance is available to launch any reasonable sized craft from the beach. The slip at Castle Sween makes it convenient to take boats in and out, and at Ellary there is a small harbour if it is thought more convenient to keep craft afloat. The tides in both Lochs Caolisport



and Sween normally make relatively little rise and fall (about 5ft only) and as long as you do not venture beyond the mouths of the lochs, there is very little in the way of currents. Beware though of the Sound of Jura where the current picks up the further north you go into one of the strongest that there is! For those with a sailing dinghy, there is safety in numbers, and the Loch Sween side is more suitable. If your preference is to have the sea all to yourself (or almost) and to explore small islands and inlets, you will find Loch Caolisport attractive, although Loch Sween is good for that too.



A holiday at Ellary and Castle Sween is also interesting to anglers who can obtain permits to fish the Lothead Burn (salmon and seatrout) as well as other burns and a great many trout lochs; to cyclists and mountain bikers who can explore most of the estates on the private roads and tracks; to photographers and those who paint in water colours or oils who will want to record their favourite scenery; to golfers who will want to try out the courses in the area and possibly play on the practise area at Ellary which has been laid out as six holes, one a par 5 and one across the sea. Some will enjoy Regattas, Games days and Football events organised at Castle Sween from time to time, and there are evening entertainments occasionally at Rafters Restaurant, a sports complex and swimming pool etc. at Lochgilphead. But some will want to come simply to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet, which is probably the main attraction of Ellary and Castle Sween and what we are best at!



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### **Castle Sween Holiday Park**

Castle Sween is on the shores of Loch Sween, with the beautifully preserved 13th century castle as an impressive centrepiece. This must be one of Scotland's most attractive and secluded spots for a holiday park. A special area of the park, overlooking the Castle, with views across Loch Sween to the Isle of Danna, Loch na Cille and the Sound of Jura, has been set aside for a number of Holiday Caravans which are available to rent by the week or for shorter periods. More frequent visitors to Castle Sween usually find it more convenient to become owners of their own accommodation. The pictures shown on these pages are of caravans which have been recently placed and include some of the letting caravans as well as models which have been sold recently.

The old farm buildings have been carefully converted, with conservation in mind, to accommodate a well provisioned shop with off-licence, as well as a friendly bar and restaurant known as "Rafers". There is also a launderette.

### **Holiday Caravan Rental**

Top of the range, 12ft wide models, and not normally used for more than two seasons. The modern Holiday Caravan provides a very high degree of comfort. They have a lounge area with a focal point gas fire, comfortable seating, colour t.v. etc.; separate dining area; kitchen with gas cooker, refrigerator, microwave, matching crockery, cutlery and utensils, generous working area and cupboards; a bathroom with shower/bath, w.c. and wash hand basin and either two or three bedrooms, all of the beds have duvets. A gas fired boiler provides constant hot water, and the gas for the hot water, cooker and heating is included in the price. Electricity is also included. There are no extras! You are only asked to bring with you your own linen – sheets, pillowcases and towels.

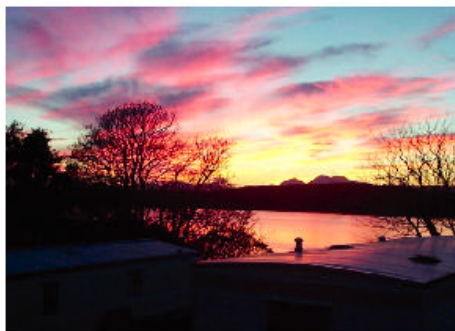




### Owning Accommodation at Castle Sween

Castle Sween is the appropriate consideration for anyone who lives within a reasonable distance. You will appreciate the convenience of having your own place in the country which you can visit at short notice as often as you want. Furthermore you have the assurance that your Holiday Accommodation will be taken care of while you are away, and any maintenance will be carried out for you so that you will not have to spend every visit doing odd jobs and fixing things, but can get straight into whatever it was you came to do, or just relax!

It is always interesting to see what the latest models offer, and there is always a choice of new caravans on show at Castle Sween which you can look at. Furthermore from time to time some excellent previously owned models become available, - the manager at Castle Sween will be pleased to provide you with details.



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### **Cottages and Chalets on the shores of Loch Caolisport.**

All properties are kept in the best of condition and always presented in very good order. All are within a stone's throw of the sea except Cove Cottage. They stand in their own grounds providing privacy and seclusion, and are equipped with everything you are likely to require on your holiday except linen which you should bring (all beds have duvets). Kitchens have matching crockery, electric cookers, kettles, toasters and refrigerators. All have colour T.V.s and all except the Lothead Chalets have microwaves. Bathrooms have shaver points and heating is by electric heaters with the cottages providing the option of night storage heaters and open fires.

**Lothead Cottage.** At the head of the Loch overlooking the mouth of the Lothead Burn. Traditional stone cottage with two twin bedrooms and bathroom upstairs. On the ground floor, double bedroom, livingroom, kitchen (includes washing machine and fridge/freezer), back and front entrance hallways, shower and w.c.. Sleeps 6

**The Lodge.** In a most attractive position next to Lothead Cottage. Two bedrooms (one double with en suite w.c. & wash hand basin and one twin) on the first floor approached by a spiral staircase from a generous entrance hall. On the ground floor there is a twin bedroom, livingroom, diningroom, kitchen, utility room (includes washing machine and fridge/freezer) and bathroom. Sleeps 6

**Malabar.** Similar situation to Lothead Cottage at the head of the Loch. The largest of a group of four wooden chalets with verandahs. Two bedrooms, one double and one with two singles. Separate kitchen with washing machine, and bathroom. Large picture windows giving spectacular views down Loch Caolisport. Sleeps 4

**Lothead Chalets.** These chalets are more compact than Malabar but with generous verandahs. Each has two bedrooms, one double and one bunkroom. There is a kitchenette off the livingroom and a shower in the bathroom. The large livingroom windows have beautiful views across the head of the Loch. Popular with bird watchers and anglers. Each sleeps 4.

**Cove Cottage.** In a most isolated position approached by a narrow road a mile into the hills overlooking the Loch. A shed adjoins the house which is useful for storage. Equipment includes washing machine and deep freeze. Double bedroom with own shower, wash hand basin and w.c., twin bedroom, kitchen/livingroom, bathroom, utility room and sun porch. Sleeps 4.

**Kennels Cottage.** Former keeper's cottage with particular charm standing on its own by the Loch shore. Two twin rooms on the first floor. Double bedroom, bathroom, front and back entrance hallways, livingroom, w.c., generous kitchen/diningroom with fridge/freezer, washing machine, and famous view down the Loch. Sleeps 6.

**Ellary Cottage.** A small cottage, probably the oldest inhabited building at Ellary with very thick walls. One of four cottages situated round the bay below Ellary House. Most popular with couples. Livingroom, twin bedroom and small bunkroom with skylight, entrance hallway, kitchen and bathroom. Sleeps 4.

**The Bungalow.** A modern cottage in its own grounds between Ellary Cottage and Gardens Cottage close to the Ellary Burn. Three bedrooms, one double and two twin; livingroom, kitchen with freezer, bathroom and a bright entrance hallway. Sleeps 6

**Ellary Farm House.** Between two sandy beaches. Livingroom, double bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, generous sun lounge and back entrance hallway all on the ground floor with two twin bedrooms upstairs. Equipment includes freezer and washing machine. Sleeps 6

**Gardens Cottage.** Across the bay from Ellary Farm House, very close to the sea. One double bedroom and two twin bedrooms upstairs and a livingroom, diningroom, bunkroom, kitchen and bathroom (with bath and separate shower) as well as a large sun porch on the ground floor. Equipment includes freezer and washing machine – Sleeps 8

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Ellary Cottage



Gardens Cottage



The Lodge



View from Ellary Cottage



Cove Cottage



Cove Cottage Livingroom



Malabar



View from Kennels Cottage



Lothead Cottage



Lothead Chalets



View from Kennels Cottage



View up from Lothead Cottage



View from Lothead Chalets



Ellary Farm House



The Bungalow

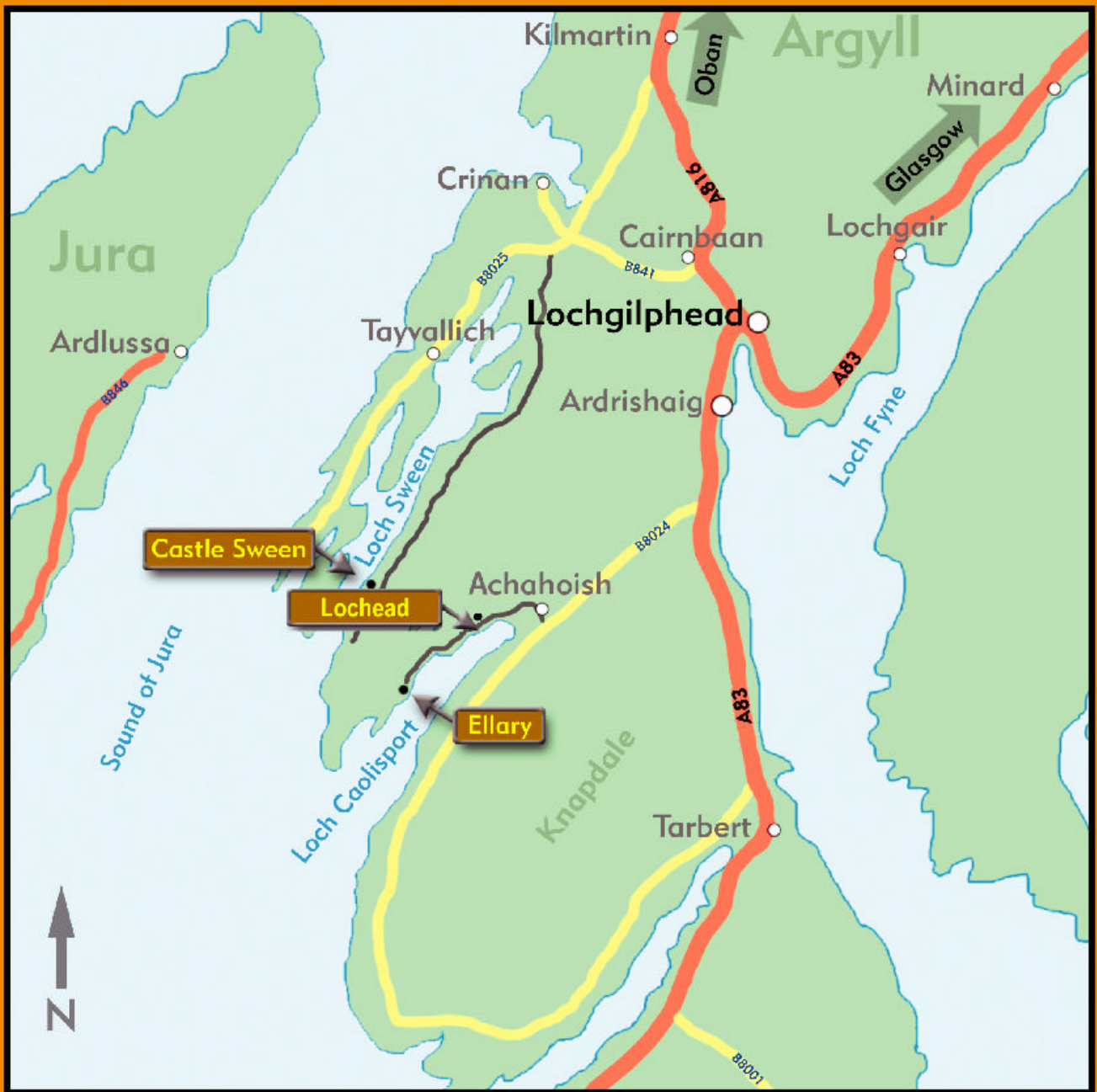


View from Bungalow



Kennels Cottage





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