



# Enjoying Errichel and the Scottish countryside

## Our animals

We run a high health status farm, and we love the non-farm animals that we share this wonderful place with. As you will see from the photos, we have sheep, cows, horses and hens, and alongside our dogs and cats there are wild birds and even deer, red squirrels, goldfish, and moles (actually, not our favourite neighbours). We welcome you to the gardens and the land and hope you enjoy meeting our furred and feathered friends.

## Enjoying the outdoors

The following information is taken from [Outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com) and relates to the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. As you explore Perthshire, you may want further information, which can be downloaded from <http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com>.

In summary, you should know that:

Part 1 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 gives everyone statutory access rights to most land and inland water. People only have these rights if they exercise them responsibly by respecting people's privacy, safety and livelihoods, and Scotland's environment. Equally, land managers have to manage their land and water responsibly in relation to access rights.

The Code is based on three key principles and these apply equally to the public and to land managers.

- **Respect the interests of other people.** Acting with courtesy, consideration and awareness is very important. If you are exercising access rights, make sure that you respect the privacy, safety and livelihoods of those living or working in the outdoors, and the needs of other people enjoying the outdoors.
- **Care for the environment.** If you are exercising access rights, look after the places you visit and enjoy, and leave the land as you find it. If you are a land manager, help maintain the natural and cultural features which make the outdoors attractive to visit and enjoy.
- **Take responsibility for your own actions.** If you are exercising access rights, remember that the outdoors cannot be made risk-free and act with care at all times for our own safety and that of others. If you are a land manager, act with care at all times for people's safety.

## On the farm

- **Farmyards.** Access rights do not usually apply to farmyards. However, if a right of way or core path goes through a farmyard, you can follow this at any time.
- **Gates.** Use a gate or stile where one has been provided. Do not climb over walls or hedges unless there is no alternative. Leave gates as you find them – even if they are open. If you need to climb a gate, climb it at the hinge end.
- **Fields of farm animals or growing crops.** Keep to unsown ground, field edges or paths. Do not take your dog into fields containing growing crops, calves, lambs, or other young animals. Never let your dog worry or attack farm animals.
- **Safety around cattle.** Keep a safe distance from cattle. If they act aggressively, take the shortest, safest route out of the field. If you have a dog with you, let go of its lead and let it find its own way to safety. If there is a bull or pigs in the field, go into a neighbouring field or onto adjacent land.

## In the woods

- **Fire warning.** Never light fires during dry periods in woodlands or on peaty ground. Never cut down or damage trees. Use a stove carefully and leave no trace of any camp fire.
- **In the woods.** Keep away from log piles and machinery. Pay attention to signs and follow any advice from the forester or land manager.