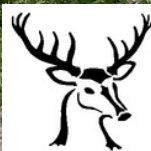


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Front Cover is "Coconut"
one of our white red deer
born this year

Opposite is "Cottontail"
with this year's calf



From the Editor

Welcome to
Deer Friends
Magazine.

Thank you for taking the time to read about Deer Friends.

This magazine is intended to give you exclusive information about new things happening here at Bainloch Deer Park.

We are striving to maintain and enhance the habitat of our Deer Park, not only for the Deer but also for all the other wildlife that live here. Your subscription to this membership helps us to achieve this.





DEER Friends...



We invite you to join our family
of
DEER Friends!

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Membership fees are:

Individual - £100 per year

Joint - £150 per year

Family - £200 per year

Membership can start at any time of the year
and will run for a complete year

You can buy a DEER Friends membership as a gift

**As a DEER Friends member you will receive a
welcome pack complete with the items below:**



- A Cuddly Deer
- Monthly Newsletter
- Free Tickets for Deer Feeding Experience*
- Priority Booking for Special Events

*Please see our website for more details





OUR NEW TRUCK

adventure

In addition to our
4x4 vehicles for
tours around the
park we now have
our 20 seater truck
for Deer Feeding
Experiences





Comfy seating for an ideal ride



Getting onto our Deer Feeding Experience Truck couldn't be easier via our specially built platform. No steps you just walk on and take a seat.

Here are the deer getting used to the new Truck





Deer Feeding Experiences

**Weekends,
Bank Holidays
and
School Holidays
as well as all of October
for the Deer Rut.**



Deer Feeding Experiences



Our Deer Feeding Experiences

operate at 11am and 2pm on weekends, bank holidays and school holidays, and are suitable for up to 20 people.

We will also operate this experience throughout October for the Deer rut.

Book individually, as a couple, family or group. Check our online booking system for availability.

We will take you through the Deer Park to a place where you will be able to feed the Deer bringing these magnificent creatures close to the vehicle for an amazing encounter.

As our Deer have a special diet the food will be supplied.

Our truck is a superb viewing platform ideal for taking photos of the Deer as they come in for their food.

Our Deer Feeding Experiences take place in the company of a knowledgeable guide and last approximately one hour.

Sorry no infants under 4 years of age. Children under 16 must be accompanied with an adult.



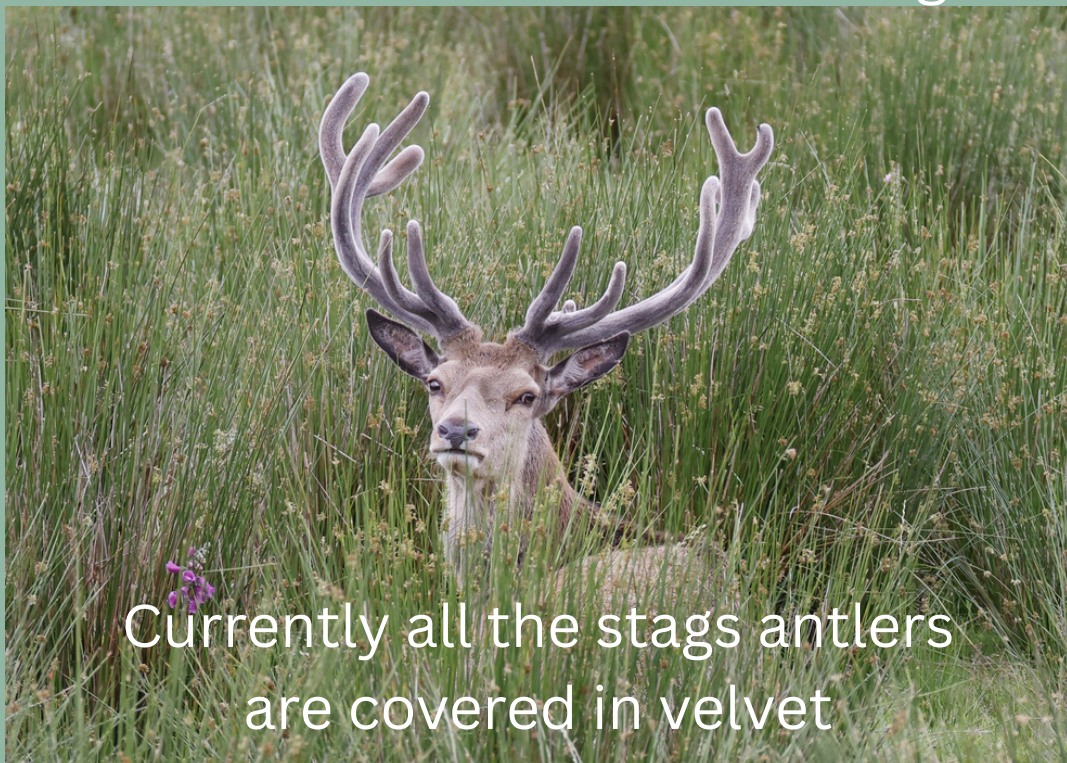
Some of our Red Deer Stags







A herd of Red Deer stags
with the Visitor Centre in the background



Currently all the stags antlers
are covered in velvet



Just checking out that itch!!!



A Trio of Stags

Photography Tours

Our photography tours take place in the company of one of our knowledgeable guides and last approximately two hours.

Our 4 x 4 tour vehicle can take groups of up to 3 photographers to have the advantage of one open window each within the vehicle.

Your guide will distribute food throughout the trip, which will bring the Deer up close and personal.

They will also move the vehicle around, with your guidance, in order to achieve the best positioning for photographs or videos and to take advantage of light.

You will learn more about the deer and will have the chance to take some amazing photographs as we help to make this an amazing experience with these magnificent animals.

These tours can take place outside normal working hours of the Visitor Centre.

From 4am to 10pm (subject to daylight hours).

If your preferred time is not showing available please call us on 07768 900641 or 07900 278559



Gift Shop



Please visit our Gift Shop
where you will not be disappointed
with what we have available



Babies Calore!!!



**It's that time of year when the Hinds
(female Red and Sika Deer) and the
Does (female Roe Deer) have their
young**

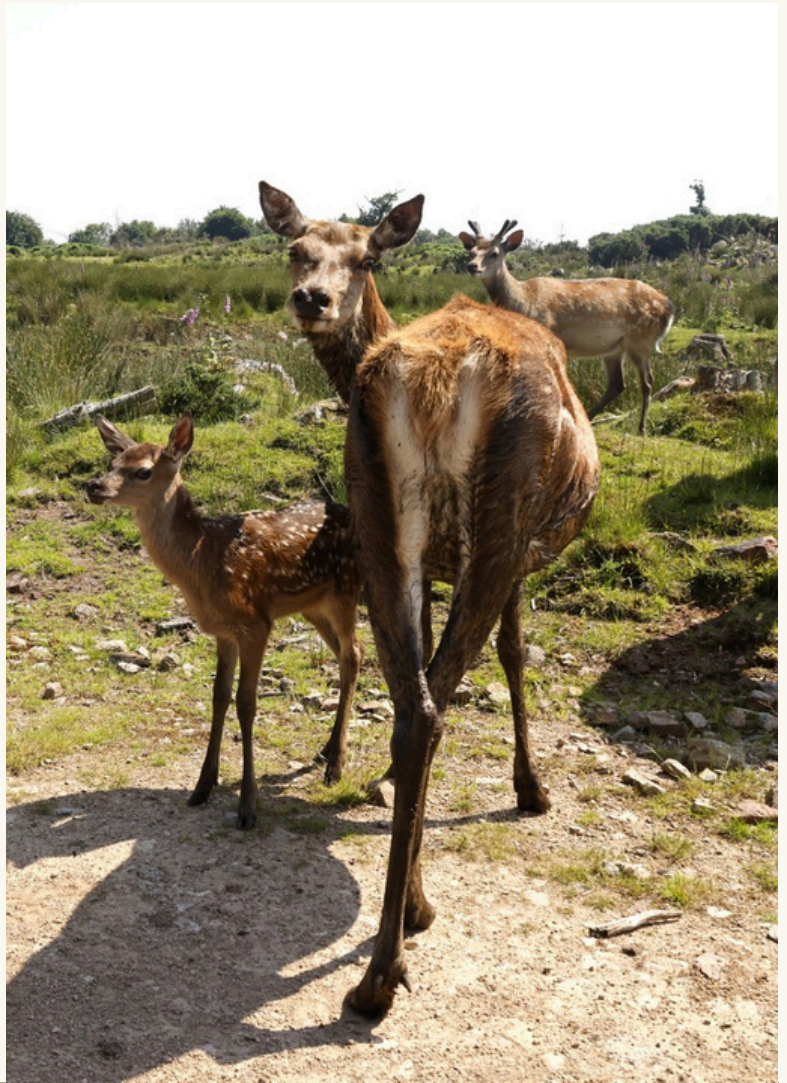
If you look carefully at this photo you will
see that this Red Deer Hind has had twins
and they are both feeding from mum



When they are first born their mothers keep them hidden away in the long grasses to protect them from predators.

Now it is a month to six weeks since they were born which means they are a little bit more independant and can move fairly quickly to avoid any predators themselves.

So now mum shows off her young with pride allowing everyone to take photos or just say their “aaahhs” as they admire them.





As both mums walk by the youngsters get up from their rest to join them,



Visitor Centre Bistro



At Bainloch Deer Park's Visitor Centre, you will find our Bistro open from 10am to 4pm daily, (Closed Tuesdays) with viewing over the lower part of the Deer Park.

Menu available on our website

Our menu offers a range of delicious bites including Toasted Ciabatta, Burgers, Soups, Hot and Cold Filled Rolls and the ever popular Big Breakfast, all prepared to order.

We also have the kids covered, and a range of Gluten-Free options, as well as a selection of tempting sweet treats!



All Freshly Prepared....

Wallowing in the mud!!!

How do you keep cool?



This year didn't start off very good, weather wise, for us at Bainloch Deer Park. We seemed to have had an extended winter with lots of rain.

However in the last few weeks we have had a heat wave, not quite as severe as the South of England but nevertheless it has been a scorcher.

I think we can all say that it is great to have a summer at last but so HOT!!! Wow!!!

The weather has caused the deer here to have a few problems.

One was wanting to hold onto their winter coats for as long as possible because of the cold but now the problem has been how to cool down because of such a rise in temperature.

Fortunately, because of the previous rains, muddy mini ponds have been created in the park and now the deer are taking advantage by having a wallow.





When the mud dries on their coats they will roll in the grass and rub against the trees to remove the mud, which will then give them a really good clean, summer coat.



Escape Room at Bainloch Deer Park

The evil Troll King is trying to take control of Bainloch Wood, and the Woodland Wizard needs your help to defeat him!

The Wizard has cast a protective spell over the wood, however the Wizard's power will only last for one hour.

After this time, if the King has not been defeated, he will gain hold over the woodland and all it's creatures.

To save the woodland, you will need to find your way to the Troll King's lair.

The White Stag will assist you in your adventure, but the Troll King has put many devious puzzles in your way to slow you down.

Do YOU have what it takes to save the forest?

Suitable for teams of between 2 and 6 people.

Minimum 2 people

Please book to avoid disappointment, as we cannot always guarantee

that walk-ins can be accomodated.

Not suitable for those with a nervous disposition or young children who may be affected by any elements of fright occuring within the game.

Suggested minimum age 11 years, although this is at parents' own discretion.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.





4x4 Tours



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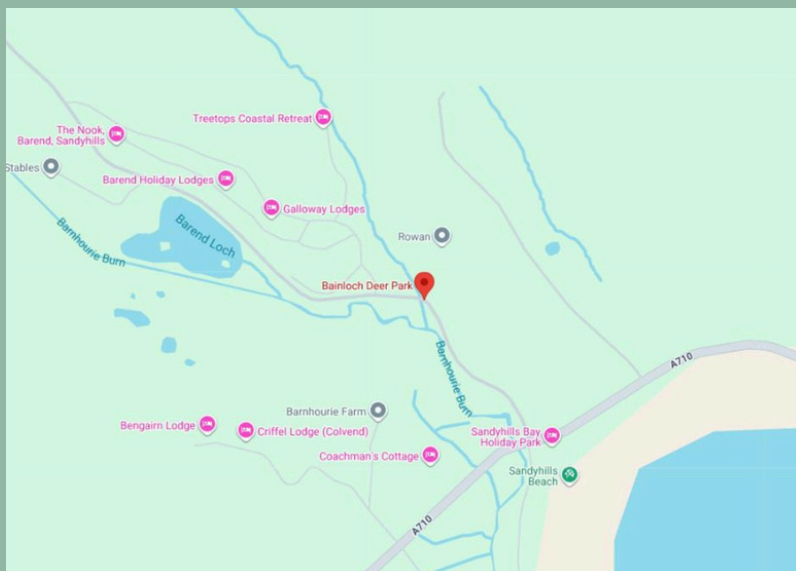
For young children, we do not provide child car seats although you are welcome to bring your own and fit them before we set off.





Bainloch Deer Park

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 Deer Feeding Experience
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 4x4 Park Tours
 Escape Room
 Photography Tours



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