



WELCOME

TO CROCKATINNEY COTTAGES

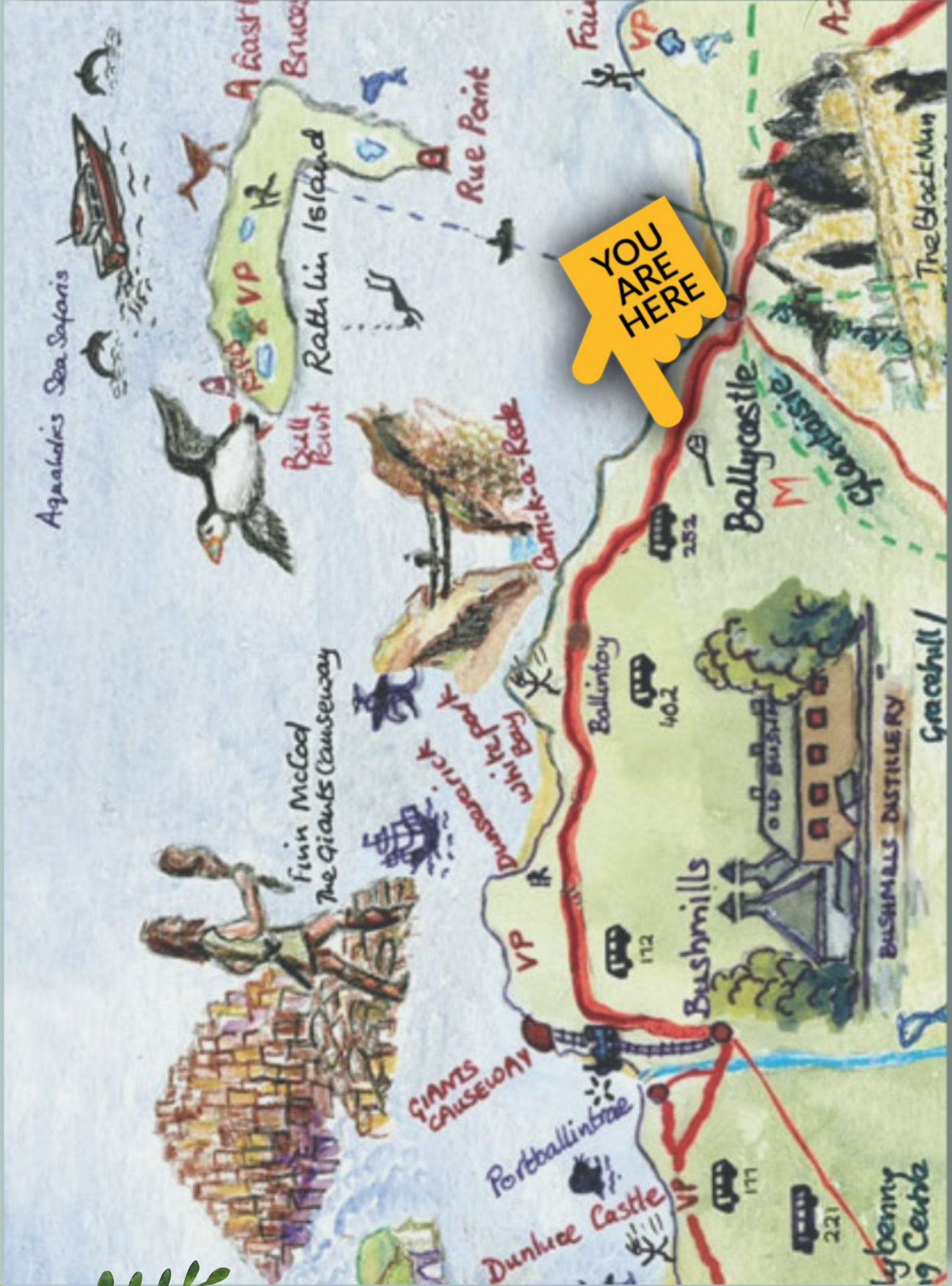
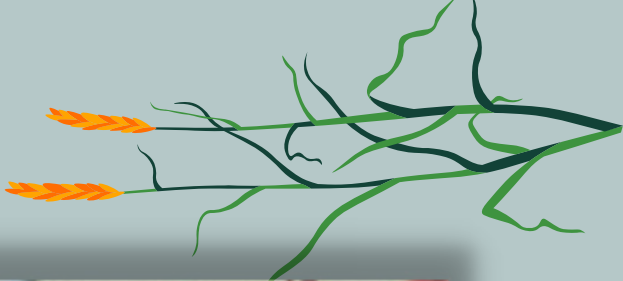
SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION ON THE NORTH ANTRIM COAST

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Check out is at 11am, and housekeeping staff arrive at this time.

If you have to leave before their arrival, please just leave the key in the door, remove any rubbish and ensure no electrical appliances or the heating is left on.

Please don't forget to leave your key!





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HOUSE AMENITIES

Emergency

In event of an emergency dial 999 and ask for ambulance, fire, police or coastguard.

Your location is Crockatinney (McGinn's) 80 Whitepark Road
From Ballycastle, take first left turn **after** the turn off for Kinbane Head. Along private lane, take 2nd major right. Cottage roofs will be visible from the lane

Electric gate

The code for the gate is **0909**. It is typically open 8am - 9pm. You can also press the buzzer to be let in or out if any difficulties

WiFi

Wireless internet is free and available throughout both cottages, although stronger in some areas than others

- Stone Chat Cottage: crockatinneycottages
- Cuckoo's Nest Cottage: crockatinneycottages_EXT

It is important that guests don't move or turn off the router or extender as service will be affected

Oil Central Heating

The oil heating system controls are concealed under a painting/panel behind the kitchen door

You can boost the heating by selecting the 'advance' (middle) button - otherwise the heating will be set on a timer for AM/PM. Discuss timer settings with host if you feel they are not adequate

Please be mindful of using resources! We do not want to pass on any additional charges to guests but costs may be incurred for improper use of the system. It is not customary to have the heating on overnight in Ireland.

Hot water & electric

Oil heating supplies the taps throughout, and power shower in main bathroom, with hot water. The hot water switch, beside the kitchen light switch, is for emergency use only

Hot water is set on a timer and there should generally be no need to use the electric switch. The shower in the en-suite is electric, so not dependent on the system

Guests are allocated a quota of electric on the metre which should suffice each stay. In the event that this runs out, guests will have to top up the metre with additional credit. Please contact your host in this eventuality

Pets welcome

The cottages have been pet friendly since we first opened for business 15 years ago! We love to see your pups coming, however there are just a couple of things to bear in mind:

- **PLEASE DON'T** leave dogs unattended/freely roaming in the cottage. They should be with you or crated. Dogs left alone will either be destructive or mark against furniture. We know this to be a fact! So please respect the house by adhering to this rule
- Provided pets have their own blankets, there's no issue with them being on the leather sofas as these are wiped down as part of the clean. Not on beds, please
- Ask for a Hoover or use the brush and pan if your dog is a shedder. This is out of courtesy to our housekeeping staff, who will appreciate it!
- Please scoop poop and dispose in silver bin situated at the entrance to the cottages
- Due to neighbouring livestock, dogs should be kept on a lead lest their primal instincts be roused! You can close the silver entrance gate and let them off for a supervised play around. Smaller dogs may be able to go under the gate, so just be aware as the lane can get quite busy

Wheelchair accessible & family friendly

Crockatinney Cottages are accessible to those with disabilities and wheelchair users travelling with a caregiver or company. The door entrances are wider than average and there are no steps or stairs. We can provide some assistive bathroom equipment on request and always appreciate tips on making stays more comfortable for all our guests

A travel cot and high chair is available for children. Please request these if they aren't already in your cottage! It's worth remembering that children should be supervised outside and be careful not to climb stone walls as these are liable to move

Essential supplies

Included in the cost of your stay:

- Bed linen
- One bath & hand towel per guest
- Cleaning clothes, some cleaning products, dishwasher tablets
- Toilet paper

Hairdryers are located in baskets on the bedroom dressing tables. Iron and ironing board available on request. *We are happy to supply anything essential that could be deemed of use to other guests. Talk to your host!*

Kitchen appliances

Appliances include:

- Fridge-freezer
- Kettle & coffee machine
- Dishwasher & washing machine
- Microwave
- Electric grill
- Cooker (ensure the timer *and* temperature dials are ON) Be careful to turn cooker off at the wall socket after use, and ensure no items left on hob

There is no tumble dryer. Clothes should be air dried on the clotheshorse provided or on the outside line. There is a **laundromat in Ballycastle**, located beside Brannigan's Chipshop, 3A Coleraine Road BT54 6DX with washers & dryers



NOTE: Unopened non-perishables can be left, but opened food should be disposed in trash and containers to recycling

Waste management

Bins are kept at the end of the road - one blue (recycling) and one black (general household waste)

We appreciate guests taking control of their own waste disposal, much as you would do at home. If this is an issue, please contact your host for assistance

Black bin/liner: household waste (e.g. soft 'scrunchy' plastics, polystyrene, tissues, nappies & anything not widely recyclable)

Recycling: We recycle - please ensure recyclables are clean and dry (you can pop some of these through the dishwasher after removing labels)

- Mixed glass bottles and jars
- Cartons
- Food & drink tins
- Mixed paper & cardboard with no plastics
- Foil trays
- Plastic food & takeaway containers
- Cartons/tetra packs
- Glass (but NOT Pyrex or tempered glass)

Bin liners are kept under the kitchen sink. Please request more of these if required. Once bags are $\frac{3}{4}$ full, please take to the end of the road or text host to notify that they need taken away

Please do not contaminate **recycling bin** with food waste OR fireplace ashes!

We are committed to recycling & reducing waste. Thanks for helping us with this aim!

Indoor fireplace

How to light your multi fuel burning stove

- Ensure grate/tray is *mostly* free of ashes (some cinders are fine)
- Add sticks & firelighters or firelog & a little dry fuel to the grate. *These can be purchased at the supermarket*
- Close the stove doors & ensure circular vent is open until the fire has established
- Ensure fire has 'caught' before overloading with fuel (i.e. wood, peat, coal) Don't add damp fuel to a fire that isn't burning well
- Once fire is burning well, close off vents to restrict oxygen into the furnace so that it doesn't burn too quickly
- Close vents to restrict oxygen to the fire & ensure it doesn't burn too fast
- Use fire guards to protect children & pets - keep them well away!
- Open all vents before bedtime & allow it to burnout over night
- Remove ashes only once they have cooled, or leave them in the grate if not sufficiently cooled - cooled ash should be bagged and put in the silver bin outside between the two cottages

The stove should never 'leak' smoke into the room. Contact your host AND fire brigade immediately if this happens, and evacuate the building



Fire alarms

- A fire extinguisher & fire blanket is prominently displayed in the kitchen. Please familiarise yourself with where these are
- Fire alarms & carbon monoxide detectors are fitted and tested regularly. If any of these systems sound - you'll recognise the shrill, unpleasant sound - please evacuate the cottage & do not return for belongings. Dial 999 & give clear location instructions to the emergency services

Do not go back inside until told by emergency crew that it is safe

NOTE: Please smoke outside only, and dispose of any butts in the containers at the door

Disposable BBQs are permitted at a safe distance from the property

Damages & negligence

We know the odd small accident can happen with a plate or cup but charges will be recouped for the following damages:

- Loss of keys (£20 per key)
- Interior door handles (£30)
- Sliding patio door handles (£60)
- Window handles (£30 per handle) Window handles can be 'sticky' - ask us to open windows if they are sticking - please don't force them open
- Doors, woodwork (on inspection incl. maintenance man call out fee)
- Fixed furnishings (e.g. beds, blinds) **Please DO NOT pull on bed headboards to reach plug sockets behind beds - we will/do provide extension cables**

Damage by children or pets caused by renter negligence will be charged to the renter. (Please supervise children and pets when playing outdoors. Stone walls etc are liable to move & dogs must be leashed due to neighbouring sheep & farms)

Bathroom

- Shower pull cords are in prominent positions and a red ceiling light lets you know they are on
- Shower heads should not be detached from the wall where possible as this can affect water pressure through the unit - the electric shower in ensuite is not high powered and this is normal for this particular system. We suggest running on 'Eco' before adjusting the temperature upwards
- **Don't flush anything EXCEPT the 3 P'S** (pee, poo, paper) Flushing very thick paper & sanitary products will block the fragile septic tank system, resulting in a blockage that will have to be professionally serviced by a drains company

Entrance & parking

The cottages share an entrance to the front, although you can come and go from the rear sliding patio door if you prefer

Parking is directly to the front or to the side of your rental cottage. Please be mindful when coming and going that other guests may be present. We are happy to accommodate visiting cars in the stable yard at special request. Please don't block or park in front of your neighbour's house, for the sake of their privacy

Capacity

Due to fire safety regulations, the number of individuals staying overnight in the cottages is limited to:

- 5 individuals (Cuckoo's Nest)
- 4 individuals (Stone Chat)
- **We no longer accommodate large groups and will not make concessions**

Babies and toddlers sharing a bed or using the travel cot are not charged or subject to any conditions. Please provide your own baby laundry/bed linen. You may request additional towels if needed

ESSENTIAL LOCAL CONTACTS

Uber & Lyft don't operate in this area; a taxi journey one-way will cost £5-8, depending on company

Your nearest shopping town is Ballycastle, which is 2.5 miles away. Eurospar and Maxol Garage are both open 7am - 11pm

Health & pharmacy

Ballycastle Medical Practice

Address: 1A Coleraine Rd, Ballycastle BT54 6BA

Hours: 8:30AM - 5:30pm (Mon-Fri; Wed AM only)

Phone: 028 2076 2684

McMullan's Pharmacy

Address: 61 Castle St, Ballycastle BT54 6AS

Hours: 9AM - 5:30pm (Mon-Sat)

Phone: 028 2076 3135

There are several pharmacies in town - they rotate Sunday opening between them where they open for one hour only (12 - 1PM)

Out-of-hours doctor

Dalriada Urgent Care

Address: 20 Larne Rd Link, Ballymena BT42 3GA

Hours: When GP surgeries are closed

Depending on your complaint you may be given advice over the phone and asked to attend a centre, or a home visit will be arranged

Phone: 028 2566 3500

Phone 999 if your issue is life-threatening

Quay Dental Practice

Address: 79 Ann St, Ballycastle BT54 6AB

Hours: 9AM - 5:30pm (Mon-Fri; Sat variable)

Phone: 028 2076 2088

Emergency Dental Clinic

Address: 20 Larne Road Link, Ballymena BT42 3AG

Hours: 6pm to 9pm weekday evenings & 9am to 12 midday on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Bank Holidays.

Please do not attend the centre without phoning first

Phone: 028 2566 3510

Tourist information

Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre

Address: Portnagree House, 14 Bayview Road, Ballycastle BT54 6BT

Hours: Daily 11am - 4pm (Seasonal opening)

Phone: 028 2076 2024

<http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com>

Your nearest shopping town is Ballycastle, 2.5 miles away. Supermarkets are open 7am - 11pm.

Eating out in Ballycastle

Restaurants

- O'Connor's Bar, Ann Street
- The Central Bar, Ann Street
- Marine Hotel (dog-friendly cafe area!)
- The Cellar, the Diamond
- The Diamond Bar, the Diamond
- The Anzac, Market Street

Take-away

- Morton's Fish Shop, Bayview Road
- Al' Pizzeria, Castle Street
- Pizza Haven, North Street
- New Canton House, Castle Street
- Fab Kebab, Castle Street & order on JustEat

Cafes

- The Promenade, North Street
- Our Dolly's, Ann Street
- Ursa Minor, Ann Street
- Thyme & Co. Quay Rd
- Biddy @ Barnish Cafe, Carey

Eating out elsewhere

- Carrick-a-rede Bar & Restaurant, Ballintoy (12 - 8pm; June - Sept)
- The Fullerton Arms, Ballintoy (dog-friendly bistro)
- Smuggler's Inn, Bushmills
- Tartine, Bushmills

Taxis

- Marconi Taxi - 07788 450551 (Say you are guests at Roisin McGinn's, Crockatinney, Whitepark Road - he's usually very good!)
- Fast Cabs - 028 2076 1000
- Noddy's Taxis - 07971 563905
- Direct Cabs - 07976 751617
- McGothigan Taxi's - 07707 891396

TOP TEN THINGS TO SEE & DO



The Giant's Causeway



Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge



Rathlin Island



Glenariffe Waterfalls



Whitepark Bay Beach

6 Bonamargy Friary, Ballycastle
FRANCISCAN FRIARY ESTABLISHED IN 1485

7 The Dark Hedges, Armoy
BEECH-TREE LINED AVENUE MADE FAMOUS BY TV SHOW, GAME OF THRONES

8 Dunluce Castle, near Portrush
ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE AND ROMANTIC OF IRISH MEDIEVAL CASTLES

9 Kinbane Castle
WALKABLE FROM CROCKATINNEY BUT SITE CLOSED UNTIL 2023 FOR MAINTENANCE - VIEWS FROM AFAR CAN STILL BE ENJOYED!

10 HORSE-RIDING & DONKEY HANDLING EXPERIENCES AT CROCKATINNEY (ASK ROISIN!)



ABOUT CROCKATINNEY

Thanks for choosing to stay at Crockatinney Cottages!

Set in a quiet, rural location between Ballycastle and Ballintoy, we hope you will consider Crockatinney Cottages your very own home-from-home for the duration of your stay. The Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge is 3 miles away and the Giant's Causeway is 10 miles away.

Enjoy spectacular views of Knocklady Mountain, the Glens of Antrim and Fairhead. On a clear day you'll also see Rathlin Island (look for the blinking Rue Point Lighthouse at night) and the Mull of Kintyre.

Although not a working farm, Crockatinney comprises over 60 acres of peatland (or bog) teeming in biodiversity. The difficulty farming this marshy ground means it has been almost entirely given over to nature, besides a few grazing horses and donkeys. The composition of the soil has allowed many ecosystems and uncommon species' to thrive. The name, Crockatinney, is the Anglicised form of the Irish, *Cnoc na tine*, which could mean either 'hill of the fire' or 'hill of the fox'.

Apart from the gate and original stone walls of the 'pauper's grave' all stonewalls, roads, and buildings are the work of Francis and the late Mary McGinn. Buildings include Crockatinney Guesthouse (est. 1999) and Crockatinney Cottages (est. 2007), as well as a modest block of stables. FMG Autodoc, a vehicle repairs business, is also located at Crockatinney.

"Pauper's Grave"

This ground is known for being the burial site of inhabitants from the Ballycastle Work House in the 19th Century. However, you will find no headstones and very little in the way of commemoration. It is the humble resting place of many poor and destitute from the worst years of the Irish potato famine (1845-1852). The 1.5 acres remain untouched as a mark of respect to those buried there.

