

What's What Guide to

HILL TOP BARN

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Welcome to Hill Top Farm Barn and the Lake District. We hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday in this beautiful part of the country.

Our family has lived in the Coniston Water area for three generations, and Hill Top Farm is now our family base. This guide sets out all the things you need to know to ensure you enjoy your stay, but in the unlikely case of needing help, please contact Martin.

We hope you will thoroughly enjoy your stay in the Barn. Please do give us feedback if you think there is anything additional we could offer for future guests. Many of our guests come back each year- we hope you will too.

Best Wishes

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1. Summary of Hill Top Barn

The barn is attached downhill from the main farmhouse, with a private patio and garden in front of the barn, parking for two cars and access to the games room.

We advise bringing a torch.

2. Checking in and security

Check in time in the barn is after 4.00pm if you are renting the barn on its own and 5pm if you have also booked the main house. Please check out by 11am to leave us enough time to clean the house for the next guests.

Entry to the barn is through the wooden front door which has a combination lock. To get in please push the numbers in the correct sequence (as sent in a separate email) and turn the handle to the right. NB Number 1 is at the top.

The connecting door between the farmhouse and the barn is locked from both sides. From the house there are 2 pins on the left side of the bookcase which need to be unscrewed and from the barn side there are lock handles at the top and the bottom of the door. Please rotate anti-clockwise and ensure that the mechanism is <u>fully open</u> before pushing gently (there is a full bookcase on the other side!)

3. Heating controls

Heating and hot water is controlled automatically by a Nest thermostat on the wall in the lounge. You should not have to change it as it is programmed remotely but to manually adjust the heating up or down, use the external ring on the wall fitting.

4. Car parking

There is room for up to two cars in the Hill Top farm parking area - to the left of the farmhouse, through the gates. Sensors will activate the outside light. There is a camera in the carpark for checking the chickens and for security.

5. Bedrooms

First Floor: Bedroom 1: 4' 6" double bed; double duvet, 4 pillows Bedroom 2: 2 x single (3ft) beds 2 single duvets, 4 pillows.

6. Bathrooms

There is a bathroom with a freestanding bath on the 1st floor, and a shower room on the ground floor. In the shower there are 2 control knobs: the top one controls the volume and the lower controls the temperature. You may need to run the hot tap for a minute.



We are not on mains drainage and have a septic tank. Please only flush loo paper.

7. Kitchen and Dining

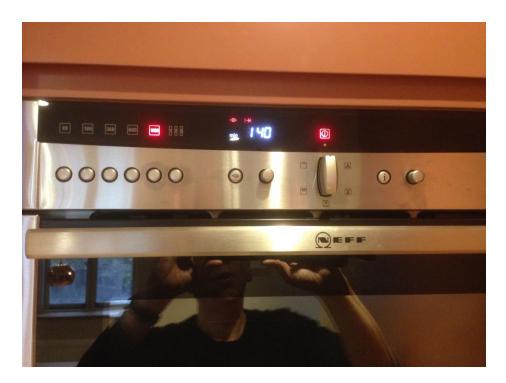
There is an induction hob, microwave, oven, fridge and dishwasher in the kitchen. Hob instructions are below. Please note: induction hobs do not get hot and will only work if a saucepan is on the correct hotplate.

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The original manuals are in a box in the understairs cupboard.

Crockery, cutlery, utensils, pans, serving dishes and glasses are provided. If you accidently break anything we'd be grateful if you could either replace it or let us know if it needs repairing.

Tablets and rinse-aid for the dishwasher are under the sink – if you run out there will be more on the shelf in the boiler house (black door facing downhill by the side of the main house entrance).

8. Electricity

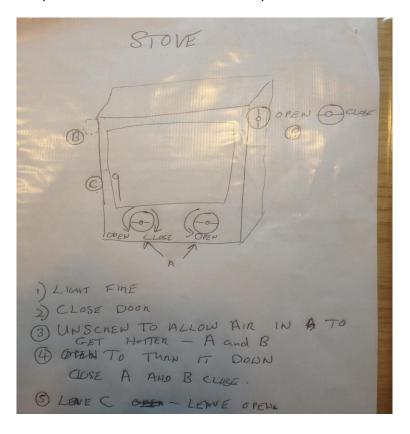
If you lose power anywhere in the barn, the circuit breakers are in a cupboard under the stairs - reset them by lifting the breakers. If the whole barn has lost power and you have checked the breakers, then please check the separate breaker feeding the barn in the wall cupboard next to the front door in the farmhouse.

9. Smoking

Please do not smoke in the barn or in/near the detached barns over the road.

10. Multi-Fuel Stove

If the wood burning stove is cool when you begin to use it, you need to ensure enough heat/ updraft is quickly generated to avoid smoke coming into the room. The best way is to use lots of paper/ cardboard to create instant heat, leave the door slightly ajar, and the lever in the down position. Once the fire has caught and heat has increased, then add wood/coal, and close door. The door must remain closed when the stove is in use. NB the stove may be hot so please make sure children are kept at a safe distance.



11. Smoke Alarms and Fire Precautions

Smoke sensors are fitted throughout the barn. A fire extinguisher is in the entrance hallway.

12. Smart TV and Amazon TV

To turn on the TV make sure the plug under the TV shelf is switched on. Use the Sony remote control (see picture below) pressing the top right green button. The TV should awaken; if not try the top left input button to ensure it is selected to TV. (You may need to select 'TV' on the INPUT button if it has been left on Amazon by previous guests).

To select the TV guide use the GUIDE button to choose TV channels or just use the PROG + or – to change channels. The smart TV allows you to select apps such as NETFLIX etc (see photo using the SEN or HOME light blue buttons).

To use Amazon TV (to link to your i-pad/i-phone/laptop/i-tunes/Netflix etc), select the INPUT (top left) button on the Sony remote control and then use the Amazon TV remote.



Sony Remote Control



Smart TV apps

13. Wi-Fi

Wi- Fi is available throughout Hill Top through the white dishes in many of the rooms: please do not move them or put objects in front of them. The wifi is called BTWholeHome and no passcode is required.

14. Dogs

Well-trained dogs are welcome in the downstairs rooms. Please don't let them climb or sleep on sofas or beds. Please ensure they don't worry any farm animals.

15. Outside areas

If you have rented the barn and the farm together then you have access to both the front and rear gardens. However, if you have only rented the barn then the rear gardens are private. You have a private front garden and patio with table, chairs and BBQ.



There are public paths next to the house - please follow the countryside rules i.e. do not let dogs off their leads as there are grouse being reared in the woods and farm animals in the fields. Please do not go through the gate across the road and to the right of the detached barn, it is private property and the farmer often keeps bulls on the hillside.

16. Games loft

The games loft is left unlocked in the detached barn across the track- black double doors at the gable end. Just walk toward the car park and turn left up the grass steps. Please note the games room is not like a smart gym: it is a rustic unheated old barn. DO NOT SMOKE inside and please tidy up after you have used the equipment, putting back the games covers as swallows, owls and bats stay sometimes and can leave a mess.

17. When you leave

We would be grateful if you would leave by 11am:

- Tidy up before you leave and put **all** rubbish and bags into the black bin we pay the council to take away and sort/recycle our rubbish. It is collected on a Tuesday.
- Do not leave any food, it will attract mice!!
- Please return any moved items eg furniture, cutlery, cups, plates and pans etc to their original place
- Tidy up the BBQ
- Tidy up the games loft, placing the covers back on the table tennis table etc
- Close and lock the connecting door / bookcase between the house and the barn.
- Turn the heating down
- Please leave the freezer and fridge on
- Close the front door.

If you have broken any items please replace them before you leave and/or let us know if we need to repair/replace them.

Thanks again for staying at Hill Top Farm Barn. We hope you have had a super holiday, and found our home a great place to relax.

Please tell your friends about it, and do let us know what you liked and how we can improve your stay for the next time.

Best Wishes

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