

Eating Out Locally

Many of the local cafes and restaurants serve locally sourced and produced good quality food. The following are either favourites of ours, or are renowned locally:

The Clockhouse, The Square, Tomintoul: Opens April – October, Tel: 01807 580378. Serves morning coffee, lunch, afternoon teas and evening meals. Booking recommended.

Highland Market, 6 Main Street Tomintoul: Opens all year Monday – Saturday . Serves teas, coffees, homemade snacks, cakes and biscuits. A good stop off after walking the Tomintoul circular walk and/or a visit to Tomintoul's state of the art bird hide

The Richmond Hotel and The Avon Hotel, Tomintoul: Both serve pub food year-round.

Bridge of Brown Tearoom: Seasonal, Easter – October 10 – 5pm, closed Tuesdays. Please check Facebook as opening times may differ. A very friendly café serving home cooked food. You can even walk through the forest from Balneden - approx. 1mile. If you want to explore further why not stop off after a walk around the Glenlivet Estates Bridge of Brown circular route.

The Croft Inn, Glenlivet, near Ballindalloch: Opens for evening meals April – October, Tel: 01807 590361. Booking recommended.

The Copper Dog, Craigellachie: Opens lunch times and evenings year-round. Booking well in advance recommended, Tel: 01340 881 204, www.craigellachiehotel.co.uk

Grantown East, Grantown: Novelty railway carriage café/restaurant, heritage centre and children's miniature railway situated on the Elgin Road(A95). Open 7 days/week, Mon – Thurs 10 – 6, Fri & Sat 10 – 9pm. Renowned for their unusual stone baked pizzas.

High Street Merchant, Grantown: Café/restaurant open Tues – Sat 10 – 3pm, Fri & Sat evening meals 5.30 – 10pm, booking recommended in high season, Tel: 01479 872246. Special dietary requirements catered for.

Just Delicious, Grantown: Open Mon – Fri 10 – 3pm. Serves homemade snacks, cakes and biscuits etc.

Craig Bar, Grantown: Serve connoisseur pies with chips in the bar – gluten free options available. Dogs welcome.

Andersons Restaurant, Boat of Garten: Opens daily, lunch times and evenings, Tel: 01479 831466, www.andersonsrestaurant.co.uk . Booking highly recommended.

Nethy House Café, Nethy Bridge: Opens daily for breakfasts, morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas. Serves a wide selection of teas, coffee and homemade produce. Mon/Tues/Fri/Sat 10 -5pm, Sun 11 -5pm, closed Wed/Thurs. Well worth a sampling combined with a woodland walk into the ancient Caledonian forest of Abernethy, plus a visit to the farm shop next door. Well behaved dogs welcome. Fully accessible for wheelchair uses.

There are also many cafes and restaurants further afield, including Aviemore. The following are just a few, given special mention as they are renowned locally, tried and tested by us too 😊

The Mountain Café, Aviemore: Opens 8.30 – 5pm daily. Delicious meals served throughout the day; special dietary requirements catered for. Always busy so they operate a pager system: definitely worth the brief wait whilst you browse nearby shops.

The Druie Café, Rothiemurchus Visitor Centre, Coylumbridge: Open 10 -4pm daily

The Boat Country Inn and Restaurant, Aviemore: Open for evening meals daily

The Winking Owl, Aviemore: Open for evening meals daily, catering for all special dietary requirements. Restaurant and Bothy Bar menus available - Bothy Bar is doggy friendly too.