



THE LOCH-SIDE LODGES

A walk up Drummond Hill is worth it for the views alone

Mains Of Taymouth, Perthshire, Scotland

The list of family-friendly extras in each of these five-star cottages is impressive. We discovered en-suites off each of the five bedrooms, a plasma TV, a kitchen with every conceivable mod-con, an eight-person dining table, a hot tub (ideal for star gazing) and a great barbecue. But it's the setting – beside unspoilt Loch Tay and on the edge of

the pretty whitewashed village of Kenmore – that makes the hour-and-a-half drive from Edinburgh airport more than worth it. There's plenty to keep you occupied, from gentle strolls to white water rafting, canoeing and quad bikes. There are even Highland Safaris in neighbouring Aberfeldy. The 'Black Rock Walk' up Drummond Hill zigzags up the forest road to Black Rock Viewpoint where there is a breathtaking view of the



Loch and mountains. The friendly stables behind the cottages were a hit with the kids – they organise treks through the woods. Those too young to ride can try on a riding hat and sit on a Shetland pony named Sparky.

WELL STOCKED? 2/5 All cooking essentials such as cutlery and pans are provided, but we arrived to a woefully goody-free zone: you'll even need to stock up on washing-up liquid and milk. There is a brilliant on-site deli, but it can be expensive. There were also no DVDs or CDs. However, the fire wood was topped up daily.

THE BOTTOM LINE

- Prices start from £1,000 for a four-night stay in Wester Bruadair House. Call 01887 830226; mainsoftaymouth.co.uk.
- Price per person per night: from £25 based on ten sharing.