

Fine print—All the accommodation questions we have ever been asked answered

DETAILS

- Two cosy bedrooms, each with queen-size beds + wardrobes, etc.
- Bathroom (with shower, no bath)
- Separate toilet and hand basin
- Kitchen – full fridge/freezer; full stove with oven; microwave; all necessary equipment and cutlery, crockery
- Basic cooking supplies (salt, pepper, olive oil, sugar, flour, eggs when our chooks are laying well)
- Spacious fully furnished lounge–dining area
- Views of the countryside, the old Woodgrove shearing shed (beautiful example of vernacular architecture), the Brindabellas

LOGISTICS

How far from Canberra?

It depends where in Canberra. Ten minutes from the edge of Belconnen or Gungahlin. Around 20–30 minutes from the CBD and the Parliamentary Triangle, depending on the traffic.

Is there any public transport?

No, you most definitely need a car (or a bike at a pinch).

Taxis?

Yes, there are taxis in Canberra that will come out our way, but only at great expense.

Nearby eateries?

You can eat with us, but otherwise there are two breakfast cafés in Hall, and one all-day eatery open Wednesday to Sunday. There are numerous cafés and restaurants at the nearby Gold Creek Village precinct, including a pub. Canberra is packed with cafés and restaurants.

Nearby supermarkets or shops?

Closest supermarket is Supabarn at Casey (7 am to 10 pm), about 15 minutes' drive away. The Spence Grocer (10 minutes) is very adequate (closes around 7 pm). Closest Coles and Woolworths are in the Belconnen and Gungahlin town centres.

Nearby petrol stations?

Caltex on the Barton Highway at Nicholls, and Seven Eleven in Spence (both 10 minutes away). Seven Eleven in Casey (15 minutes).

TYPE OF EXPERIENCE

First up, we ask that guests have a NON-SMOKING experience.

Is your accommodation a B&B? Is breakfast included?

Yes, we are a B&B, but it's up to you. Breakfast is available at \$20 a head; however, guests may opt not to have it, especially as the larger unit is fully equipped for self-catering.

Is it a farmstay?

The property is in the country, and has vineyards. **It is not the type of country accommodation that offers activities for children or up-close experiences of animals.**

Is it a resort?

If that means swimming pools, cafés and service on tap, etc., the answer is no.

Mingling with other guests?

This is not the type of hosted accommodation where you dine with the hosts or share a common sitting room with others. If your purpose in coming to a 'B&B' is to socialise with strangers, our place is likely to disappoint.

Is there a working winery on your property?

No, most of our wine is made a short way down the road. We have vineyards and a cellar door. We can't offer the working winery experience.

Other wine and food experiences?

The major Canberra wine sub-region, Murrumbateman, is just up the Barton Highway, and many wineries have extended opening (beyond the weekend). The local Hills of Hall wineries offer three cellar doors and two lunch-time cafes (which includes ours). The two other cellar doors are within close—in fact walkable—range, though open only on weekends.

AMENITIES**Do we have to bring linen? Toiletries?**

All linen, towels and toiletries are provided. Spare blankets and pillows also supplied.

Hair dryer?

Supplied.

Air-conditioning/heating?

Yes, high-quality Toshiba ducted heating and cooling that is very simple to operate.

Electric blankets?

No, you won't need them. Good heating, plenty of extra blankets if needed.

Mobile reception?

Yes.

Laundry?

No washing machine or dryer in the accommodation but we will do guests' laundry free of charge. Iron and ironing board supplied.

Disabled access?

Yes, possible. There is a ramp to the back entrance of the unit; bathroom is a generous size; no barriers to getting in the shower.

Cot?

We have a fold-out cot, but no mattress or bedclothes. Guests are asked to do the unfolding and refolding.

Barbecue?

Not yet.

Swimming pool? Spa?

No, and no. Our water (from a bore) makes this problematic.

Covered parking? Paid parking?

No, and no.

Dirt roads?

All public roads to the property are sealed, as is our driveway.

OTHER MATTERS

Children?

Yes, children can stay (some B&Bs are fussy about this).

Pets?

No. There may be suggestions online that we take pets (dating from the period when the old cottage was used as a B&B).

Why no servicing?

Several reasons—other aspects of the business take up too much time (vineyard, bistro), and we know our guests and respect their privacy (no anonymity, as you get in a motel or hotel). Our very reasonable prices compensate for lack of servicing. Basic cleaning equipment and supplies are available in the unit.

We'll supply clean linen and towels every five days for guests staying for longer periods.

Do we have to clean the unit at the end?

Not necessary—we do the cleaning. Grateful if you could wash up. There is no cleaning fee—unlike Airbnb.