

Directions to the Fisherman's Bothy and The Dorran

By Air - Mull has no regular scheduled air services although there is a grass public airstrip at Glenforsa on the island (www.glenforsaairfield.co.uk). The nearest International Airport is Glasgow and a car can easily be hired for the two hour drive to Oban where you can board the car ferry across to Mull (more details below). Tobermory, the 'capital' of Mull, is one hour's drive from Kilfinichen and Glenforsa is 40 minutes away. There is a seaplane service from Glasgow to Tobermory, the full details of which can be found at www.lochlomondseaplanes.com.

By Sea - There is a car ferry service from Oban on the Mainland to Craignure on the island and the crossing takes approx 45 minutes. We would recommend you book your car in advance. In addition there is a crossing from Lochaline to Fishnish on a first-come-first-served basis which takes approx 20 minutes but is a longer journey by road once you are on the Island. However, it may be worth considering if you are travelling to/from Fort William or the North. Ferry services are operated by Caledonian MacBrayne and further information and timetable details can found at www.calmac.co.uk.

Public Transport - There are good rail links (www.networkrail.co.uk) from Glasgow Central Train Station to Oban. A bus service runs from Craignure to the Iona ferry passing the end of the Kilfinichen road. Kilfinichen is approx 4 miles from the Kinloch Junction Bus Shelter but do bear in mind your holiday may well be restricted in its scope without the use of a car.

Taxis - Mull and Iona Taxi – www.mullionataxi.com – 07887 774 550
Mull Taxi Service – www.mulltaxi.co.uk – 07760 426 351

Craignure to Kilfinichen (by car) - Craignure is a small port for passenger ferries. Here you will find a tourist information office, garage, public WC, Spar shop, pub and eateries.

As you leave Craignure you will find the roads quickly revert to the traditional single track roads common on the island. Regular passing places are generally indicated by tall black & white marker poles. If you are enjoying a leisurely drive then please be mindful and allow any following traffic to pass you at one of these points. Always keep to the left at these passing points and never park in a passing place no matter how wonderful the view!

On disembarking from the ferry, turn left signposted for Iona. Enjoy the views, keeping your eyes peeled for deer and other wildlife. Sheep and cattle are free to roam but will generally clear the way as you approach. Continue on this road right through the centre of the island for approx 15 miles until you come back down towards the sea. Just before a river bridge and by a bus shelter take a right hand turn signposted 'Salen via scenic route'. If travelling by bus please ask the driver to drop you at this T-junction.

Continue along this road for approx 4 miles until the road leaves the shore at a sharp right hand bend. 100 yards on you will pass between the Old Post Office on your right with an original working red public phone box and post box outside, and a bungalow on your left hand side.

100 yards on down a small incline you will find an unconverted stone bothy on your left with a small track, immediately after which you will see The Dorran on your left and the Fisherman's Bothy a little further down on your right.

The journey should take approx 45 minutes from Craignure.