

DIRECTIONS TO CROSSWOODHILL on A70
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(including guidance on **arrival arrangements** and **shopping en route**)

Please note: Time of arrival is any time after 16.00 hours. (unless you have asked for, and had agreed, special dispensation in advance, eg. after coming off a long-haul flight) **Please advise approximate earliest time of arrival in advance** (“it won’t be before.... is fine....”. It helps me organise my day and do extra jobs like tidying up toy cupboards if I know I have extra time!) * **You may wish to shop for food en-route to save yourself an extra 6 or 10 mile journey after arrival** * **Crosswoodhill is on the A70, not the A71 as our West Calder address misleadingly suggests.** On arrival call at our main farmhouse door beside the red gravel. If no reply, a note pinned to this door will enable you to locate your property and we will meet up with you later.

Concise directions!

Locate us on your road-map to the south west of Edinburgh. Some maps mark “Crosswoodhill”, others don’t. We are on the A70, one mile west of the junction with the B7008. First house on right if coming from the Edinburgh direction.

Or if using satellite navigation: our postcode is: EH55 8LP

More detailed directions below for those who find these more helpful!

Please now select the appropriate starting point of your travels from the options below and hopefully the directions, in conjunction with your own road map if you have one, or a print out from the AA link on our Maps Page should bring you easily to Crosswoodhill. Once here we do provide good road maps in the cottages, but you need to get here first!

Directions for those starting their journey from England and the South

EASTERN APPROACH: The **M1 / A1** (M) is either motorway or dual carriageway from London to Newcastle Upon Tyne. The A 1 then deteriorates in standard, en route to Edinburgh. If using the M1/ A1 North to Northumberland and Edinburgh, you will find the Newcastle bypass useful. From Newcastle there are 3 routes to Edinburgh:

- (i) The **A1** bypassing Berwick on Tweed, or
- (ii) Leave the **A1** beyond Morpeth and take the **A697** through Wooler and Coldstream joining with the **A68** at Carfraemill to Edinburgh.
- (iii) The third route is the **A696** past Newcastle Airport, and then the **A68** to Jedburgh and Edinburgh.

Scenically the last two routes, through Border Country and more winding roads, are vastly superior to the rather dreary **A1** but the latter is probably quicker.

Whichever of these 3 routes you opt for I would advise avoiding the centre of Edinburgh by using the Edinburgh City Bypass, the **A720**. This is clearly signposted from the **A1** on the eastern outskirts of the city and from the **A68**. Exit after approx. 8 to 11 miles (depending on where you have joined) to join the **A70 Lanark road** heading west out of Edinburgh. (*If you miss this turn-off from the A720 don’t despair, take the next exit to join the A71 heading west to Kilmarnock, but go only as far as West Calder, then take B7008 for 5 miles to join the A70 and turn right for Crosswoodhill.*). [**Along this 2 mile stretch of the A70 as you head west out of Edinburgh, is your last chance to stop**

for food stores before reaching Crosswoodhill. The stores along this stretch are not large so I suggest you buy just enough for one day and then find a larger supermarket next day on your travels.] Where the road splits at traffic lights keep to the right, to the **A70**. A couple of miles further on, as you emerge from the avenue of trees, note the West Lothian boundary sign. Crosswoodhill is approx. 10 miles further on. Next landmark to note is the junction on right, the **B7008** to West Calder. Do **not** take but remain on the **A70**. House is first on right, 1 mile beyond B7008 junction, on sharp bend in middle of avenue of old beech trees. The house sign on the stone pillar is not visible from the road. Enter through the black gates. Our main door is beside red gravel. If you miss this entrance, come up the back entrance, signposted Crosswoodhill.

WESTERN APPROACH: (travelling north from England or Wales)

The **M6** bypasses Carlisle and links with the **M74**. This means that there is motorway or dual carriageway from London / Birmingham to Glasgow for those travelling straight up the **M6** and also for those travelling on the **M1** who have opted to continue up the **M6** near Rugby. And for those crossing to join the western **M6** route from Scotch Corner to Penrith on the **A66**, or crossing from **A1** (M) to Carlisle area on the **A69** it's mostly motorway. The **M6** ends and the **M74** begins near Gretna. Continue on **M74** and exit at **Junction 12** (long before Glasgow) to take **A70**, heading east to Lanark and Edinburgh. Check very carefully at each road junction that you remain on the **A70** all the time. After passing over the narrow traffic-lighted bridge at Hyndford, you can divert 1 mile here for a supermarket in Lanark, last chance to catch a decent-sized supermarket before going on to Crosswoodhill. And then link up with the **A70** again. Or you can avoid going into Lanark by following the sign not long after Hyndford Bridge for the **A70**. At Carnwath take left at the top of the village, still on **A70**, signposted for Edinburgh and continue for 8 miles. After you pass a dark green sign "**WEST LOTHIAN**" with its logo of a viaduct you are getting close. **IGNORE** a sign saying "Wester Crosswoodhill" on your right - this is another farm altogether – and continue a few hundred yards until you see a roadside "bend" sign, almost opposite a cottage dwarfed by farm buildings close to the roadside. Turn **left** into the lane signposted **Crosswoodhill** on the left hand side. If you miss this lane up to the house, at the sharp bend turn left through the black gates instead. Please note the name of the house is not signposted here at the front gates and cannot be seen until you go through the blue gates. (*If you go too far and see a sign B7008 to the right, you have gone too far by one mile, so turn back.*)

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For those starting their journey within Scotland

FROM GLASGOW AIRPORT: (which is to the west of the city.) Follow the signs to take the **M8** to Glasgow and then Edinburgh and then follow directions immediately below this:

FROM GLASGOW CITY: Take the **M8** in the direction of Edinburgh, leaving at **Junction 4** WHITBURN turn-off. Follow signs for **A705**, travelling east towards Blackburn, a couple of miles. (NOT Whitburn direction). Once in Blackburn, turn **RIGHT** and onto **B792** marked WEST CALDER. Continue for a few miles, straight ahead, until you pass under a railway bridge and meet a T -Junction at the approach to West Calder. Turn **LEFT** onto the **A71**. [or **RIGHT** for small food supermarket in main square where you can get enough to keep you going for a day and then visit a larger supermarket another day]. Very soon, after passing the garage on your right, take the first **RIGHT** marked **B7008**. Go straight for 5 miles until you reach the T junction with the **A70**. Turn **RIGHT**, travelling in the direction of Carnwath. One mile further on, on a sharp bend in the middle of an avenue of beech trees, you see the first house on the right.

Enter through the BLACK GATES. Note: the Crosswoodhill sign on the stone pillar beside the black gates is not visible from the road. Ring bell of door beside red gravel.

FROM EDINBURGH AIRPORT: Because the airport is to the west of Edinburgh, you do not want to go into Edinburgh. Instead head west in the Glasgow direction, taking the **A8** for less than a mile to a huge roundabout with traffic lights (known as Newbridge roundabout) Take the first left exit at this roundabout. This is signposted as the **M8** motorway to Glasgow. Keep on this motorway. The road soon splits. Keep to right lane, heading for Glasgow not Edinburgh. You want to leave at the next junction signposted as **Junction 3** for Livingston. As you leave the slip road off the motorway bear immediately left onto another short slip road. This takes you onto the **A899** dual carriageway, travelling south through Livingston for a couple of miles or so. Keep going straight, ignoring all slip roads until you reach a large roundabout. Here you want to take the **A71** into West Calder, **NOT** the A71 for Edinburgh. Therefore take the third exit to your left onto the **A71** to West Calder. Carry straight on [**unless needing food provisions in which case at Newpark Roundabout (easily identifiable with its five copper-topped stone walls) take last exit, follow signs for 1 mile to Almondvale Centre which has a Morrisons and a huge 24 hour ASDA WALMART a little further on**]. On the **A71** go for three or four miles past several roundabouts, through Polbeth. Once you go over the railway bridge and pass the Police Station you are almost in West Calder. At this point take the first left, signposted Harburn **B7008**. Continue up this road for 5 miles, ignoring all junctions until you reach a T Junction with the **A70**. Turn right here. Crosswoodhill is the first house on your right, one mile further along. The house sign on the stone pillar is not visible from the road. Enter through black gates on a sharp bend amidst an avenue of beech trees. Ring bell at door ahead of you beside the red gravel.

If your car is full and you don't want to stop for food provisions, there is **an alternative more pleasant rural route from Edinburgh airport** which avoids all shops. Look at your road map to figure this out, but basically you take the **A8** to Newbridge Roundabout, do NOT take the motorway, the M8, but instead take the second exit for the **B7030**, turn right at Wilkieston onto the **A71**, then take the **B7031**, go over the level crossing at Kirknewton, and on until you meet the junction with the **A70**. Turn right here and travel for about 10 miles along the A70, heading west but after passing the sign for the **B7008** on your right to West Calder, you are only one mile away from Crosswoodhill on your right.

House is first on right on **A70**, 1 mile beyond this junction, on sharp bend in middle of avenue of old beech trees. Black gates. Ring door beside red gravel

FROM EDINBURGH CITY: **A70** towards Lanark. Approx. 10 miles from outskirts, note junction on right, but don't take. (**B7008** to West Calder). House is first on right on **A70**, 1 mile beyond junction, on sharp bend in middle of avenue of old beech trees. Black gates. Ring door beside red gravel.

FROM THE SOUTH-WEST: (via Lanark or Carnwath.) At top of main street of Carnwath turn left, still on **A70** and continue for 8 miles. After a dark green sign "WEST LOTHIAN" with its logo of a viaduct you are less than one mile away. Pass the farm "Wester Crosswoodhill" on your right. NOT US! Yards after the "bend" road sign opposite our farm buildings turn into the lane on the left hand side signposted CROSSWOODHILL and follow the lawn parallel to road round to the front of the house. If you miss this lane up to the house, at the sharp bend on the A70 turn left through the black gates.

FROM THE NORTH: I suggest you study your road-map and link into one of the options described above. When you find West Calder on your map you need to remember that Crosswoodhill is 6 miles south of West Calder, on the **main A70**. It is NOT on the A71, the road that runs through West Calder.