



Durness Smoo Youth Hostel

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Durness Smoo offers a true hostelling experience in simple and relaxed accommodation, surrounded by a wild and spectacular landscape. Smoo Cave, sandy beaches and many walks are within easy reach.

Rooms

Capacity 32:

- 1 four-bedded
- 1 five-bedded
- 1 ten-bedded
- 1 twelve-bedded

Rooms are separate from main building. There are 2 showers, 2 washrooms and 5 toilets

Reception

- Open 08.00-10.00 and 17.00-22.00
- Check-in from 17.00
- Checkout by 10.00

The youth hostel is closed from 10.00-17.00, though daytime access may be arranged – please contact us in advance. Late arrival by pre-arrangement only

Catering

- 'Wee Breakfasts'
- Packed lunches for groups of 20 or over
- Self-cater, pre-prepared evening meals

Self-catering

- Kitchen has space for 6 people
- 3 hobs with 12 rings, 1 oven, 2 fridges, 1 freezer, microwave

- Selection of pots to cater for individuals and groups
- Crockery and cutlery available to suit staggered meal times

Facilities

- Lounge (no TV) can seat 16 people
- Free Wi-Fi access
- Small drying room

Security

- All rooms have locks
- Key code on external doors

Shopping

- A small shop in reception sells soft drinks, snacks, some grocery and toiletry items, as well as souvenirs and postcards
- We have an alcohol licence and sell local beers, Scottish cider, wine and single malt whisky
- Shops within 15 minutes' walk

Directions

Bus: Late April to late September, Monday to Saturday, D&E Coaches leave Inverness at 08.50, arriving in Durness at 14.00

During July and August the service also runs on Sundays. Buses will drop you off at the youth hostel on request

Rail: Monday to Saturday, Scotrail services depart Inverness for Wick/Thurso at 07.14 and 10.39, connecting at Lairg with the Royal Mail post buses for onward travel to Durness

Car: Durness Smoo Youth Hostel is at the side of the A838, 1 mile east of Durness Centre

Parking

- Car park will hold 6 cars and guests are welcome to use the Smoo Cave car park nearby (15 spaces). Coaches should use the Smoo Cave car park
- Secure cycle storage for up to 10 bikes next to the main youth hostel building

Local activities

The far northwest of Scotland has many hidden secrets and it's worth taking time to explore. Visit nearby Smoo Cave, take the ferry and minibus to Cape Wrath or discover the artists at Balnakiel Craft Village



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For the more energetic there are miles of signposted footpaths. Explore the hills of Ben Hope, Foinavon or Cranstackie, among many others

Take a walk to Faraid Head and see the puffins, then walk amongst some of the largest dunes in Great Britain.

Or just relax on one of the nearby sandy beaches, perhaps even spotting dolphins, otters or an eagle!

Accessibility

Currently Durness Smoo is not suitable for people with impaired mobility. Please contact the youth hostel or the reservations team for more information

Booking

To reserve beds at Durness Smoo Youth Hostel, please contact the reservations team (open Mon-Fri from 09.00-1700) on 0345 293 73 73
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or book online www.syha.org.uk

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