



Ratagan Youth Hostel

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On the way to Glenelg, and just off the road to Skye, Ratagan Youth Hostel has a beautiful lochside location with a breathtaking view towards the Five Sisters of Kintail from the sitting room and garden.

Rooms

Capacity 38:

- Room 1 10 beds (5 bunks)
- Room 2 8 beds (4 bunks)
- Room 3 8 beds (4 bunks, washbasin)
- Room 4 4-5 beds (1 single-over-double + 2 singles)
- Room 5 4 beds (1 bunk + 2 singles, washbasin)
- Room 6 3 beds (1 bunk + 1 single, washbasin)

Rooms 4, 5 and 6 can be booked as private rooms, subject to availability

Apart from room 6, all rooms are on the first floor. Rooms 1, 2 and 3 are in the main building. There are two washrooms on the same floor, one for women (shower, WC, basin), one for men (2 WCs, 2 basins) and an additional shower room for men (2 showers)

Rooms 4 and 5 are on the first floor above the lounge. There is a small WC with basin between the rooms. Near room 6 downstairs is a unisex shower cubicle and a separate unisex washroom (shower, WC, basin). There's an additional WC downstairs between reception and lounge

Reception

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

Late arrival and access outside opening hours is by pre-arrangement only

Day access may be available - please contact the youth hostel beforehand, but note that arrangements for this may only be possible at short notice and may only be confirmed on arrival

Catering

- Continental breakfast available from 08.00-09.30 – please book in advance. For breakfast outside these times please contact the hostel directly
- Packed lunches available for groups of 20+
- Frozen self-cater meals are available and can be pre-booked.
- Licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages to residents

Self-catering

- The kitchen is open from 07.00-10.00 and from 17.00-23.00
- There are 3 gas hobs with 15 gas cooking rings, 1 domestic oven, 2 fridges, 1 small freezer, toaster and microwave
- Selection of pots to cater for individuals and groups
- Crockery and cutlery available to suit meal times for all guests
- Dining room can seat 30-38 people at one time

Facilities

- Lounge (no TV), with sofas, chairs and coffee tables can seat 15 people at one time. It has spectacular views of the Five Sisters
- Coin-operated washer/dryer available within a small drying room
- Towels available for hire
- Free internet/Wi-Fi access



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Security

- All rooms have locks
- 4 padlock-operated lockers in the public area (padlocks are available to buy at reception)
- Secure cycle storage for up to 8 bicycles in a wooden shed nearby

Shopping

- The youth hostel sells a range of groceries including soft drinks and chocolates, as well as a good variety of frozen self-catering meals. Sundries on sale include local maps, postcards and basic toiletries
- Alcoholic beverages are available for sale
- The nearest shop (in the petrol station) is in Shiel Bridge 1.5 miles away

Directions

Bus: take a bus to Shiel Bridge from Inverness, Glasgow, Edinburgh or Skye. From the bus stop it's about 2 miles walk to the youth hostel

Train: take the train to Kyle, then bus, then 2 miles walk

Car: from Inverness or Fort William take the road to the Isle of Skye. Turn off A87 at Shiel Bridge (signposted Ratagan). After 0.75 mile turn right down to the youth hostel

Foot: from Shiel Bridge, walk 2 miles, following the signs for Ratagan. Walk through the village on the loch-side to the youth hostel

Parking

- The car park will hold around 14 cars or 9 cars and 1 coach
- There is secure cycle storage for up to 8 bicycles

Local activities

There are seals, otters, badgers and pine martens in the area. Red deer are numerous and on the mountains you can see ravens, ptarmigan, sea eagles, golden eagles and mountain hares

Ratagan Youth Hostel is only 8 miles from world-famous Eilean Donan Castle. The Five Sisters of Kintail are within easy reach, along with an almost endless choice of alternative walks

Horse riding is available in Ratagan and Shiel Bridge. Also increasingly popular is sea kayaking. Kayaking taster weekends and kayaking adventure tours can be arranged by local NTS rangers

Accessibility

Currently Ratagan has limited facilities for people with impaired mobility. Please contact the youth hostel or the reservations team for more information

Booking

To reserve beds at Ratagan Youth Hostel, please contact the reservations team (Mon-Fri from 09.00-1700) on 0345 293 73 73, e-mail reservations@hostellingscotland.org.uk or book online www.hostellingscotland.org.uk

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