



**A cosy former hunting lodge built in the 1880s sitting on the northern shore of Loch Gairloch with magnificent sea and mountain views and local sandy beaches.**

# Welcome to Gairloch Sands Youth Hostel

## Reception

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

Dogs are welcome, for a small fee, when you book a private room. Please let us know in advance to ensure that a dog friendly room is allocated.

## Rooms

Capacity 31:

- 1 double/twin
- 1 four-bedded
- 1 five-bedded
- 2 six-bedded
- 1 eight-bedded

Private/family rooms are normally available (none ensuite). Room configurations may be subject to occasional change.

## Catering

'Wee Breakfasts' are available, as are self-cater, pre-prepared meals.

## Self-catering

The kitchen has space for 8 people. There are 3 hobs with 12 rings, 1 oven, 2 fridges (no freezer) and a microwave. A selection of pots is available to cater for individuals and groups and there's sufficient crockery and cutlery for all guests.

The dining area can seat up to 31 people.

## Facilities

The lounge (no TV) can seat 18 people.

There's a coin-operated washing/drying machine and a small drying room.

Wi-Fi access is free.

## Security

All rooms have locks and some have lockers.

There's an additional security door before access to the building.

## 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.

The nearest shop is only a 5 minute walk away at Big Sands campsite and is open from 09.00 during the summer season.

## Directions

**Bus:** there's a bus stop (2.5 miles) at Strath near Gairloch.

**Car:** from Inverness take the A9 then A835 at Tore to Garve, then take A832 to Gairloch. The youth hostel is 3 miles along the B8021 towards Melvaig on the right.

**Rail:** the nearest rail station is Achnasheen, which is approximately 30 miles away.

## Parking

The front car park will hold around 10 cars and the rear overflow car park around 3 cars.

## Local activities

Outdoor activities on-site or within an hour's drive include:

- walking (Munros, low level and coastal)
- rock climbing
- sea kayaking
- pony trekking
- whale-watching cruises (member discount)



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- fishing (sea or river) - local guiding available
- golf, pitch & putt
- cycle hire (member discount)
- leisure centre with climbing wall, gym, and a swimming pool

**Non-sporting attractions include:**

- beaches (there's one 5 minutes away)
- Heritage Museum
- NTS Inverewe Gardens
- excellent range of restaurants, pubs, cafes and shops  
- local seafood is a speciality

### Accessibility

Currently Gairloch Sands 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 Gairloch Sands Youth Hostel, please contact the reservations team (Mon-Fri from 09.00-1700) on 0345 293 73 73.

e-mail

[reservations@hostellingscotland.org.uk](mailto:reservations@hostellingscotland.org.uk)

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