



# Welcome to Lochranza Youth Hostel

Surrounded by hills on three sides, Lochranza Youth Hostel sits in an attractive lochside village in the north of the Isle of Arran.

Close by, on a narrow peninsula extending into beautiful Loch Ranza, is the imposing ruin of a 13th century castle.

## Reception

- Open 07.30-10.00 and 17.00-21.30
- 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 52:

- 1 double ensuite
- 3 twin ensuite
- 1 four-bedded ensuite
- 3 four-bedded
- 1 four-bedded disabled ensuite
- 2 five-bedded (with double bed)
- 1 six-bedded
- 1 eight-bedded

All rooms have lockers (own padlock required), a chair and bedside lighting. Rooms which are not en-suite have washbasins.

There are 5 showers and 5 toilets (3 male showers + 2 male toilets; 2 female showers + 1 female toilet; 2 unisex toilets).

All washrooms have lockable doors and hairdryers.

Room configurations may be subject to occasional change.

## Catering

Lochranza offers continental breakfast from 08.00-09.00.

Packed lunches are also available for groups of 20 or more.

Breakfasts and packed lunches should be booked at reception by 21.00.

## Self-catering

The well-equipped kitchen has 4 gas cookers, each with 4 rings, a microwave, 4 fridges, 1 small freezer, a water boiler for hot drinks, stainless steel work surfaces/shelving and 2 sinks.

A selection of pots is available to cater for individuals and groups and there's sufficient crockery and cutlery to suit meal times for all guests.

Running off the kitchen is a dining room with seating for 30 people.

A separate dining room next to the kitchen seats 10 people.

## Facilities

There are 2 lounges each with excellent views over the loch.

The larger lounge can seat up to 16 people and has a TV with Freesat, DVD player and a range of books and games.

The smaller, quieter lounge can seat up to 10 people.

There are 2 coin-operated washing machines/dryers and a drying room is available free of charge

Wi-Fi access is free.

## Security

There's keycard access to the front door and all rooms.

The cycle store is protected by a padlock and holds up to 10 bikes.

## Shopping

The hostel has a small shop, but we're unable to offer fresh foods such as milk and bread.

We have an alcohol license and sell a range of local beers.

The nearest supermarket is 15 miles away at Brodick. There's also a small village store at Pirnmill 7 miles away on the west of the island, which closes at 17.00.



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## Directions

**Ferry:** the Calmac Ferry runs between Ardrossan and Brodick several times a day. From the Claonaig to Lochranza ferry, turn left off the ferry slipway and onto the main road (direction of Brodick) for 1 mile to the hostel at the head of the loch.

**Bus:** service 324 connects with every ferry coming into and leaving Brodick (except the extra ferries running in July/August). The bus stand is behind the ferry terminal and the driver will normally drop off right outside the hostel.

**Train:** Glasgow Central to Ardrossan Harbour trains connect with every Brodick ferry (except the extra ferries running in July/August).

## Parking

The car park will hold around 10 cars and 1 coach.

There's secure cycle storage for up to 10 bikes at the rear of the building.

## Local activities

There are many trails and ridges in the Arran mountains, including the island's highest peak, Goat Fell.

For the less ambitious the Cock of Arran walk, the finest low level trek on the island, starts and finishes at the hostel.

Arran has many other activities to offer, including on and off-road biking, pony-trekking, fishing, golf and water sports.

## Accessibility

There's good access for those with limited mobility. We have a portable access ramp to the front of the youth hostel and 1 four-bedded en-suite disabled room on the ground floor.

Please contact the youth hostel or the reservations team for more information.

## Booking

To reserve beds at Lochranza Youth Hostel, please contact the reservations team (Mon-Fri from 09.00-1700) on 0345 293 73 73.

**e-mail**

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