



**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.**

# Welcome to Ratagan Youth Hostel

## Reception

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

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

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

## 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 2 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's 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.

## Catering

Continental breakfast is available from 08.00-09.30 – please book in advance. For breakfast outside these times please contact the hostel directly.

Packed lunches and frozen self-cater meals are available and should be pre-booked.

We are 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, a toaster and a microwave.

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.

The dining room can seat 30-38 people at one time.

## Facilities

The lounge (no TV), with sofas, chairs and coffee tables, can seat 15 people at one time. It has spectacular views of the Five Sisters

A token-operated washer/dryer is available within a small drying room.

Towels are available for hire.

Wi-Fi access is free.

## Security

All rooms have locks.

There are 4 padlock-operated lockers in the public area (padlocks are available to buy at reception).

There's secure cycle storage for up to 8 bikes in a wooden shed nearby.



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## 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 also on 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 a 2 mile walk to the hostel.

**Train:** take the train to Kyle, then catch the bus, walking the final 2 miles.

**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 hostel.

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

## Parking

The car park will hold around 14 cars or 9 cars and 1 coach.

There's secure cycle storage for up to 8 bikes.

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

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