

Scotland
Badrallach
D,B&B,Bothy,Cottage & Campsite
Little Loch broom,Dundonnell,Wester Ross

a timeless place--remote--tranquil--beautiful--isolated--wild--welcoming

The Four Seasons

Open all year,the weather and colours may change with the hours and the seasons each special and unique.Be prepared to adapt, try and enjoy them all as we do.

Ross & Cromarty

A truly fascinating and wild part of the Highlands full of Lochs and mountains but steeped in History Read The Ross and Cromarty Book Ed Donald Omand,The Northern Times Ltd 1984 to find out more

The Estate

Located on the vast and beautiful Dundonnell Estate at the roads end, we begin by taking the narrow single track road off the A832 (centrally located between Ullapool and Gairloch) one mile east of the Dundonnell Hotel. This road meanders 7 delightful miles west to Badrallach, over the 18th century hump back bridge and through a romantic little strath on the north side of Little Loch broom. Passing by the Mansion House (1767) with its magnificent 19th century rubble walled garden and 20th century glass house and aviary the road winds along an avenue of beech and sweet chestnut above the river and continues through tranquil woodlands, an SSSI with an amazing variety of relic species rising up to the wild overgrazed hillside beyond. After 5 miles and at a height of 220m a sharp bend reveals Anteallach (The Forge 1062m) one of Scotlands finest mountains,the road winding down to Badrallach on the loch shore below,a once fertile township at the foot of Beinn Ghobhlach on the shores of Little Loch Broom. The unusually clear water and richness of marine life and kelp forests make Little Loch Broom a paradise for underwater exploration. All this together with Badrallach's end of road position at the gateway to the Scoraig peninsular,now having a thriving community of over 100 people accessed only by footpath (10 miles) or boat but with schools,boat builders,violin makers,crofters and potters. There is much to see and do here and our croft occupies a magnificent position.

The Croft

We acquired the tenancy of our abandoned Highland loch shore croft in Wester Ross whilst resident in Shetland in 1991. A combination of 3 former crofts comprising 12.81 ha of in by and 3 shares in over 900 ha common grazing stretching from Little Loch Broom to the summit of Beinn Ghobhlach (The forked mountain 635m). There is plenty of room to be alone and you are welcome on it all

Our Family

Mick,Ali, Titus and Cosmo Stott,large Newfoundland dog,our fold of pedigree highland cattle, visiting family and friends welcome you to our home at any time

Water,Energy and Telecommunications

No mains water exists here but a tasty and pure, sometimes peaty coloured ,filtered and treated hill supply is piped into the buildings for your enjoyment and tested regularly.It may freeze occasionally in hard winters or be in short supply in hot summers but that's life here.Electricity too only arrived here in 2002 and is optional for those preferring gas lights and peat fires which are still used predominantly in all our accommodation . Many crofts on the peninsular still use wind and water to generate power .TV signals are poor although satellite TV is provided in our Croft House and radio signals can be received . A public telephone is located by the Bothy (01854 633210) and a private phone installed in the cottage (01854 633302) for guests use programmed for incoming and 999 calls only but an outgoing service can be supplied on request.Mobile phones have reached us however and we have 3 transmitters in the valley providing an essential safety service for hill walkers and motorists in winter.

Essential Services

Advance delivery of groceries can be arranged at cost and free range eggs,bread and long life milk can be obtained on site subject to availability.Dundonnell Stores and PO is 14 miles away and Petrol station and hotel 7 miles away ,Otherwise its Ullapool, 25 miles away where there is a chemist,supermarket and doctor.A foot ferry 3 miles away runs there in summer.Maggies Tea Room is just across the loch for those lazy days.The road is gritted daily in winter(except Sundays) and has good passing bays for vans.

A Special Celebration

One family recently let the entire croft (bothy,cottage camp site and B&B) for a magical party .Over 45 guests from Grandma to the baby partied under the stars in the early hours with barbecue , live music and almost Mediterranean temperatures(in September!) all for a relatively small cost-but book early as this is only possible if we are empty.At Christmas and new year we delight in putting Christmas trees and decorations in all buildings and the bothy often hosts special birthday and hen parties whilst the cottage is popular with honeymooners who are rarely seen.

a special place to stay--peat stoves--gas lighting--crisp linen sheets--home cooked food
The Cottage

Peat stoves,gas lighting , crisp white linen sheets and white roses in season have ensured a special status for this cottage.

Outside the small 1 1/2 storey traditional croft cottage has changed little over the last 150 years but the interior has been designed to combine the best of traditional values- the use of all natural materials birch floors and walls,mahogany stairs,aluminium worktops, a cozy traditional room layout with period furnishings,mahogany sash windows,gas lighting ,peat stove,solid fuel range cooking and feather duvets and pillows . The modern essentials have also been added- central heating and hot water,gas hob ,an indoor toilet and bathroom with bath and shower,comfortable adjustable beds, and extensive use of light reflecting and translucent materials and roof lights.The aluminium barrel vault running the length of the cottage and perforated floating floors often surprise our guests at first but are necessary to maximise light and for the use of gas. The cleanliness,spacious air and warm,cozy feel have resulted in many of our guests young and old alike returning year after year.The cottage sleeps 4 in 2 bedrooms,one with double bed if requested.There are now even 2 power points and 2 electric lights installed but these are again optional! Some fittings maybe unsuitable for the very young and old- please ask.Car parking is off road by the cottage

All good quality white cotton bed linen is provided gratis (but not guaranteed crease free)Guests are requested to provide their own towels and tea towels but these can be provided on request Peat and one bag of coal is also provided gratis and additional coal charged at cost.Fire lighters and kindling are provided but should be replaced prior to departure.Gas and electric are all included.

Dinner,Bed and Breakfast

Again the peat stove,gas lighting,crisp white linen sheets,fresh cut flowers,magnificent views and good home cooking make this room in the old byre really special.

Available during July and August with full Scottish breakfast and occasionally at other times on request, when a continental breakfast only may be available dependent on croft activity.We have only one large room for guests, either single,twin or double but families of 4 can be accommodated on request.Luxuriously fitted out with its own bathroom with bath and shower, 1930's furniture and it's own entrance so you are welcome to come and go as you please at any hour.

All food is taken with our family in the main house and is largely fresh and organic,from the loch or home grown subject to season.Dinner is available on request and guests are welcome to use our lounge with it's open peat fire at any time.We can even babysit if you want a romantic loch shore stroll after dinner.A satellite TV,radio,cd player,electric heating and power points etc are now provided but once again optional!

Camping Area

A small friendly and very quiet lochshore site for a maximum of 12 tents only but usually fewer (and 3 caravans with prior booking essential)All facilities are spotless and of very high quality using local materials and are shared with the bothy which is used as a social /eating area and games room when not booked on a sole use basis, allowing a welcome retreat from the sun or rain.Parking is next to your pitch which is surrounded by meadow,orchids andoften visited by deer.Please note although we now have electricity in the buildings and plenty of hot water we have no hard standings,hook-ups or a septic tank emptying point- as we believe this would spoil the atmosphere on the site. We may be able to help if required however in quiet times if you ask .Advance booking recommended in July and August.

The Bothy

Established in 1993 with substantial financial support from Scottish Natural Heritage to offer basic accommodation to 9-12 individuals,groups,families and all visitors at a price much below the now expensive established hostel networks.Gaelic for simple cottage or refuge our "Bothy",a simply converted stone barn, continues the tradition of the marvellous free Highland Mountain Bothies Association and Shetland Bods which I helped build but for a very small charge adds the luxury of hot water,2 showers , male,female and disabled flush toilets,a peat stove for warmth and drying gear, gas lighting and a kitchen with fridge,work tops and sink. It is spotless,warm and welcoming and made with high quality natural materials but nothing else is provided and guests need torches,sleeping mats and bags,cooking stoves,cooking and eating utensils,food etc but dont worry if you cannot carry this lot we will lend you the rest for a small charge.Nobody is turned away but do call before arrival especially at weekends in case we are full .Guests are requested to leave all facilities as clean as they find them, cleaning materials can be found in the kitchen.Sole use is possible subject to payment of a premium but peat is free as long as you collect kindling and leave some for our next guests,coal and fire lighters are available at cost. Larger groups can be accommodated by using the camp site when the bothy can be used as a mess room,and for group leaders wanting more luxury the adjacent 4 bed cottage is available.Initially run with gas lights and natural light we now have some electricity,optional of course!

things to do--Anteallach--golden eagles--summer isles--saxifrages--porpoises

Walking

We overlook both Anteallach 1062m regarded by many as the finest peak in Scotland and Beinn Dearg Mhor 908 m. Beinn Dearg 1084m and Cona'Mheall 980m, The Fannichs, Sail Mhor 767m and many more are easily accessible by car and our own Beinn Ghobhlach 635m on the doorstep is a gem. For those less adventurous there are many low level walks nearby from the door west to Scoraig along a coastal track and east to Kildonan beach, standing stones, clearance township and Viking burial ground. Others nearby include a walk along the Gruinyard River, Ardessie Falls, and Loch na Sealga. Maps and guides are available on site. Useful books Scottish Mountaineering Club Hill walkers guides- Vol 1 The Munros Donald Bennet 2003 Vol 2 The Corbetts Scot Johnstone, Hamish Brown Donald Bennett 1990 The North West Highlands D J Bennet & T Strong 1990 Walks in Wester Ross-HOST

Flora and Fauna

Wild feral goat herds, porpoises, seals, otters, slow worms, mountain hare, pine martins, foxes and red deer visit us regularly and a variety of birds including golden and white tailed sea eagles, buzzards, and ptarmigans can be found nearby. Many wild flowers including several orchids, saxifrages, butterwort, rose root, bog asphodel, cotton grass, Alpine Lady's mantle, club mosses, Sundews, juniper and many more are here in abundance. Full lists prepared by our visitors are available to help your search. The Scottish midge is also here in July and August but due to coastal breezes isn't normally too bad here though guests are recommended to acquire a chiffon scarf, sow up the sides and carry it at all times.

Boat Hire & sea fishing

Little Loch Broom can also be explored by boat, kayaks, inflatables and sailing boats are available for hire to residents subject to experience, weather & security, who can explore and fish from the security of the loch. To venture far into the Minch and explore the Summer Isles, Ullapool, Gruinyard and beyond there are local charters.

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| | 1/2 day | full day |
| Single Kayak/sit on top | £10.00 | £15.00 |
| Tandem Kayak/sit on top | £15.00 | £20.00 |
| Shetland Willy (18' clinker work boat with square sail) 6p | £40.00 | £60.00 |
| Zodiac Inflatable 2.85m, 4p, 5HP-fishing and family fun | £20.00 | £30.00 |
| Zodiac inflatable 4.2m, 7p, 30HP-watersports & explore | n/a | n/a |
| Sea fishing rod hire | £5.00 | £10.00 |

Shetland boats carry indemnity insurance and those taking part in water based activities should be able to swim. Boats come complete with life jackets and buoyancy aids which are compulsory and damage, fuel and loss will be charged at cost. VAT is included and under 21's should be observed at all times. Other boats are used at own risk.

Mountain bike hire, power Kiting and Blokarts

We have acquired a few "quiet" toys on trial in case you get bored or fancy a change. Basic instruction given then you are on your own and helmets/protective clothing are provided. These are dangerous sports, you will not be insured by us so take care and children under 14 must be supervised at all times. Hire is weather permitting, security is required and breakages charged at cost-sorry!

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| Adult bike (2 male, 2 female) | £10.00 1/2 day | £15.00 Full day |
| Junior bikes (2) | £5.00 | £10.00 |
| baby seat or child tandem extension | £5.00 | £5.00 |
| transport to Ullapool/Gruinyard | | £25.00 |
| Flexifoil Proteam 8 power kite (14 yrs and over) | £10.00 | £15.00 |
| Blokart | | £25/hour |

River and hill loch Fishing

For salmon, sea trout and brown trout fishing contact Dundonnell Estate or Eilean Darach Estate, contact names and numbers can be supplied on request

Dog walking

Many of our guests are dogs and they are welcome to freely roam the hills and beaches with you providing they are kept under control in areas where animals graze, are not allowed to foul garden and camp site areas, do not cause a nuisance to fellow guests and are cleaned up after by their owners. Any damage will be charged at cost

Postcards

Postcards by local artists are available for those who prefer to relax in a deck chair and write to friends

Short Car trips

Towns/museums/boat trips-Ullapool, Gairloch, Strathpeffer, Cromarty, Inverness, Cape Wrath, Achiltibuie Sandy beaches- Mungasdale, Gruinyard Bay, Mellon udrigle, Slaggan. Natural features-Knockan crag Gardens/Natural feature-Ardessie Falls, Corrieshalloch Gorge, Leckmelm Inverewe & Kerrachar gardens

where are we--how much do we charge--how do we book--what else do we need to know

Cottage Tariff

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| A very Special Christmas and/or a Happy New Year | £300.00/week |
| Easter,Whitsun,April to September | £275.00/week |
| October to March (excluding Christmas/New Year) | £195.00/week |
| Long weekends(off season only,3 nights plus) | £150.00/3 nights |

Bed and Breakfast Tariff

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| Bed and Breakfast-Adult | £25.00/night |
| - Child (2-16)under 2 free | £10.00/night |
| Dinner -Adult | £25.00/person |
| -Child (2-16)under 2 free | £10.00/person |

Camping Tariff (If not booked rent the entire site for £150/night for a party?)

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| Adult | £3.00/night |
| Child (2-16)under 2 free | £1.50/night |
| Family (2 adults,6 children) | £12.00/night |
| Car/camper/motorbike | £1.50/night |
| Tent/caravan/motorhome pitch | £2.50/night |

Bothy Tariff

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| Person (note no child reductions) | £4.00/night |
| Car/motorbike | £1.50/night |
| Sole use (any number of people with vehicles included) | £50.00/night |

Booking information

- A £30.00 deposit is requested with all bookings.For the cottage only this will be returned following departure providing guests leave the cottage as they find it.Deductions will be made for all breakages at cost(especially gas mantles) and properties not left as found! Happily this rarely happens.
- On cancellation deposits and payments will only be refunded if rebooked but we are human, so if you have a last minute problems please let us know
- Subletting is not allowed
- For the cottage only and group/long term bookings the full sum is payable one calendar month prior to entry,reminders will not be sent.For short term camping,bothy and B&B please pay the full amount less deposit on departure
- If confirmation of booking is required please send an Sae with deposit
- Telephone bookings will be held one week only pending payment of deposit
- All cheques should be payable to "STOTTS" please
- If you have any food dislikes, other dietary or bedding requirements please let us know on booking
- All prices include VAT

Payment and all other enquiries

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Arrivals

On arrival all guests are requested to park in the camping field or cottage car park and visit us at the croft office,the white house just along the road where we will provide keys,information and instructions on how to operate stoves,gaslights etc Please dont use these without instruction,especially unsupervised children

Other things

Cots,highchairs,fire screens,babysitting,laundry,coal and lots more can be provided if requested, please ask for availability and prices.A serviced laundry and drying facility is available in Ullapool

Public Transport

The Westerbus from Inverness-Gairloch passes the road end(7 miles) on Monday,Wednesday and Saturday, Foot ferries run Ullapool-Altnaharrie(3 miles away) daily in Summer and Scoraig-Badluarach on request.Collection can be made by ourselves from Inverness or Braemore Junction(15miles) which is served several times daily by Rapsons and City link to and from the Ullapool-Stornaway Ferry

If we are full

Try other accommodation nearby, SYH Ullapool and Gairloch,Sail Mhor Hostel, Aultguish Hotel and bunkhouse,Dundonnell Hotel,Cottages andB&B Annie Ross Camasnagaul,B&B Braemore Square.

Our Good Wishes

We hope you will visit our very special croft and can assure you of a warm welcome to our home.We cannot guarantee the weather but can promise peace ,quiet and a good rest.If we dont see you this time we hope you have a great holiday in Scotland

Kind Regards

Mick,Ali, Titus and Cosmo - The STOTT Family

