

HARRY POTTER PLACES
BOOK FIVE

Cape Wrath

(Site #68)

Supplementum



www.HarryPotterPlaces.com

Harry Potter Places Book Five Cape Wrath (Part of Site #68) Supplementum

🙄 **Not a Harry Potter Film Site—Not Mentioned in any of the Books**

The **Internet Movie Data Base** listed Cape Wrath, Sutherland, Scotland, UK as a *Half-Blood Prince* **filming location** only because of a **Confundus Charm**. But, for Potterites divinely inspired to visit *every* Potter Place on the planet—even sites that *aren't really* Potter Places—we've created this **Supplementum**.

Cape Wrath

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_Wrath
<http://www.capewrath.org.uk/>

Google Maps UK Coordinates: Cape Wrath, Scotland
or 58.625453,-4.998779

Parseltongue Pointer:

- Wrath = "RATH" (*not* "ROTH," which is the UK pronunciation of the English word "*wrath*")

Cape Wrath is the Northernmost Promontory of the Scottish West Highlands

While many assume it was named for the *wrathful* (angry and violent) way that the sea thrashes Scotland's north coast, the name is actually based on the pronunciation of an **Old Norse** term that means "**turning point**." Why? Because Cape Wrath is the point where the **Vikings** commonly turned their ships for home after raiding the Scottish coast during the late-8th to mid-11th centuries.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viking>



[©2009 Peter Clark]

Built atop the Cape Wrath promontory in 1828, the **Cape Wrath Lighthouse** was continuously manned until converted to an **automatic operation** in 1998.

Although not *keepers* of the lighthouse, **John and Kay Ure** are the promontory's sole inhabitants. After leasing the old lighthouse keeper's cottage in 1999, John and Kay spent several years converting the building into a three-bedroom home—with an attached café!

The Ozone Café opened on June 1st, 2009, and has *never closed*. No matter what time of the day or night, someone showing up at Cape Wrath will find a friendly face, a snack and a hot cuppa. Unfortunately, "at the moment, there are no public conveniences at The Ozone Café"—a **public toilet** is *not* available here!

[We suspect that if you *really have to go*, John or Kay would let you use their personal loo. But, please don't tell them we said so!]

Cape Wrath is only accessible between May and September

The wild winter conditions experienced on the northern coast of Scotland make travel to the cape impossible. Even during summer months, **rough weather can unexpectedly blow in and prevent access.**

The Clo Mor Cliffs

Google Maps UK: Kearvaig Bay, Lairg, Highland IV27

At 281 meters (920 feet) above sea level, the **Clo Mor Cliffs** are the highest found anywhere on the UK mainland. Although they look *similar* to the **Cliffs of Moher** (an **Irish HbP** film site seen in the screenshot below), they are *not* the cliffs seen on screen when Harry and Dumbledore traveled to the **Locket Horcrux Cave**.




[*Half-Blood Prince* screenshot (enhanced)]

Snapping Potterlike pix of Scotland's Clo Mor cliffs is possible only if you undertake a **four-hour roundtrip hike** between the **Cape Wrath Lighthouse** and **Kearvaig Bay**.

http://www.capewrath.org.uk/06_Walks.htm

Going to Cape Wrath

 See the **Cape Wrath website** for information related to reaching **Durness**—the nearest village—via public transport.

http://www.capewrath.org.uk/04_Reaching_Durness.htm

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durness>

Once in Durness, you'll need to find a bus to the Cape Wrath Ferry.

<http://capewrathferry.co.uk/>

From what we've been able to discover, there's a bus stop near the **Balnakeil Craft Village**, where you can catch a bus to the car park nearest the **Keoldale Ferry Landing**.

<http://www.scotlandguides.org/tour/balnakeil-craft-village-1679.htm>

Happily, if you use **Transport Direct** to plot your public transport journey, type "**Durness Keoldale Ferry Landing**" into the destination box to obtain an itinerary that will take you directly to the **Kyle of Durness** ferry pier.

www.transportdirect.info

Driving to Cape Wrath

You *cannot* drive to the Cape Wrath Lighthouse.

No public roads go there—from *anywhere*! Visitors must catch a small **passenger ferry** to cross the **Kyle of Durness** (see the link above), then board a **mini-bus** for the 40 minute trip to the lighthouse.

The car park (and bus stop) closest to the Keoldale (Kyle of Durness) Ferry Landing is one-tenth of a mile from the pier—a 2 minute walk.

Keoldale Ferry Landing SatNav/GPS: 58.55321,-4.789867

Kyle of Durness Ferry Car Park SatNav/GPS: 58.553344,-4.786919