

HARRY POTTER PLACES
BOOK FIVE

Smoo Cave

(Site #68)

Supplementum



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



Smoo Cave Earns a Might-Be-Fun Rating Because:

- Potterites who can afford to **devote an entire day** trekking to this **non-film-site** will thoroughly enjoy visiting a place where they can *imagine* being **inside the Locket Horcrux Cave**.



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The references in **Site #68's** chapter will help you explore Smoo Cave on the Internet and decide whether you want to Potter here. In this Supplementum we provide a few references for **Durness** village and Non-Potter points of interest, followed by important travel information for visiting Smoo Cave.

Durness

<http://www.durness.org>

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

The John Lennon Memorial Garden (yes, of the Beatles!)

<http://www.durness.org/Lennon%20Connection.htm>

<http://www.durness.org/images/Hall/hall%20site.htm>

The Durness Visitor Centre

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/what-to-see/visitorcentres/durnessvisitorcentre.htm>

Balnakeil Craft Village

<http://www.durness.org/Balnakeil%20Craft%20Village.htm>

<http://balnakeil.wordpress.com/balnakeil-craft-village/>

Durness Lodging Options

See Site #68's chapter.

Going to Smoo Cave

Unless you want to *overnight* in Durness, rent a car! All public transportation options for reaching Smoo Cave—no matter *where* your journey begins— are **one-trip-per-day** affairs. You cannot board a return bus on the same day that you arrive. Driving Potterites, however, can easily visit Smoo Cave and return from whence they came in one day.

Common Travel Times

From Fort William Railway Station (Site #59):

a 6.5 hour journey via coach, train, and bus

a 4.5 hour drive

From Evanton (Black Rock Gorge, Site #67):

a 4 hour 15 minute journey via bus, train, and bus

a 2 hour 25 minute drive

From Inverness Railway Station:

a 4 hour journey via train and bus

a 2 hour 45 minute drive

 **Public Transportation to Smoo Cave**

Use either **Transport Direct** or **Traveline Scotland** to plan your journey.

<http://www.transportdirect.info>

<http://travelinescotland.com>

Use “**Durness, Highland**” for your destination.

The Durness destination point is a bus stop in front of the **Durness Post Office**, which is 1 mile (a 20 minute walk) from Smoo Cave. However, there is a bus stop *at* Smoo Cave: **Leirinmore, at Smoo Cave on A838**. If your bus doesn't *reverse* at the Post Office and go back the way it came, it will drive past Smoo Cave. When embarking on the final leg of your journey to Durness, ask the bus driver if you can be taken *to* Smoo Cave.

The Durness Post Office is located in the local SPAR convenience store.

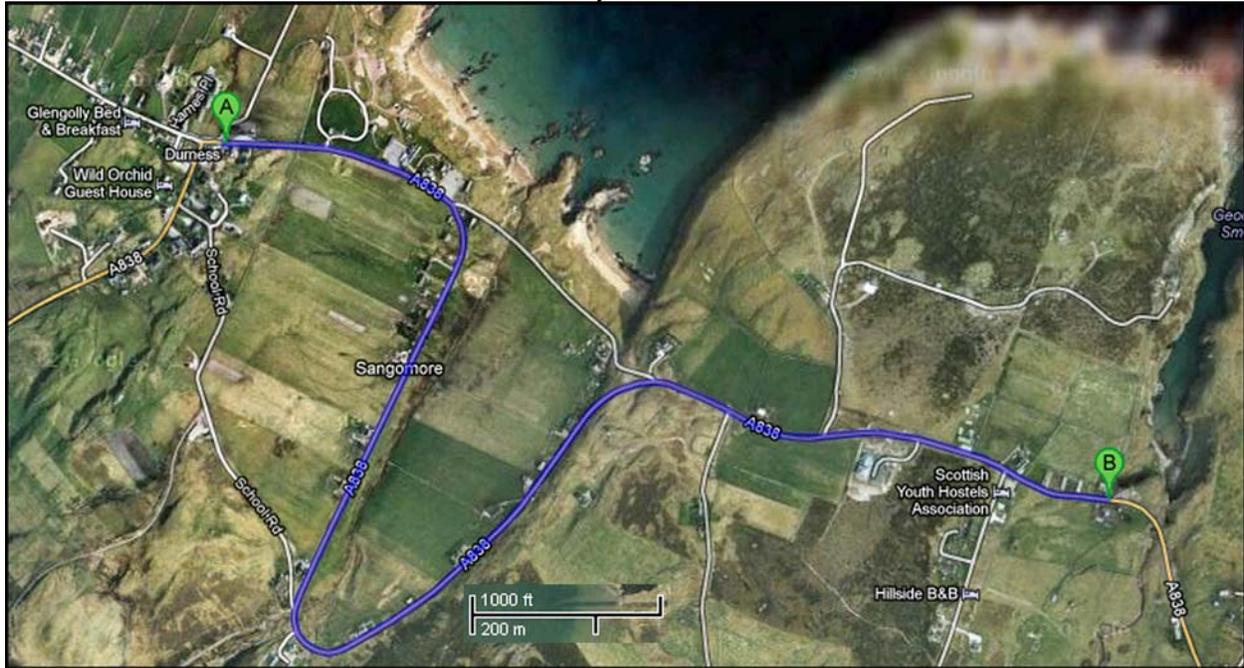
<http://www.sparscotland.co.uk/>



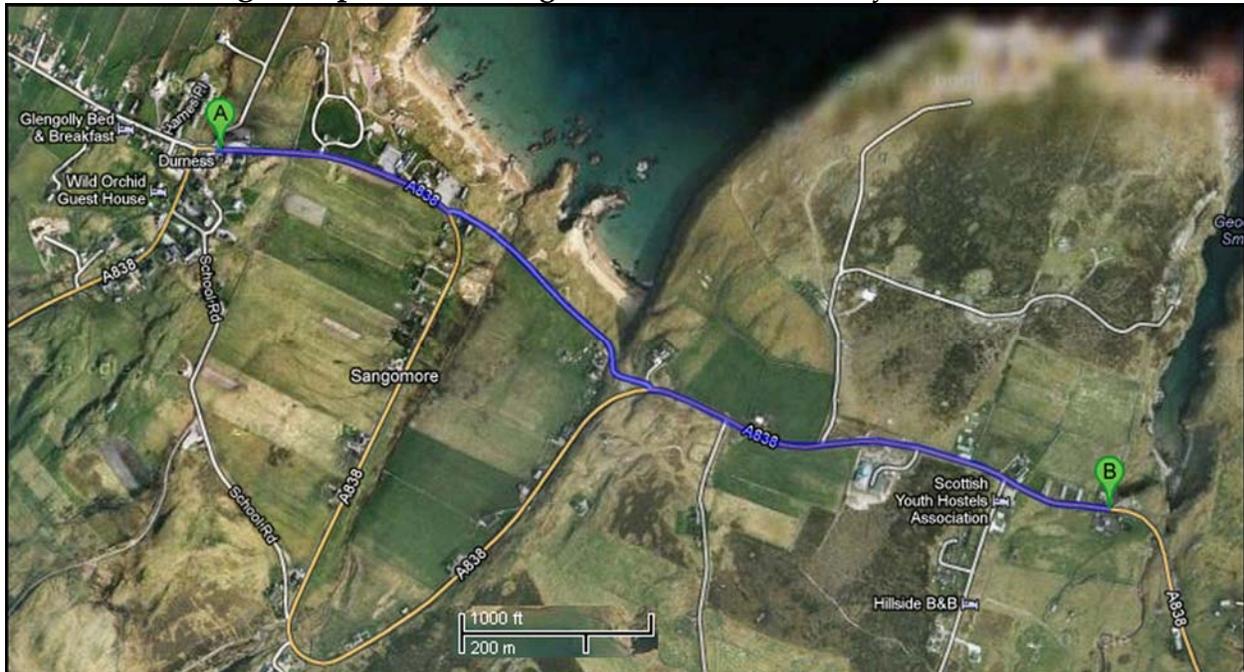
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Please Note: There is a **short cut** for walking—or *driving!*—between the SPAR/Post Office and Smoo Cave. The upcoming 2 images are *enhanced* Google Maps UK segments, ©2009 Google.

Between the SPAR (A) and Smoo Cave (B), Google Maps UK *Driving Directions* will show you this route:



Google Maps UK *Walking Directions* will show you this route:



You can DRIVE down the WALKING route!

Driving to Smoo Cave

SatNav/GPS: 58.56344,-4.721589

The last **14 miles** of the route to Durness are along a **single-track-road**. Within the village, the **A830 highway** becomes two-lanes wide, but side streets (like the short-cut) remain single-track. The last two images are *enhanced* Google Maps UK Streetview segments, ©2009 Google.

When approaching Durness from the west, drive past the SPAR store and watch on your left for the **Durness Visitor Centre**. Immediately beyond the Visitor Centre, the A830 curves south (to the right). Instead of following the highway, turn left and drive east on the single-track-lane that cuts between the western A830 bend and the eastern A830 bend.



After rejoining the highway, continue east and you'll soon see the **Durness Village Hall** and John Lennon Memorial Garden on your right. Smoo Cave is a bit further, on your left.

When leaving Smoo Cave, turn right and drive west. Just before the A830 curves south you'll see the short cut lane on your right.

