

# **BEN LOMOND – GRAHAM'S LAST MUNRO**

## **Rowardennan SYHA**

**1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**



The hostel is available from 4pm on Friday and to climb Ben Lomond on Saturday (about 6 hrs), with celebrations afterwards. Sunday is in reserve to climb Ben Lomond if the weather is too bad on the Saturday. People can leave early on Sunday or after a short walk, or go for a longer walk if staying over. We will have to check out by 10am on Monday. Noting that the club AGM is the next weekend - It may be an opportunity for those travelling a long way, who usually extend that weekend, to start at Rowardennan then spend a few nights elsewhere before moving to Windermere YHA.

The hostel sleeps 59 with a mixture of eight 'private' rooms and six bunk rooms (5x6, 1x8). All rooms have washbasins. Eight toilets and eight showers are located elsewhere. My family, with kids will use the bigger 'private' rooms, so those remaining are doubles and twins. A few dogs are allowed, but only in the private rooms. The accommodation cost will be surprisingly low and will cover all 3 nights, so no reason to go home early if you can stay.

Providing numbers are sufficient, the hostel will supply meals and run the shop, with drinks available. The small self-catering kitchen with its limited food storage is available, but for the numbers expected it will only be used for drinks, snacks, sandwich making and anybody with special dietary needs not covered by hostel catering.

This event is also open to members of my other club, Stockport Walking & Outdoors Group (SWOG), as well as family and friends. Due to limited availability of smaller rooms, or in case demand exceeds capacity, some may wish / need to consider other local accommodation, with hotels, B&Bs and bunk houses in the area. Local campsites are closed in November.

On-site parking is limited to 12 cars so preference will be given to those arriving with more than two people per car. I cannot promise on-site parking for campervans. Only half a mile away there is some free parking at the start of the path up Ben Lomond. Getting to the hostel is possible by train / air to Glasgow followed by bus to Balmaha, with a lift arranged for the last seven miles.

Are you interested? If so, please reply as soon as possible saying for whom and for which nights, if you want to bring a dog, and any other questions. I need to know likely numbers before making further arrangements / allocating rooms and I am not asking for a deposit, so please don't dither.

**If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact**

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