

Things to do in the area

Welcome to Otterburn

- **Beaches**
 - Big Sands (sand)
 - Camas Mor (beyond Rua Reidh Lighthouse)
 - Gairloch (sand)
 - Mellon Udrigle (sand)
 - Melvaig (pebble and sand)
 - Red point (sand)
- **Boat Trips**
 - **Gairloch Marine Life Centre and Boat Cruises Tel:01445 712636**
<http://www.porpoise-gairloch.co.uk>
 - **Glass Bottomed Boat**, Sealife. Mobile: 0773 3240 621 Email sealife.gbb@gmail.com WEB: www.glassbottomboat.info
 - **Hebridean Whale Cruises**. Tel: 01445 712 458. <http://www.hebridean-whale-cruises.co.uk>
 - **Shieldaig Croft Boat Trips** E: info@shieldaigcroft.com Tel: 01445 741229
 - **Shellfish Safaris**, Dry Island Badachro, Gairloch Tel: 01445 741 263
WWW.SHELLFISHSAFARIS.COM
- **Ceilidhs**
 - **Poolewe Ceilidh** is held from June to August at Poolewe Village Hall on a Wednesday evening. All are welcome. The Poolewe Ceilidh Partnership.
<https://www.facebook.com/ThePooleweCeilidhPartnership/>
- **Cinema**
 - **The Screenmachine**. Britain's only mobile cinema serving the Highlands and Islands. Includes tour schedule, programme, and background to the project.
<https://www.screenmachine.co.uk/>
- **Climbing**
 - There is a wealth of climbing available in the area with many crags to test your climbing skills. **Go Further Scotland** offer guided climbing trips. Tel. Paul or Angela on 01445 771260 or Colin or Helen on 01854 633367, Email: contact@gofurtherScotland.co.uk
- **Cycling**
 - The remote country roads with spectacular scenery attract numerous cyclists every summer. There are also land rover tracks that are suitable for mountain biking:
 - Loch Kernsary from Poolewe
 - Gruinard River above Gruinard Bay
 - Drumchork to Loch Fionn above Aultbea
 - Laide to Slaggan Beach
 - Shieldaig Forest from Shieldaig near Badachro
 - All of these trails are marked on the following maps: Explorer 434: Gairloch and Loch Ewe and Landranger 19: Gairloch and Loch Maree. **Bike hire is available locally from Sands Caravan and Camping Tel : 01445 712152**

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 - Aultbea boasts the [top Whisky Hotel](#) in the World and the [smallest distillery](#) in Scotland, Loch Ewe Whisky Distillery.
<http://www.lochewedistillery.co.uk/whisky-experience.htm>
- **Fishing**
 - Kerry Sea Angling, Gairloch. Tel: 0800 008 6833
 - Dry Island sea fishing trips, Badachro Email: IMcwhnny@aol.com, Tel: 01445 741263
 - Fishing in the Gairloch Area (book)
- **Gallery, Arts and Crafts**
 - Aultbea Woodcraft and Gift Shop Tel:01445 731394)
 - Bridge Cottage Café and Gallery, Poolewe
 - Isle of Ewe Smoke House
 - Solas Gallery in Gairloch
 - The Perfume Studio, Aultbea
- **Gardens**
 - Most popular attractions in the area, is **Inverewe Garden at Poolewe**, with its visitor centre and restaurant. Now owned by the **National Trust for Scotland**, the garden was first established in the 1860s by the laird, Osgood Mackenzie.
- **Golf**
 - **Gairloch Golf Course** The course is comprised of 9 holes, set in spectacular scenery with a back drop of mountains. Gairloch, Scotland IV21 2BD. Tel: **01445 712407** <http://www.gairlochgolfclub.co.uk/>
- **Hairdresser and Massage, Beauty Therapist**
 - **Beautopia** (Helen) Gairloch Tel: 07717 013904
 - <https://www.facebook.com/beautopia.gairloch>
- **Hill walking**
 - **Walking and Wildlife Adventures Scotland, Melvaig** Tel: 01445 771006
 - <http://www.walkandwild.com/>
 - **Go Further Scotland** Tel: 01445 771260
 - Slioch
 - Beinn Eighe
 - Liathach
 - Bein Alligin
 - An Teallach
- **Horse Riding**
 - **Gairloch Trekking Centre**, Croft 3, Red Point Gairloch, IV212AX Tel: 07769 838 528
Email: ponytrekking@hotmail.co.uk
 - <http://www.gairlochtrekkingcentre.co.uk/>

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- **Inverewe Gardens**
 - **Inverewe Garden** is a botanical garden in the Scottish Highlands. It is located just to the north of Poolewe in Wester Ross, and is noted for the breadth of its collection. Tel: 01445 712952
- **Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool**
 - **Gairloch Leisure Centre**, climbing wall, badminton, fitness classes, short tennis, outdoor tennis in summer, archery and gym. Tel: 01445 712345
 - <https://www.highlifehighland.com/gairloch-leisure-centre/>
 - **Poolewe Swimming Pool** Tel: 01445 781 345
 - <http://www.poolewepool.co.uk/>
- **Local Events**
 - **Gairloch Gathering, Highland Games** (contact the Tourist information for more details 01445 712071)
 - **Gairloch Show** (contact the Tourist Information for more details 01445 712071)
 - **Melvaig Loony Dook**, 1st of January at 12:00 at Melvaig Jetty.
<https://oranmara.co.uk/melvaig-loony-dook/>
- **Local Delicacies**
 - **Isle of Ewe Smoke house** <http://www.smokedbyewe.com/>
 - Kenneth Morrison Butchers. Family run business, offering top quality Meat, Poultry and Game, as well as an extensive range of Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers. Tel/Fax: 01445 712485
 - **Ritchies of Aultbea Black pudding** (available at McColls and Shop at the Pier).
 - **Shellfish**. Dry Island, Shellfish available at the local markets or contact Tel: 01445 741 263
 - **Sugar Croft Fairie** "Indulgent Handmade Sweets from Loch Ewe" Telephone: 01445 731475 Email: info@sugarcroftfaerie.co.uk <http://www.sugarcroftfaerie.co.uk/>
 - **Whisky**. Aultbea boasts the [top Whisky Hotel in the World](#) and the [smallest distillery](#) in Scotland, **Loch Ewe Whisky Distillery**.
- **Local History and Museums**
 - **Gairloch Heritage Museum** Tel: 01445 712287
<http://www.gairlochheritagemuseum.org/>
 - Gairloch and Loch Ewe area has an interesting and diverse history, from iron and bronze age hut circles, to world war II sites to crofting heritage.
- **Local Markets**
 - **Gairloch Community market**, Gael Centre, Tourist Information, Mondays 10:00 – 14:40 (in season only)
 - **Poolewe Tuesday Market**, Runs every week from the last Tuesday in March until the last Tuesday in October. Poolewe Village Hall.
<https://www.facebook.com/PooleweTuesdayMarket/>
- **Local Radio Station**

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- **Two Lochs Radio (reidioda locha).** Britain's smallest commercial radio station and community broadcaster for the Gairloch and Loch Ewe areas of Wester Ross, Scotland, on 106 and 106.6 FM. <http://www.2lr.co.uk/>

- **National Parks**
 - **Beinn Eighe Scotland's National Nature Reserve** With a cluster of mountain peaks, ancient pinewoods, secretive crossbills and soaring golden eagles. Plenty of walking options at *Beinn Eighe* and way marked trails.
 - <http://www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/beinn-eighe/>

- **Local Newspaper**
 - **The Gairloch and District Times** ('the yellow pages', or GDT) is published every 2 weeks and contains lots of local information and events. It can be purchased from the local stores.
 - <http://www.gairlochtimes.co.uk/>
 - Tel: 01445 712856

- **North Coast 500**
 - **The North Coast 500** is a 516-mile scenic route around the north coast of Scotland, starting and ending at Inverness Castle (walk, run, cycle, motorbike, car).
 - <http://www.northcoast500.com/>

- **Outlander**
 - **Outlander is a British-American television drama** series based on the historical time travel Outlander series of novels by Diana Gabaldon. Claire Randall, a married World War II nurse in 1945 who finds herself transported back to Scotland in 1743, where she encounters the dashing Highland warrior Jamie Fraser (Sam Heughan) and becomes embroiled in the Jacobite risings. **Filmed in Scotland.**

- **Towns & Villages to visit**
 - **Aultbea**
 - **Badachro**
 - **Cove**
 - **Gairloch**
 - **Mellon Udrigle**
 - **Poolewe**
 - **Red Point**

- **Visitor Centres/ Tourist Information**
 - **Gael Tourist Information Centre**, The GALE Centre, Achtercairn, Gairloch, Wester Ross, IV21 2BH. Tel: 01445 712071
 - <http://www.galeactionforum.co.uk>
 - **Discover Wester Ross** <https://discover-wester-ross.com>
 - **Visit Wester Ross** <http://www.visitwester-ross.com>

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- **Walking**
 - Walk down Melvaig Beach
 - Walk out to Rua Reidh lighthouse (this is a private dwelling please be respectful of the owners privacy)
 - Consult the laminated sheets in the information folder for some walk ideas. Melvaig, Gairloch and the wider Wester Ross area is perfect for lots of walk too many for us to mention.
- **Watersports**
 - **Walking and Wildlife Adventures, Melvaig** – sea kayaking Tel: 01445 771006 <http://www.walkandwild.com/>
 - **Ewecanoe** Tel: 07980588467 – sea kayaking <http://www.ewecanoe.co.uk/>
 - **Sands Caravan and Camping** site on the road to Melvaig, hire sea kayaks (dependent on weather). Tel: 01445 712688 <http://www.sandscaravanandcamping.co.uk/>
- **Whale Watching**
 - **Hebridean Whale Cruises**. Tel: 01445 712 458 <http://www.hebridean-whale-cruises.co.uk>
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