



Sheltered water inside Acairseid Mhòr.



Gometra with Eilean Dioghlum on the end, seen from Mull. Staffa is just visible beyond.

FACT FILE

Distance

Gometra is 3.6km long and abuts Ulva.

Transport

There is no public transport.

Youth Hostel

Tobermory Youth Hostel is 18km away.

Campsite

There is a campsite 17km away at Tobermory.

OS 1:50,000 Sheets

(47 Tobermory & North Mull)

48 Iona & West Mull

Admiralty Charts

2652 Loch na Keal & Loch Tuath (1:25,000)

Tidal Constants

Ulva Sound: HW Dover -0530, LW Dover -0520

Sea Area

Malin

Submarine Area

Staffa

Lifeboat

All weather lifeboat: Tobermory

Connections

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southwesterlies. It was protected by a dun on Gometra and Dùn Isagain on Ulva. A burial ground is sited behind the harbour.

Ahead is the Passage of Tìree with Staffa and Little Colonsay.

Rounding Rubha Bhrisdeadhramh brings the Treshnish Isles, Tìree and Coll into view. The southern side of the island receives a little shelter from Màisgeir and its reefs but it is still fairly exposed although congenial to cormorants, blackbacked gulls and oystercatchers. Thrift grows on the rocks.

In the centre of the bay is a fort site and, above it, Gometra House of 1875. Surprisingly, a row of modern-looking cottages are built nearby.

Just inside the prominent Rubha Maol na Mine is Lònn Mòr, an inlet which curves back through 180° round what is almost an island, providing shelter from most directions.

Flows begin northwards from Rubha Maol ne Mine at Dover HW +0110 and southwards from Dover HW -0505 at up to 1.4km/h.

A conspicuous white shed has been built under a rock overhang by Eilean Liath, perhaps somebody's gazebo with a fine view.

Acairseid Mhòr, the big anchorage, has only narrow inlets as Eilean Dioghlum nearly closes it off at each end. Indeed, the inlet from Lochan a' Churraidh can be hard to find but conditions are very sheltered once inside.

Fulmars, puffins and jellyfish frequent Loch Tuath. Sàuillean Mòr is Gometra's large inlet on the north side, protected from northerly winds. Once again, Am Bru is hard to find, this time from the west.



Sàuillean Mòr, seen from Mull, with Ulva behind.