

## DISCOVERY &amp; EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND

## HIGHLAND REGION

## ROSS &amp; CROMARTY DISTRICT

Loch Chorcasairigh (Gairloch parish)

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Hut Circle

NG 8044 7859 A hut circle is situated at an elevation of 95m on the top of a small knoll, about 120m from the shore at the northern end of *Loch Chorcasairigh* (wrongly named "Loch Coire na h-Airigh" on the OSM). The diameter (internal) of the circle is ca. 7m, and the entrance is at 97° grid; a structure is visible extending externally from the doorway. The walling is of stones and some peaty turf. The ambient vegetation is: fine grass, moss, heather, and bracken inside the circle; *Scirpus*, heather, and moss outside. Two small pens have been built inside the hut circle, and 10m down the slope to the south east of the entrance are the remains of the stone wall of a structure like a shieling bothie.

Some 10m to the west of the hut circle a wall or line of isolated stones runs for about 120m up the slope, from a little above the loch shore; at its top it runs on the east side of a hollow in which some stonework and one or two green spots are to be seen here and there.

Another hut circle (site name Meall na Dubh-chlais) lies 100m to the north.

Neither the hut circle nor the setting of isolated stones are shown on the OS maps.

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