



Horseshoe, Base Y

Horseshoe Island, Marguerite Bay 67°48'S, 67°18'W

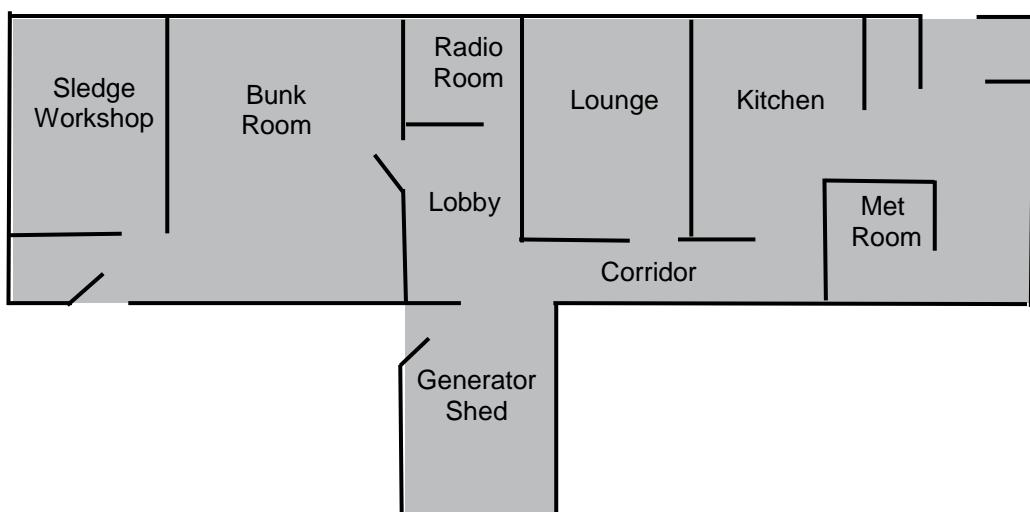
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History

- Base Y was established in March 1955 by the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey- the precursor to the British Antarctic Survey. It was closed in August 1960.
- It was set up as part of a programme of huts to carry out scientific work during the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58.
- Research carried out here included geology, meteorology and topographic survey.
- Extensive survey trips covering hundreds of miles and lasting several months were often undertaken from the station using dog teams and sledges.
- The site consists of the original main building, a weather balloon shed, dog pens and emergency store. There are two masts on high points near the main building, and two small wooden boats in a small cove to the north.
- There is a small refuge hut located on Blaiklock Island to the north-west. This was built in 1957 as an outpost to Base Y and is considered an integral part of it. It is covered by the same HSM status.

Building guide

Inside, the station contains almost all of its original contents, fixtures and fittings, including kitchen utensils, stocks of food and fuel, workshop tools, radio equipment, and a diesel generator. You will require a torch as the windows are covered by fixed shutters.



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Please take note of the following during your visit*:

1. The hut windows are covered by fixed shutters. Torches are required if going inside.
2. No more than 12 visitors are allowed inside Base Y at any one time.
3. Ensure all outdoor clothing and boots are clean and free of snow before entering the building. Please use the boot scrubber provided. All backpacks and large bags should be left outside the hut.
4. The site is a historic site and monument and therefore overnight stays are not allowed, except in emergency situations.
5. Please do not handle, use or remove any artefacts or sit on chairs and other furniture.
6. Please do not smoke or use matches, candles or stoves in or around the building.
7. Leave a record of your visit in the visitor book and please report any damage to the hut or its contents or maintenance required to the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust: info@ukaht.org
8. A designated cleaning kit is kept in the porch. Please ensure that the hut is clean on your departure and that snow/water is mopped up from the floors.
9. Please ensure that the doors and windows are securely closed when you leave to prevent snow entry.

* For all official guidelines and specific instructions please refer to the Horseshoe Island Antarctic Treaty Visitor Site Guide
* Visitors enter the base at their own risk. UKAHT will not be liable for any personal injury or damage to property that may be sustained.



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