

The Old School at Hvanneyri

A guesthouse and a convention centre for
students and visitors at
the Agricultural University of Iceland



The guesthouse is a 100 years old building



The old school at Hvanneyri has been prosperous throughout the years. The schoolhouse was built during the summer of 1910. Rögnvaldur Ólafsson, architect, drew the plan and supervised the building of the house.

The schoolhouse, or the Old School, as it is often called, is one of the buildings that belongs to Old Hvanneyri. These buildings are a unique collection of work by the first Icelandic architects, Rögnvaldur Ólafsson and Guðjón Samúelsson.

The rooms have now been renovated and serve as simple but tasteful lodging facilities. There are 12 bedrooms in the building, 7 double rooms and 5 single rooms. One can choose between sleeping bag accommodation or a made up bed. Groups can also use sleeping bag accommodations in the classrooms. There are two large classrooms on the first floor. There is also a classroom in the basement, suitable for 30 people. Each classroom has a computer screen projector. There is a small classroom for about 10 people on the second floor.

Shared bathrooms are in the hallways and a kitchen, a lounge and showers can be found in the basement. The dining room seats around 30 people.





A successful meeting

Meetings and gatherings are held for different purposes, but it is important that the participants mingle and make contact with each other. The meeting is more likely to be successful if people are enjoying their stay, focusing on the subject, and getting to know other participants better.

We welcome former students in particular. It is always enjoyable to go down memory lane at the old campus. The Old School at Hvanneyri offers everything necessary for a successful stay.

Visitors can access the fitness centre at Ásgarður, which is the main building of the AUI and located in the same area. To attend the fitness centre one needs to book in advance. Ásgarður does also host the computer labs of the AUI.

Groups can buy food at the schools canteen. This has to be booked in advance.





The Agricultural University of Iceland (AUI)

The AUI has its headquarters at Hvanneyri, Borgarfjörður where the emphasis is on teaching and research work. Just over 300 people have a legal residence at Hvanneyri, but when the students and staff at the AUI are added to that number, the population of the village is almost 500. The AUI runs a large dairy farm on site and a sheep farm nearby at Hestur.

Keldnaholt, Reykjavík, hosts the headquarters of the research work of the AUI. The AUI runs an experimental station for agronomy research at Korpa, which is located in the same area.

At Reykir (close to Hveragerði) the AUI offers vocational education in horticultural subjects.

The AUI has an experimental station at Möðruvellir in Hörgárdalur in the northern region of Iceland with emphasis on dairy production and agronomy.

The AUI along with the agricultural society of southern Iceland runs an experimental station in dairy production at Stóra-Ármót.



Studying at the AUI

The AUI consists of two university faculties: the Faculty of Land and Animal Resources - and the Faculty of Environmental Sciences. In addition AUI has one Department for Vocational and Continuing Education.

University training

Five lines are available for a BS degree: Agricultural Sciences, Equine Sciences, Natural Resources and Environmental Science, Forestry, and Environmental and Landscape Planning (preparation for landscape architecture). M.Sc. and PhD studies are also offered at the university.

Occupational/vocational education

Five lines are available at a secondary education level: Flower Decoration, Agricultural Science, Gardening Production, Forest/Environment and Landscape Gardening.

Continuing education

The Department of Continuing Education offers a wide selection of courses.



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Borgarnes

Borgarnes is a town in Borgarfjörður. The population is just over 2000. The distance between Borgarnes and Hvanneyri is 12 km. Many shops, a post office, a swimming pool and a health care center can be found at Borgarnes.

Safnahús Borgarfjarðar

The Museum House of Borgarfjörður Bjarnabraut 4-6, Borgarnes. Here you will find five different museums under one roof: library, archive, a folk museum, natural history museum and the Art Museum of Borgarfjörður.

Camping sites, horse rent, trout fishing and golf

There are three golf courses nearby Hvanneyri. Horse rent is within a short distance and nice camping sites are available. Trout fishing is possible at most times.

Trails

One can choose between a number of trails near to Hvanneyri. The locals are more than happy to point out interesting places to visit.

Norðurárdalur

There are numerous beautiful sites in Borgarfjörður. The waterfall, Glanni, is one of those sites all tourists must see. Many people hike on top of Grábrók and overlook the valley.

Reykholt

Reykholt at Borgarfjörður is a famous historical site. Snorri Sturluson lived at Reykholt and was decapitated there in 1241. In the memory of Snorri, an academic institution, Snorrastofa, is now run at Reykholt. Reykholt has a lot to offer. Besides the old church, which has been renovated as a museum and is now open for the public, there is a new and stately church at Reykholt. A hotel is run at Reykholt throughout the year.

Húsafell

Húsafell is truly a beautiful place for outdoor life. It is located near to Eiríksjökull and Langjökull. One can find a golf course, a swimming pool and other services tourists may need at Húsafell (www.husafell.is). The waterfalls Hraunfossar and Barnafossar and the caves Surtshellir and Víðgelmir are within short distances from Húsafell. To get to Víðgelmir one needs to take off from the farm Fljótstunga at Hvítársíða.

The Icelandic Museum of Agriculture

The Icelandic Museum of Agriculture at Hvanneyri is based upon the Museum of Farm Machinery, which has operated at Hvanneyri for a long time, but its foundation goes back to 1940. The Museum of Agriculture is open for bookings the whole year around. The Museum is open every day during the summer (June, July, August). www.landbunadarsafn.is

The Icelandic Settlement Centre

The Icelandic Settlement Centre is located in Borgarnes. The Centre offers variety of recreation and entertainment as well as a restaurant. www.landnam.is

The Wool and Handicrafts Gallery (Ullarsel) at Hvanneyri

The Wool and Handicrafts Gallery at Hvanneyri is a gallery selling good quality handicrafts, products of Icelandic wool and superb handicrafts from Icelandic ingredients. The Wool and Handicrafts Gallery is open every day from 12 pm until 6 pm during the summer. During the winter (as from September 7th), the Gallery is open between 1 pm and 5 pm Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. www.ull.is

