

Fàilte gu Sgorrabreac

Welcome to Scorrybreac

the speckled steep hill

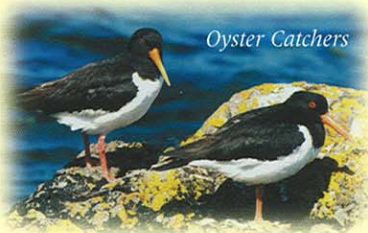


Common Seal

The Nicolson Trust purchased *Sgorrabreac* in 1993 to celebrate the long connection of *Clann Mhicneacail* with this part of Skye and manages this historic site as a place for people and nature.

It was from *Sgeir Mhor* (Big Skerry) that Bonnie Prince Charlie boarded a boat on 1st July 1746 for Raasay. Continually having to elude Hanovarian forces and sympathisers the party sailed back the next day, despite a fierce gale, and put up for the night in a cow byre about 2 miles from Scorrybreac House.

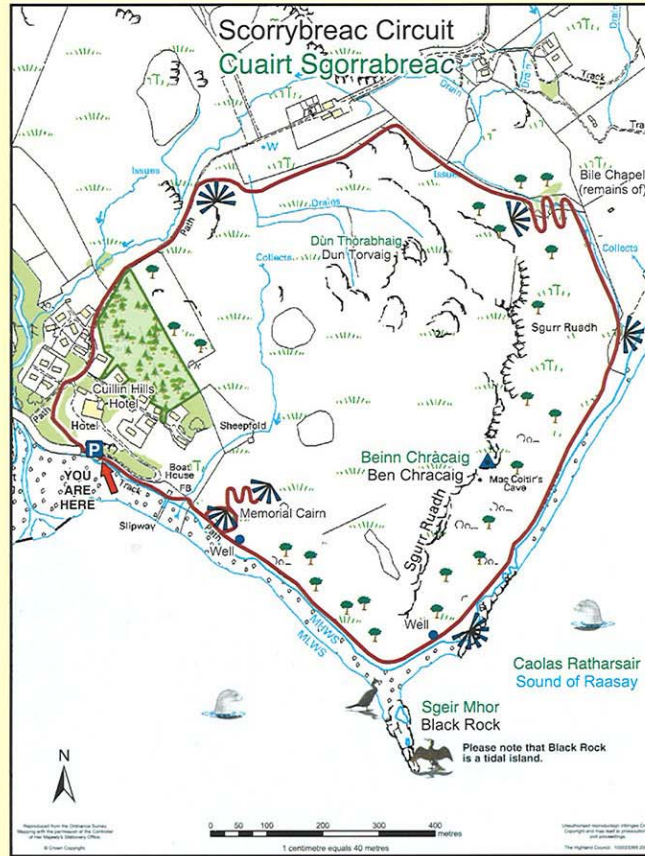
Today this tidal island is also known as the Black Rock. At low tide, the different coloured zones of lichen, seaweed and barnacles add colour to the black basalt rock. Cormorants *sgairbh* perch here to dry their wings while nearby a common seal *ròn* may stick its head out of the sea to spy on passing walkers.



Oyster Catchers

Follow the Country & Forest Codes:

- Avoid all risks of fire.
- Take notice of any warning signs.
- Take all your litter with you.
- Protect trees, plants and wildlife.
- Leave things as you find them, take nothing away.
- Show consideration to others.



Legend	
	Scorrybreac Circuit <i>Cuairt Sgorrabreac</i>
	Native Woodland <i>Coille Nàdarra</i>
	Policy Woodland <i>Coille Oighreachd</i>
	Parking <i>Parcadh</i>
	Summit <i>Am Mullach</i>
	Viewpoint <i>Aite-seallaidh</i>
	MHWS Mean High Water Springs <i>Tomhas Àirde-reothair</i>
	MLWS Mean Low Water Springs <i>Tomhas Ìsle-reothair</i>

The steep slopes above Loch Portree are clothed in native hazel *calltuinn*, oak *darach*, birch *beithe*, willow *seileach*, and rowan *caorann* stunted by the blast of winter gales. Above the crags, flocks of rooks and jackdaws wheel. Occasionally, a sea eagle may be seen soaring over the bay.



Sea Eagle

Eventually the path leaves the shore and zigzags up onto heather moor and open hill. The views to the Isle of Raasay *Eilein Ratharsair* and the impressive pinnacle of The Old Man of Storr *Bodach an Stòir* are truly rewarding. The descent is through sheltered policy woodland surrounding the Cuillin Hills Hotel back to your starting point.



Primroses

Walk Details:

Scorrybreac Circuit 3km

Allow 2 hours to explore the spectacular surroundings. Strenuous in places - walking boots are strongly recommended.

Can I Take My Dog?

Yes, but keep dog on a short lead or under close control to avoid disturbance to livestock & ground nesting birds. Remember you are required to clean up after your dog.