

Pepper-pots, soldiers and monks

Poitean-piobair, saighdearan is manaich

Pronounced: Poyteen peeper, syderran is maneech

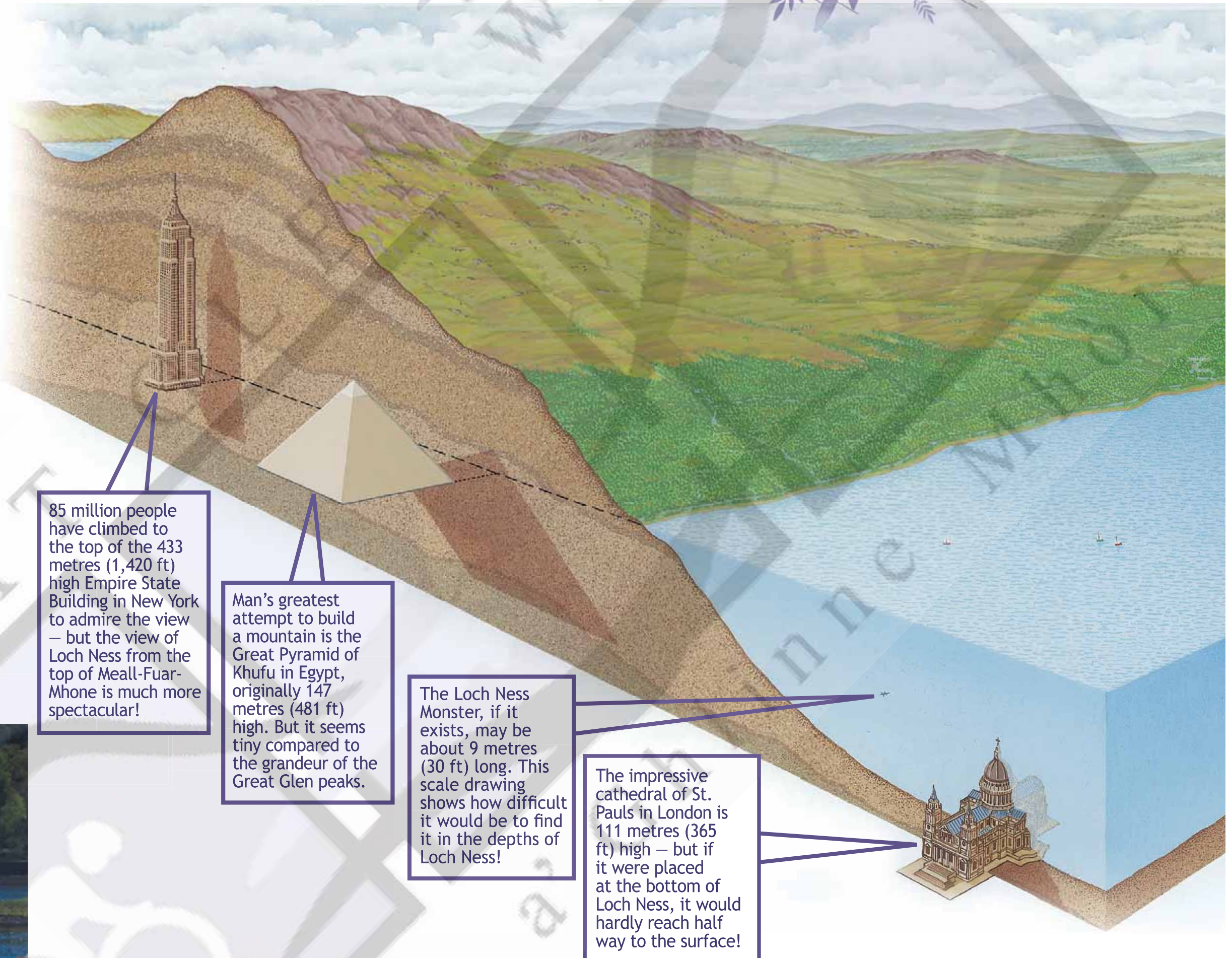
The Caledonian Canal meets Loch Ness **Loch Nis** near here. The “pepper-pot” lighthouse **taigh-solais** on the far bank, which guided boats into the canal, is said to be the smallest lighthouse in the United Kingdom. There are superb views of the loch from the end of the pier.

Looking across the canal, you can catch glimpses of Fort Augustus Abbey **Abaid Chille Chuimein**. The original Fort Augustus was built in 1729, as part of a network of forts and roads designed to allow government soldiers to quell rebellious Highlanders should the need arise.

Lord Lovat bought the fort in 1867. His son gifted it in 1876 to be converted into a Benedictine Abbey. A new façade and clock-tower were designed for the Abbey but some parts of the old fort can still be seen. The monks finally left the Abbey in 1999 and it is now converted into luxury accommodation.



An example of a tiny “pepper-pot” lighthouse.



Did you know...?

Loch Ness is...

227 metres (745 feet) at its deepest measured point. That’s roughly the same as a human pyramid 149 people high!
around 37 km (23 miles) long - equivalent to over 4000 Loch Ness Monsters!

It has...

around 7,447 million cubic metres (263,000 million cubic feet) of water. It is said that the loch could hold the world’s population ten times over!