

## 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 clocktower 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.

85 million people have climbed to the top of the 433 metres (1,420 ft) high Empire State Building in New York to admire the view but the view of Loch Ness from the top of Meall-Fuar-Mhone is much more spectacular!

**Great Pyramid of** Khufu in Egypt, originally 147 The Loch Ness metres (481 ft) Monster, if it high. But it seems exists, may be tiny compared to about 9 metres the grandeur of the (30 ft) long. This Great Glen peaks. scale drawing shows how difficult it would be to find

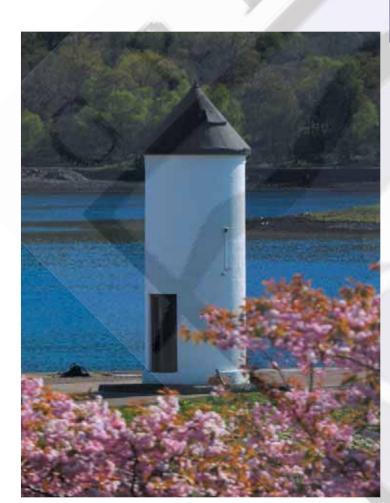
Man's greatest

attempt to build

a mountain is the

it in the depths of Loch Ness!

The impressive cathedral of St. Pauls in London is 111 metres (365 ft) high — but if it were placed at the bottom of Loch Ness, it would hardly reach half way to the surface!



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!