

# SCOTLAND - A HIKER'S DREAM-COME-TRUE



Hiking in Scotland and discovering this strikingly beautiful country has become a dream for many hiking enthusiasts. There are plenty of hikes to choose from and no matter what difficulty, Scotland is always up for the challenge.

Generations of hikers have been roaming Scotland in silent awe as they were discovering the most breathtaking of vistas. This place is a hiker's paradise and there are several trails with varying difficulty which will satisfy anyone.

**The West Highland Way** stretches from Milngavie to Ft. William. These 96 miles will take one through a diversity of ecozones featuring gems like Scottish lochs, moors, mysterious forests and breathtaking mountains. The trail is the first of officially designated footpaths and in the last thirty years of its existence it won over many hearts.

**The East Highland Way** is currently the youngest of the long paths. It takes hikers from Ft. William and leads them to Aviemore, 78 miles away. History fans will enjoy several castles on the way as well as prehistoric sites and lochs.

**The Great Glen Way** takes hikers from Ft. William to Inverness and measures 79 miles. Fans of the mysterious love the trail. It leads along Lochs Locky, Oich and Ness. Many eyes remain fixed on the surface of Loch Ness in the hope of catching a glimpse of Nessie 'the monster'.

Travelers with less time to spare appreciate the charms of **The Clyde Coast Way**. It measures approximately 50 miles and features many breathtaking views of Scottish picturesque southwest coast. There are many charming villages, historic churches as well as traditional pubs on the way.

The most demanding and adventurous of hikers will find the **North to Cape Wrath** fascinating. It is very demanding and while still unofficial, there are several guidebooks written about it. It is 205 miles long and leads to the Scottish mainland's northernmost point - the lighthouse at Cape Wrath.

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