

Excursions on the Isle of Skye, an introduction

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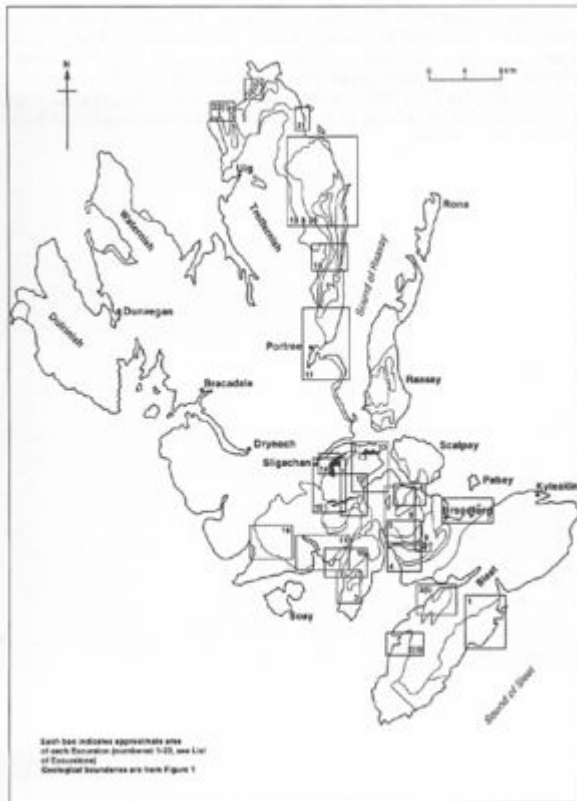


Figure 14 Location of excursion on Skye

Details of twenty-two excursions, of widely varying length, are presented. Maps are provided and should be consulted in conjunction with the Locality descriptions. Each excursion begins with details on: Purpose; Aspects Covered; Route; Distance; Time; and, General Comments. These should be studied before undertaking any excursion. The position of each excursion is illustrated on [\(Figure 14\)](#). Also provided in the text, after the General Comments, are details of routes to and from the excursion area. Parties may best decide which excursions they wish to tackle by consulting the sections on Purpose and Aspects Covered. The most general excursions are 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

References to the main text (Chapters 1 to 13) are made as follows: [\(4D\)](#) equals Section (D) of Chapter 4,; [\(11B\)](#) equals Section (B) of Chapter 11; and so on.

A general legend for those excursion maps which do not have a key is located at the back of the guide.

Useful maps are:

Geological (Scotland, either One-Inch Series or 1:50000 Series, Solid or Drift): Sheet 70 (Minginish); Sheet 71(W) (Broadford); Sheet 71(E) (Lochalsh); Sheet 80(W) (Dunvegan); Sheet 80(E)/part 81 (Portree); Sheet 90/part 91 (Staffin). A Special Sheet (Northern Skye) covers the areas of Sheets

80(W), 80(E)/part 81 and 90/part 91.

Topographical (Ordnance Survey 1:50000 Series): Sheet 23 (North Skye); Sheet 32 (South Skye); Sheet 33 (Loch Alsh and Glen Shiel). The Ordnance Survey 1:25000 Outdoor Leisure Map "The Cuillin and Torridon Hills" is particularly useful. Skye is also covered by the 1:25000 Series maps.

A useful book is: British Mesozoic Fossils, published by the British Museum (Natural History). ISBN 0 565 05703 0.

In the excursions six-figure National Grid References are given for each locality. All Grid References carry the prefix NG.

The weather on Skye can change rapidly and can be severe. Parties should be prepared for wet and often cold conditions. Good warm weather-proof clothing and footwear are advised and 'emergency' food should be carried, together with a first-aid kit. For reasons of safety, it is suggested that parties should consist of at least three people. Parties should advise others of their intended route and timetable. If in doubt, consult the Geological Code of Conduct published by the Geologists' Association, London.

Travel to and on Skye: Skye may be reached by rail (Edinburgh Inverness-Kyle of Lochalsh, and Glasgow-Mallaig), coach (Glasgow to Uig) and air (Glasgow to Broadford) services. Time-tables are seasonal and should be consulted before any visit is undertaken. On Skye, public transport consists of coach services linking the larger centres of population. More remote areas may be reached through one of the passenger-carrying Post Office minibuses. However, the greatest degree of freedom, whilst travelling, is achieved by either car or private hire of minibuses and coaches.

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At all times follow: [The Scottish Access Code](#) and [Code of conduct for geological field work](#)

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