



# 27 HIGHLAND SLIOCH



■ Distance: 11¼ miles/19km ■ Time: 8-9 hours ■ Grade: Challenging 

## THE MIGHTY MOUNTAIN



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It's remarkable how often Slioch is prefixed by the word 'mighty', but when viewed from Loch Maree it's an adjective that fits perfectly.

Few mountains look so imposing and impregnable. The reality is the route to its summit avoids the cliffs by sneaking around the back. It's still a long walk on rough terrain, sometimes pathless, but there are no difficulties

beyond that. After visiting Slioch's summit, you'll take a lovely ridge to the subsidiary top of Sgurr an Tuill Bhain, which has views north over the Fisherfield Forest – one of the largest areas of wilderness in western

Europe. But the undoubted highlight of this fantastic walk is the sensational view westwards from the summit, down the length of island-studded Loch Maree to the Atlantic beyond. ➡



Sgurr an Tuill Bhain.





■ OS Explorer map 435 ■ Buy maps at: [ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop](http://ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop)



**1 Start**  
From car park follow steps into trees to pass through deer fence via gate. Turn L (sign Poolewe by Letterewe) and follow track, then grassy path, by fence soon passing cemetery on L. Continue by deer fence, through gate, then cross Allt Chnàimhean by wooden footbridge. After a section through bracken, path follows wide shelf above Kinlochewe River before turning away from it, across grassland, to approach shores of Loch Maree. Follow lochside path before it climbs away from water to reach bridge over Abhainn an Fhasaigh.

**2 2¼ miles/4.4km**  
Some 30m beyond the footbridge turn R. When path next forks keep L, avoiding path R which stays close to

gorge. 100m later, cross a gravelly burn, ignoring path on its L side then, after a further 400m, take L fork at small cairn. Follow rough path for relentless ascent, along line of a burn, to col between Sgurr Dubh and Meall Each.

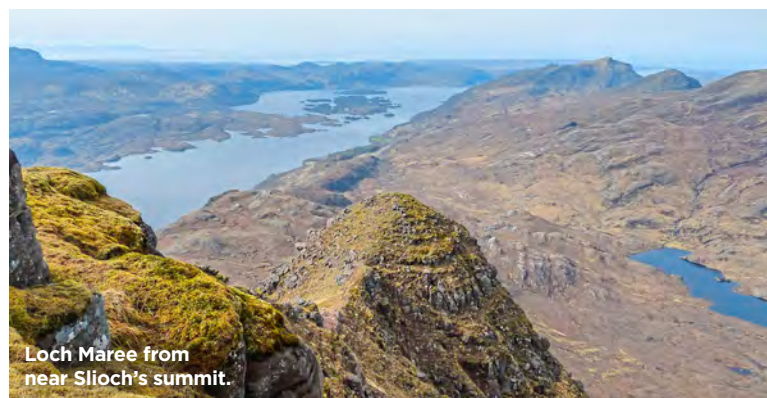
**3 4 miles/6.5km**  
From boggy col take the rather vague and sometimes boggy path that heads into Coire na Sleaghaich. This turns sharply L to climb out of the corrie to gain the ridge at E end of an unnamed lochan.

**4 4¼ miles/7.8km**  
Head N from the lochan, climbing steeply on loose path. As gradient eases, path is less distinct as it turns NW over 933m top. Descend to pass small lochan on R before a moderate climb to Slioch's

980m triangulation pillar and partial stone shelter. Continue N, descending slightly, before final climb to 981m northern top with the best views.

**5 5½ miles/8.9km**  
Leave summit heading E on grass to pick up path that runs along the high, narrow ridge connecting Slioch to the pointed top of Sgurr an Tuill Bhain, summit marked by a small cairn on its rocky top.

**6 6½ miles/10.5km**  
Descend Sgurr an Tuill Bhain's SE ridge for approx 800m then, when gradient to R has eased, turn R to descend SW on steep, pathless slopes back into Coire na Sleaghaich. Aim for col between Meall Each and Sgurr Dubh to follow outbound route to start. **CW**

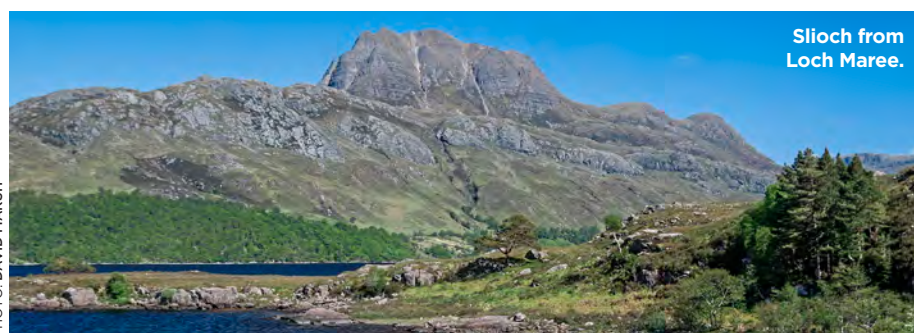


Loch Maree from near Slioch's summit.

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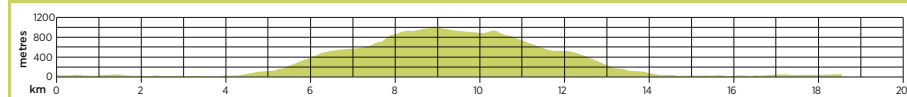
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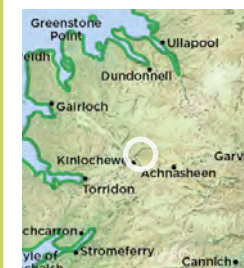
Slioch from Loch Maree.

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### GRADIENT PROFILE



### PLAN YOUR WALK



### ROUTE

**Start/parking** Incheril Car Park (free), IV22 2PA, grid ref NH038624

**Is it for me?** Long, arduous walk on often rough or boggy terrain that should only be attempted in good visibility

**Stiles** None

### PLANNING

**Nearest town** Dingwall  
**Refreshments** Kinlochewe Service Station (01445 760227)

**Public toilets** Kinlochewe Community Toilets

**Public transport** Westerbus 700A (Inverness to Laide) stops in Kinlochewe, ¾ mile from the start

**Maps** OS Explorer 435; Landranger 19; Harvey Superwalker Torridon

### VIEW THE WALK ON OS MAPS ONLINE:

[walk100miles.co.uk/cwroutes](http://walk100miles.co.uk/cwroutes)

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