

24 THE STORR

▶ Distance: 5 miles/8km ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



The Storr, an icon; once seen, never forgotten.

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There is, perhaps, no finer view in Scotland than that extending from the slopes of The Storr – the high point of the Trotternish Ridge, forming the backbone of the magnificent Isle of Skye. Clear paths rise beneath this geological marvel with a steep but relatively straightforward climb leading onto The Storr. Throughout, glorious views take in much of Skye's eastern seaboard with the rolling Red Cuillin and the iconic Black Cuillin forming an incredible backdrop to this superb walk.

1 Start

Begin from The Storr Car Park, which sits on north side

of A855, 6 miles north of Portree. As it serves a popular tourist attraction, the car park can get very busy. Pass through the gate beside information board onto an excellent, firm path. This rises steadily through a recently cleared area of woodland. When the path splits keep R, then R again at the next fork, continue to climb to the gate.

2 ¾ miles/1.25km

Once through continue steady ascent NW over open hillside, underneath huge stack of Old Man of Storr, all the way to fence beside an old stile. Superb views across Sound of Raasay and north towards Staffin. Once across fence follow path as it sweeps L

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking The Storr Car Park, IV51 9HX, 6 miles north of Portree grid ref NG509529

Is it for me? Good mountain paths with some light scrambles and steep ascents. Boggy moorland on descent

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PLANNING

Nearest town Portree

Refreshments

The Isles Inn, Portree (Tel: 01478 612129)

Public toilets

None on route

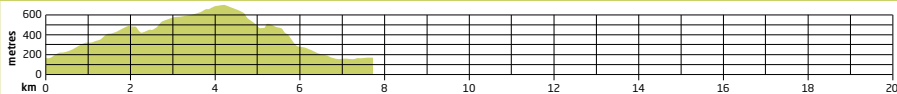
Public transport

Bus from Portree to The Storr Car Park

Maps OS Explorer 408; Landranger 23

then R, heading towards Coire Scamadail, with incline easing. Avoiding steep ground that rises to L, keep on for approx 1km, bear L from path and

GRADIENT PROFILE



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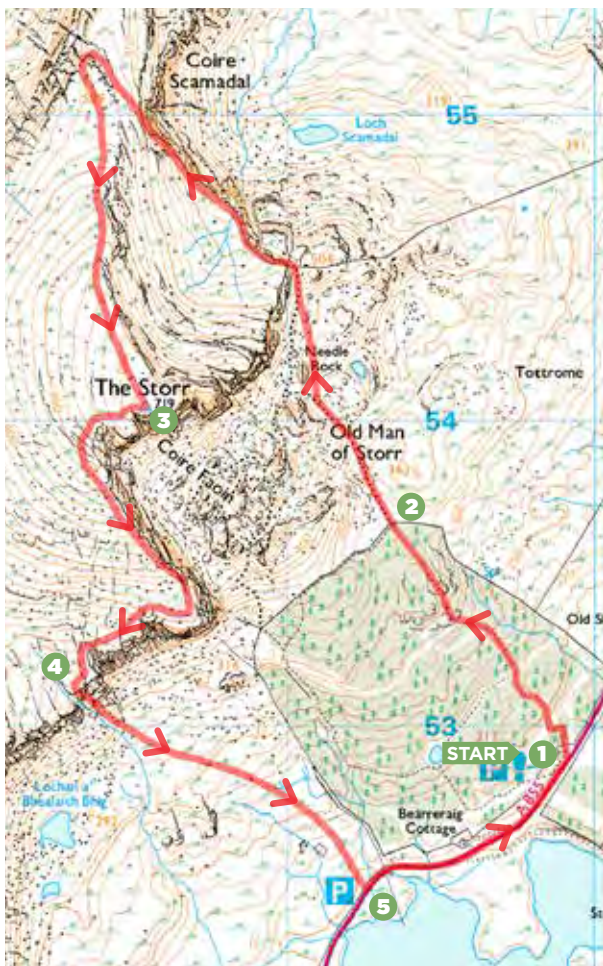


Don't forget to take a camera, as the spectacular geology and breathtaking scenery is a landscape photographer's dream.

climb easier slopes onto the ridge above corrie. Good path rises easily S onto 719-metre summit of The Storr and incredible view along Trotternish Ridge to islands of Rona, Raasay and jagged outline of Black Cuillin.

3 2¼ miles/4.5km Carefully follow the ridge near the cliff edge, before descending steadily SE above Coire Faoin, then head in southwesterly direction to reach the gully of Bealach Beag, high above Lochan a' Bhealach Bhig. There are further expansive views.

4 3½ miles/5.5km Descend through the cliffs SE on N side of the burn. Ground is steep and stony but with care it presents no problems. The route then crosses rougher moorland, (which can be boggy after inclement weather), keeping R of the felled woodland. Approaching A855 continue in SE direction towards northern edge of Loch Leathan and



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lay-by at side of road, eventually reaching fence.

5 4½ miles/7.25km Once across, turn L and carefully walk the final 750 metres along the roadside verge back to the start. **CW**

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