

CLANS & CLAN SEATS

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ARGYLL & THE ISLES' ANCESTORS...



THE CLANS & CLAN SEATS OF ARGYLL & THE ISLES

Few aspects of Argyll & the Isles' fascinating history were as colourful, or as bloody, as the clan system. By the 13th century, the clans had grown firm roots throughout Argyll & the Isles and the most important clan chiefs at this time were part-kings, part-protectors and part-judges. They held real power over their controlled lands.

While the term 'clan' means family or children in Gaelic, not everyone in the same clan was actually related to each other. The clans lived off the land and sea with livestock often being their

main source of wealth which, along with border disputes, was the prime cause of inter-clan unrest.

This heritage of the late medieval clans reaches out to descendants around the globe, while the great 18th and 19th century Argyll diaphora - a consequence partly of clearance and improvement - has resulted in a pressing interest in family history research and in returning to explore the land from which ancestors set sail.

Here you can find out which clans are connected with the different parts of Argyll & the Isles and also which clan

seats still exist to this day and you can visit to find out more. The map is not definitive as the clans were notorious for their clan warfare and many areas of Argyll & the Isles shifted from one clan to another. What the map does tell you is which clans had strong associations with which areas, and which continue to have a clan seat until today. Those clans which no longer have a clan seat were either absorbed by larger clans, have dispersed or the main family has died out. The clan list is not exhaustive as there are numerous smaller families whose origins also belong in Argyll.

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CAMPBELL

Argyll Origins
Loch Awe, Mid Argyll, Cowal
Clan Seat
Inverary Castle

COLQUHOUN

Argyll Origins
Loch Lomond, Cowal, Knapdale
Clan Seat
Rossdhu, Luss

LAMONT

Argyll Origins
Cowal
Historic Clan Seat
Toward Castle and Ardlamont

MACALISTER

Argyll Origins
Knapdale, Kintyre
Historic Clan Seat
Loup, Kintyre

MACALPINE

Argyll Origins
Lorne

MACARTHUR

Argyll Origins
Mid Argyll
Historic Clan Seat
Strachur

MACAULAY

Argyll Origins
Gare Loch

MACCALLUM (MALCOLM)

Argyll Origins
Mid Argyll
Clan Seat
Duntrune Castle

MACCOLL

Argyll Origins
Loch Fyne

MACCORQUODALE (OF PHANTELANES)

Argyll Origins
Loch Awe
Historic Clan Seat
Loch Tromlee

MACDONALD OR MACDONELL (OF THE ISLES)

Argyll Origins
Islay, Kintyre
Clan Seat
Finlaggan, Islay

MACDOUGALL

Argyll Origins
Lorne
Clan Seat
Dunollie, Oban

MACEACHRAN

Argyll Origins
Islay, Mull

MACEWAN (OF OTTER)

Argyll Origins
Cowal

MACFARLANE

Argyll Origins
Loch Lomond
Historic Clan Seat
Arrochar

MACFIE (MACPHIE)

Argyll Origins
Colonsay

MACGILCHRIST

Argyll Origins
Mid Argyll

MACGREGOR

Argyll Origins
Glen Orchy

MACLLVERNOCK

Argyll Origins
Knapdale

MACINNES

Argyll Origins
Morvern

MACINTYRE (OF GLENCOE)

Argyll Origins
Loch Etive

MACIVER (OF STONSHIRAY)

Argyll Origins
Glassary, Mid Argyll

MACKAY

Argyll Origins
Argyll

MACKINNON

Argyll Origins
Mull, Iona

MACLACHLAN

Argyll Origins
Cowal, Knapdale
Clan Seat
Castle Lachlan

MACLAY-LIVINGSTON

Argyll Origins
Lismore

MACLEAN

Argyll Origins
Mull, Coll, Morvern
Clan Seat
Duart Castle, Mull

MACMHURICH (CURRIE)

Argyll Origins
Islay, Mid Argyll

MACMILLAN (OF KNAP)

Argyll Origins
Knapdale

MACNAB

Argyll Origins
Glen Dochart
Historic Clan Seat
Glen Dochart

MACNUGTON

Argyll Origins
Loch Fyne, Mid Argyll

MACNEIL (OF ARGYLL)

Argyll Origins
Gigha, Knapdale, Colonsay
Clan Seat
Barra

MACPHAIL

Argyll Origins
Loch Awe

MACQUARRIE

Argyll Origins
Ulva, Mull

MACSWEEN

Argyll Origins
Knapdale, Kintyre
Historic Clan Seat
Castle Sween

MACTAVISH

Argyll Origins
Mid Argyll
Historic Clan Seat
Dunardrie

MACVICAR

Argyll Origins
Loch Fyne

STEWART OF APPIN

Argyll Origins
Appin
Historic Clan Seat
Castle Stalker

STUART (OR STEWART) OF BUTE

Argyll Origins
Lennox, Bute
Historic Clan Seat
Mount Stuart

FIND OUT MORE

If you are interested in clan history there is a wealth of general and clan specific information available online and great starting points are www.ancestralscotland.com and www.scotclans.com If you are in genealogy do visit www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

While in the area, Argyll & the Isles has a number of fascinating museums and heritage centres where you can find out more about clan and other local history. Each is featured in our 'Heritage Centres and Museums' leaflet and on our website where you can also find out more general information about the area including where to stay and eat and other attractions and activities at www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk

There are also a number of organisations and website specialising in Family and Genealogical research in Argyll & the Isles - Which can be found on www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk

CLAN SEATS AND CENTRES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. CLAN CAMPBELL

Inveraray Castle, Inveraray,
Argyll PA32 8XE
- April to October
- Admission charge
www.inveraray-castle.com >

2. CLAN MACALISTER

Glenbarr Abbey, Kintyre,
Argyll PA29 6UT
- April to October
- Admission charge

3. CLAN MACDONALD (LORDS OF THE ISLES)

The Cottage, Ballygrant
Isle of Islay, Argyll PA45 7QT
- April to October
- Admission charge
www.finlaggan.org >

4. CLAN MACDOUGALL

Dunollie House, Oban,
Argyll PA34 5TT
- April to October
- Admission charge
www.dunollie.org >

5. CLAN MACLACHLAN

Old Castle Lachlan and Kilmorie
Chapel, Strathlachlan, Cowal,
Argyll PA27 8BU
- Open All Year
- Restoration works underway
www.oldcastlelachlan.com >

6. CLAN MACLEAN

Duart Castle, Isle of Mull,
Argyll PA64 6AP
- April to October
- Admission charge
www.duartcastle.com >

7. CLAN STUART OF BUTE

Mount Stuart, Isle of Bute,
Rothesay, Argyll PA20 9LR
- April to October
- Admission charge
www.mountstuart.com >



MORE INFORMATION

This is one of a series of guides about Argyll & the Isles. To view the full set please visit www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk

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HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERINGS IN AND AROUND THE ISLES

MAY 2022

[Gourock Highland Games](#) >
[Gordon Castle Highland Games](#) >
[Carmunnock Highland Games](#) >
[Blackford Highland Games](#) >
[Atholl Gathering and Highland Games](#) >

JUNE 2022

[Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games](#) >

JULY 2022

[Luss Highland Games](#) >
[Kenmore Highland Games](#) >
[Rosneath Peninsula Highland Games](#) >
[Inveraray Highland Games](#) >

AUGUST 2022

[Bute Highland Games](#) >
[Oban, Argyllshire Gathering](#) >
[Cowal Highland Gathering](#) >

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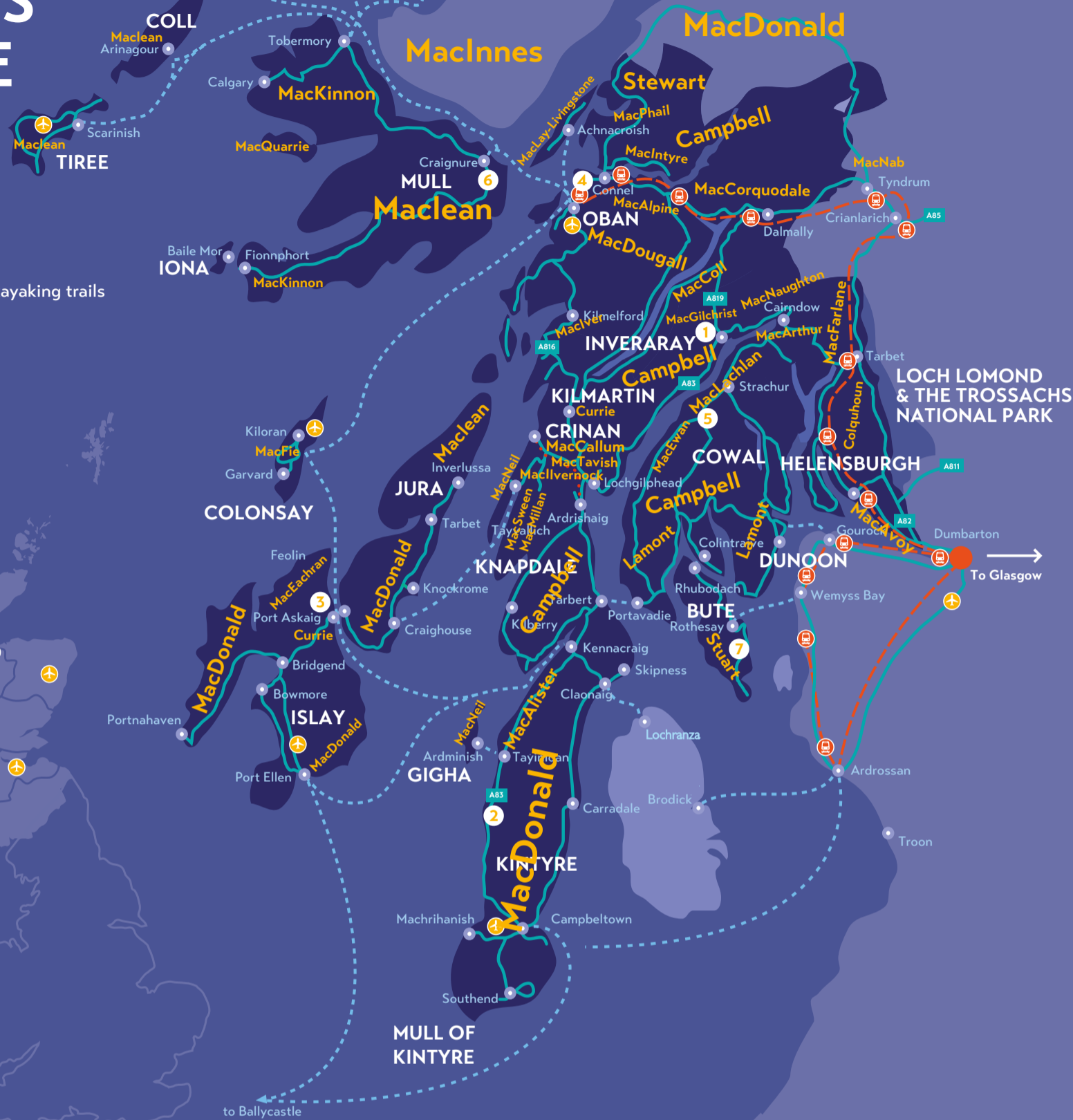
ARGYLL & THE ISLES

SCOTLAND'S ADVENTURE COAST


-  3723km of coastline
-  1555km of hiking, biking & kayaking trails
-  61 medieval castles
-  24 gin and whisky distilleries
-  23 inhabited islands
-  4 national nature reserves


-  Main Roads
-  Vehicle Ferry Routes
-  Passenger Ferry Routes
-  Canal
-  Airports
-  Train Stations


Transport links are changing regularly as lockdown lifts. Please always check before travelling and book ahead where possible.
wildaboutargyll.co.uk/travel





GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR TRAVEL


 Pack up the car and bring all your gear with you, ready to explore by land or sea with a ferry crossing. Plan your route and prepare your car for the weather.

 Take advantage of great bus services with West Coast Motors from Glasgow and the central belt, with connections throughout Argyll and the Isles with all other modes of transport. Sit back and enjoy the views or hop on and off as you please. Plan ahead at westcoastmotors.co.uk

 With a direct rail link from Glasgow to Oban, The Gateway to the Isles, you can make your journey in good time, and less stress. The ScotRail Highland Explorer launched early 2021, has cycle carriages so you can be as active as you like once you arrive. Plan ahead with scotrail.co.uk and check out the Rail and Sail tickets with CalMac Ferries too.

 If you are moving in and around areas within Argyll and the Isles, make the most of the great outdoors in all its

 beauty, by exploring on foot. There are an abundance of walk trails to discover, inland or via the coastline. To get those legs moving check out wildaboutargyll.co.uk

 Argyll and the Isles has as many waterways as it does road and rail links. Ports and harbours are spread throughout the west coast, our islands and peninsulas to give you access to amazing sailing routes.

 Or start by land at any of the many ferry ports and start your journey with a unique CalMac experience. For sailing routes visit sailscotland.co.uk and plan with ferry timetables at calmac.co.uk

 Cycling really is one of the best ways to actively travel throughout Argyll and the Isles. With carefully designed cycle routes soaking up the best landscapes and places of interest, you can enjoy a gentle pedal or step it up a gear on a more intense ride on one of our many long distance cycle routes with the **Wild About Argyll bike packing trail.**

Day trips, short breaks and longer holidays all start with the journey. The joy of Argyll and the Isles is that all routes to and from all areas enjoy beautiful scenery, stop off places, and points of interest.