

Kintyre 66



**OFFICIAL
GUIDE**

66 MILES. SO MUCH TO EXPLORE.



LOOKING OUT TO JURA, FROM TANGY

WELCOME TO THE WILD SIDE

66 MILES, 6 SPURS, 6 WAYS TO TRAVEL

The Kintyre 66 will help you discover one of Scotland's most scenic regions, and what so inspired Sir Paul McCartney all those years ago. With its pristine natural setting, unique coastal character and rich history, you 'll never run out of things to do in Kintyre and Gigha. Dine on the freshest seafood and savour some of the world's most famous Scotch whiskies. Be spellbound by the region's magnificent wildlife. Sail into secluded anchorages and watch the night sky glitter. Kayak in turquoise waters and walk in the wilderness. Marvel at early standing stones and visit castles of the famous clans.

The Kintyre 66 follows a 66 mile loop around Kintyre on the A83 and B842 public roads, with 6 spurs allowing you to venture even further. Take the Atlantic road south with stunning views to Islay and Jura, and then up the edge of the Kilbrannan Sound overlooking Arran, or why not travel in the other direction, taking time to enjoy all the area has to offer—the choice is yours!

Find out more at
wildaboutargyll.co.uk/visit/kintyre-and-gigha/the-kintyre-66

WEST KINTYRE

Enjoy the Atlantic coast of Kintyre, with thundering waves and unmissable sunsets over the islands of Gigha, Cara, Jura and Islay, not to mention glimpses of Ireland to the south. Historic sites, beautiful beaches and places to eat, take your time and enjoy!

Places to visit

- 1 Killean Church & Graveyard
- 2 Ballochroy Standing Stones
- 3 Westport Beach
- 4 Kintyre Way
- 5 Bellochantuy Beach
- 6 Ronachan Point
- 7 Dun Skeig
- 8 A'Chleit Beach & Church
- 9 Clachan Church Grave Slabs
- 10 Beacharr Standing Stone – Killean

Events

- Kintyre Way Ultra in May
- Clachan Art Show in August
- Clachan Small-holders Gathering in September



GIGHA

Gigha, community owned since 2002, is a 20 minute ferry trip from Kintyre. A truly breathtaking island with silver beaches and beautiful bays, crystal clear seas, stunning views, amazing sunsets, lochs and gently sloping hillsides, as well as a huge variety of wildlife.

Places to visit

- 1 Gigha Activity Centre
- 2 Achamore Gardens
- 3 Gigha Golf Course
- 4 Gigha Pontoons
- 5 Gigha Coast & Countryside Group
- 6 Eilean Garbh Beaches
- 7 Kilchatten Chapel
- 8 Standing Stones
- 9 Gigha Walking and Cycling Routes

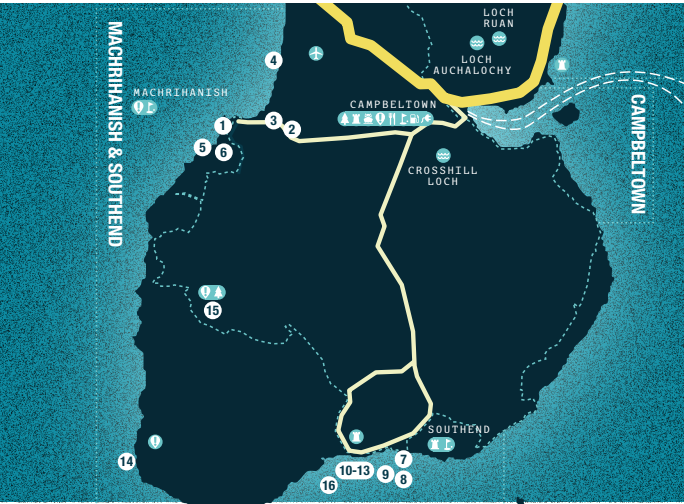
Events

- Gigha Music Festival in June
- Gigha Raft Race in July
- Gigha Challenge



MACHRIHANISH & SOUTHEND

From Saint Columba's footstep and clan massacres in the south to a Championship golf course and surfer's paradise in the west, this area includes the two small villages of Southend and Machrihanish — don't miss a trip to the iconic Mull of Kintyre Lighthouse!

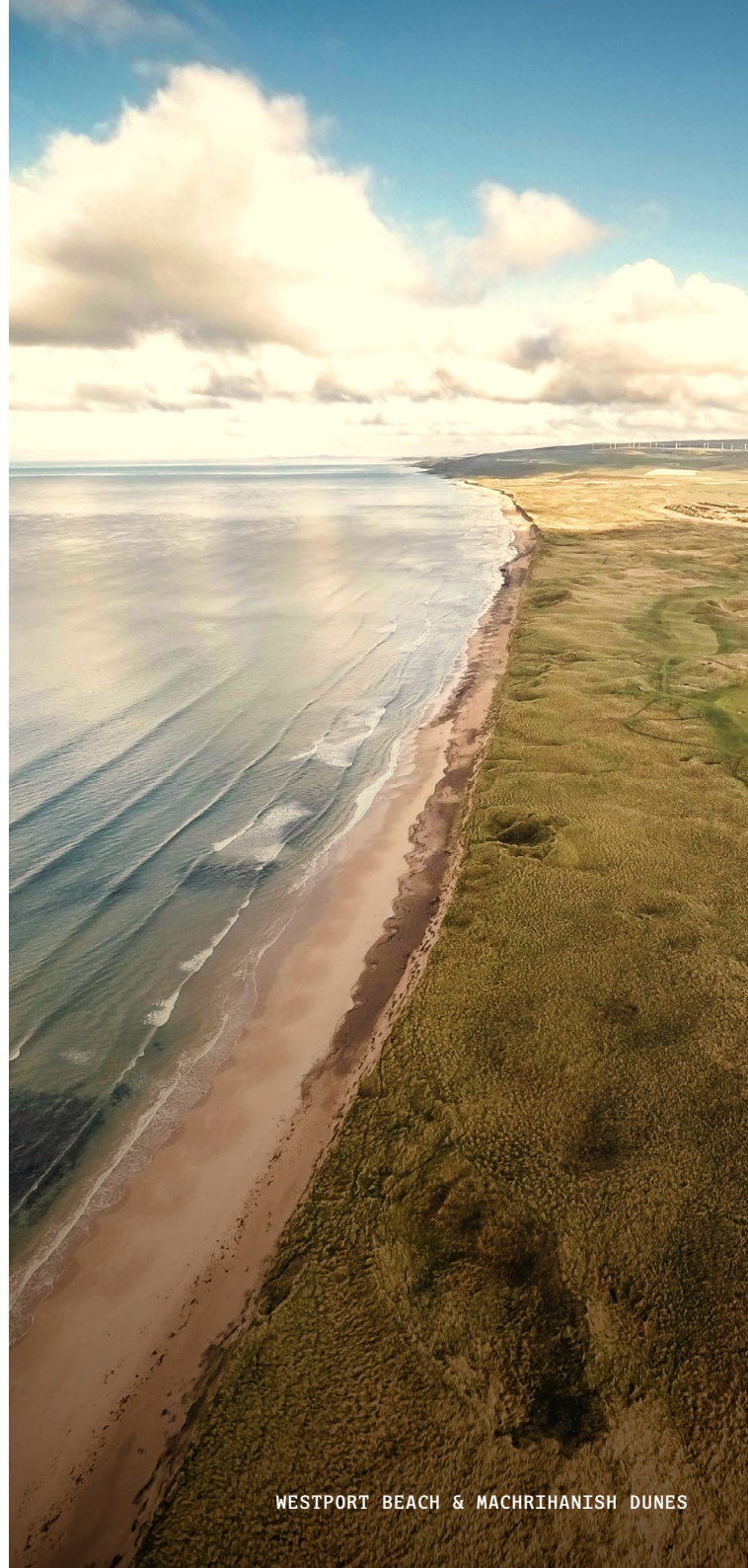


Places to visit

- 1 Machrihanish Bird Observatory
- 2 Machrihanish Golf Course
- 3 Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course
- 4 Machrihanish Beach
- 5 The Gauldrons Bay
- 6 Gauldrons Walk
- 7 Dunaverty Golf Course
- 8 Dunaverty Rock & Castle
- 9 Dunaverty Beach
- 10 Keil Caves
- 11 St Columba's Chapel & Keil Cemetery
- 12 St Columba's Footstep
- 13 St Columba's Well
- 14 Mull of Kintyre Lighthouse
- 15 Largiebaan
- 16 Carskey Beach

Events

- Southend Highland Games in July
- MACH 1 Stages Rally in July



CAMPBELTOWN

Towards the southern end of Kintyre and overlooking the famous Campbeltown Loch, The Wee Toon offers a myriad of activities including famous 10k races, live music and festivals, world famous malt whiskies, an island that you can walk to, and Scotland's oldest purpose built cinema!



Places to visit

- 1 Davaar Island & Cave Painting
- 2 Linda McCartney Memorial Garden
- 3 Campbeltown Museum
- 4 Aqualibrium Leisure Centre & Library
- 5 Community Centre & Soft Play Area
- 6 Heritage Trail Walks
- 7 Stronvaar (Campbeltown) Bowling Green
- 8 Campbeltown Tennis Club
- 9 Argyll Bowling Club
- 10 Campbeltown Cross
- 11 Sir William MacKinnon Statue
- 12 Ceol Campbeltown, live venue
- 13 Campbeltown Putting Green
- 14 Kintyre Canoe Club



DAVAAR ISLAND

Events

- SCDA District Drama Festival – February
- Gintyre in April
- Kintyre Songwriters Festival
- Campbeltown Malts Festival in May
- Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon & 10K Race (MOK Run) in May
- Campbeltown Football Festival in June
- Kintyre Agricultural Show in August
- Mull of Kintyre Music Festival in August
- Springbank Invitational Piping Competition in September
- Christmas Lights Switch on in November
- Christmas Market in November & December

EAST KINTYRE

Follow the road along the rugged east coast of Kintyre and enjoy the small villages of Peninver, Carradale, Saddell and Grogport, and all the area has to offer in between, with spectacular views to Arran, Ailsa Craig and the Ayrshire coast beyond!



Places to visit

- 1 Saddell Abbey
- 2 Saddell Bay
- 3 Antony Gormley Sculpture at Saddell
- 4 Carradale Bay
- 5 Carradale Golf Course
- 6 Kildonan Dun
- 7 Kilchousland Church & Burial Ground
- 8 Carradale Heritage Centre
- 9 Vitrified Fort at Carradale Point
- 10 Peninver Beach
- 11 Deer Hill



'GRIP' BY ANTONY GORMLEY, SADDLELL BAY

Events

- Carradale Music Festival in April
- Gintyre in April
- Carradale Canter
- Campbeltown Malts Festival—Kintyre Gin Day in May
- Carradale Harbour Day in August

TARBERT & SKIPNESS

Tarbert, the gateway to Kintyre, is a beautiful harbour village with a rich history of Scottish Kings and Vikings. To the south is the picturesque village of Skipness and the nearby ferry to Arran. These two settlements offer a wealth of history, culture and, of course, seafood!

Places to visit

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| 1 Tarbert Castle | 7 Tarbert Harbour |
| 2 Tarbert Castle – Forestry and Land Scotland Trails | 8 Skipness Castle |
| 3 Shell Beach | 9 St Brendan's (Skipness) Chapel |
| 4 Tarbert Life | 10 White Shore Walk and Bird Hide |
| 5 Start of Kintyre Way | 11 Tarbert Bowling Green (in season) |
| 6 Tarbert Golf Course | |



Events

- Scottish Series Regatta in May
- Seafood Festival in July
- Viking Festival in July
- Traditional Boats Festival in July
- Tarbert Fair in July
- Tarbert Music Festival in September
- Tarbert Book Festival in October

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YOU'LL NEVER TIRE OF KINTYRE

BY CAR

Take the A82 which runs alongside Loch Lomond and then join the A83. Travel through Inveraray and Lochgilphead on to Tarbert. Need a car? Car hire locally from Kintyre Hire and Campbeltown Motor Company, nationally from Rhino Car Hire.

BY BUS

There are regular daily bus services from Glasgow to Tarbert and Campbeltown with West Coast Motors. Once here, there are local services to the outlying villages including Machrihanish, Southend, Peninver, Saddell and Carradale.

BY PLANE

Daily flights to Campbeltown Airport are available from Glasgow International Airport.

BY FERRY

Ferries are an important mode of transport in the region, connecting the many islands and peninsulas. There are 6 ferries which serve the region. Tarbert to Portavadie (Cowal), Claonaig to Lochranza (Arran), Campbeltown to Ardrossan (Ayrshire), Campbeltown to Ballycastle (North Ireland, foot passenger only), Tayinloan to Gigha and Kennacraig to Islay/Jura.

BY BIKE

Follow the Caledonian Way, or Route 78, which runs from Inverness to Campbeltown. Or why not 'ferry hop' with your bike and explore Kintyre and beyond? Once here there are plenty of biking options for short excursions or longer cycles.

BY FOOT

The Kintyre Way is a 100 mile long distance route which starts in Tarbert and finishes in Machrihanish, traversing the peninsula several times. This is a spectacular way to enjoy the area and all it has to offer.

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