

Eilean Donan Castle, Plockton and Glen Elg

- check ferry (seasonal,) status of A890

Head down to Lochcarron, drive past the golf course, down the long straight section and take the right turn signed to Kyle of Lochalsh A890. Past Attadale Gardens - a very scenic, single track, roller coaster road until eventually you meet the A87. Turn left here towards Dornie. After a couple of miles you will pass 914 Outdoor which is a great shop for any outdoor clothing or equipment. A little further on is Eilean Donan castle – the second most popular Highland tourist destination and one of the most photographed castles in Scotland.



Within striking distance – (west) is the Skye Road Bridge and Plockton.

Glen Elg extension – Brochs and ferry to Skye (a circular trip)

However a fun route is to go via Glen Elg. Drive to Shiel Bridge (just before the five sisters of kintail) on the A87. Turn right to Glen Elg – the ferry is signposted on the main road.

The drive to Glen Elg is along minor roads out onto the edge of the peninsula – Gavin Maxwell territory. The Glen Elg Inn is a good watering hole – great food.

At Glen Elg continue south and stay to the right to go up to the Brochs – there are 3 Brochs up a dead end road. This glen is really beautiful and has examples of well-preserved Brochs – which you can wander around. There is also a quirky café just past the second Broch with an organic / fair-trade ethos – the herb tea is a handful of fresh herbs in a teapot! Once finished at the Brochs go back to Glen Elg, on past the barracks and take the left turn to the ferry crossing.

The ferry is a community owned scheme and normally sails April – mid Sept, 7 days a week 10am – 6pm. At peak season the crossings are every 20 minutes 10 – 7pm. Cost for a car with up to 4 passengers is £12 (2011). The ‘Glenahulish’ is the only turntable ferry of its kind in the UK – very much a piece of working history. The crossing is also steeped in history across the Kyclerhea Narrows.



Once across the narrows the road is no different the other side – a winding single track for about 7 miles until you reach the A87. Turn left for Broadford on Skye. Turn right to head to the Skye Bridge. Just off to the right at the bridge is the delightful community of Kyleakin which used to be the bustling ferry port before the bridge was built (now toll free). Across the Skye Bridge you could head left up to Plockton for an evening meal (we recommend Plockton Shores Restaurant) or stay on the main road A87 to the left turn A890 back towards Lochcarron.

Lochcarron is another option for food. At the height of season the Kishorn Seafood bar is also open in the evenings.

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