

Skye Munros

The walker's guide to bagging the Cuillin summits

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Discover the ultimate challenge for experienced mountain walkers and scramblers with this definitive 2-volume guide to the 12 Munros of the Cuillin on the Isle of Skye. Rising sharply from the sea in a jagged 3000ft skyline, the Cuillin summits demand technical climbing skills, including Grade 3 scrambling, Moderate rock climbing and abseiling, along with confidence on steep, exposed terrain. This comprehensive set is designed for Munroists and seasoned walkers seeking safe, efficient, and rewarding ascents of these iconic peaks.

Volume 1 covers planning and logistics, seasonal and weather considerations, kit recommendations for technical terrain, and the best bases in Glen Brittle and Sligachan. It also provides insight into the geology, character, and history of each summit. Volume 2 contains five carefully structured routes spanning a 5-day itinerary, which can be broken into single- or double-peak days. Step-by-step route descriptions are accompanied by detailed Harvey maps and photo topos to guide you safely across complex ground. Both volumes are sold together to provide a complete reference and field guide.

- Step-by-step, way-numbered route descriptions for all 12 Cuillin Munros, including the Inaccessible Pinnacle, with alternative ascent options, ensuring that climbers can tackle individual peaks safely or link multiple summits for a full ridge traverse.
- Comprehensive coverage of all Munro Tops, key ridges, and connecting routes, with guidance on route sequencing, enabling walkers to plan flexible multi-peak days, full-day challenges, or an extended Cuillin expedition across several days.
- Practical advice on planning and logistics, including detailed approach routes, recommended base locations, overnight camping options, seasonal weather considerations, and tips for navigating the exposed and rugged terrain of Skye's Cuillin mountains.
- Detailed Harvey mapping at 1:40,000 scale, combined with pictorial route diagrams and photographic topos for every climb, providing clear visual orientation to help walkers safely navigate steep, rocky, and technically demanding sections.
- Expert guidance on technical scrambling, climbing grades, and route hazards, including advice on tackling steep rock faces, narrow ridges, and exposed drops, ensuring climbers have the confidence and preparation needed for high-stakes mountain terrain.
- Volume 2 is compact and lightweight, designed to be carried in a rucksack during climbs, while Volume 1 offers essential background, preparation, environmental guidance, and inspirational context for the

Cuillin Munros, making the set both a field companion and a planning resource.

Whether your goal is to summit all 12 Munros, explore the challenging ridge routes, or tackle the Inaccessible Pinnacle, this two-volume set provides authoritative guidance, technical advice, and inspiration for a safe and unforgettable adventure in the heart of the Cuillin on Skye.

About the author

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