

Clan MacNeacail Society of Scotland
Clan Gathering Itinerary
Portree, Isle of Skye, Scotland
1-4 October 2008

Wednesday, 1st October

A local hike led by Effie Nicolson and Barbara and Murray Nicolson for the fit and able (shorter and longer versions). Location and starting and end points will be determined at the time, depending on weather. Bring strong walking shoes or boots, pack lunch and rain gear.

Evening – informal gathering in the bar at the Cuillin Hills Hotel, Portree

Registration for events on your arrival: 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. at the Cuillin Hills Hotel

Thursday, 2nd October

There will be a full day coach trip around the traditional clan lands of Trotternish on the north-east corner of Skye. Includes stops at Kilt Rock, Flodigarry for a light lunch, Duntulm Castle, the Crofting Museum at Kilmuir and Uig. Time 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets £20, booking essential.

Registration for events on your arrival: 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. at the Cuillin Hills Hotel

In the evening at 8 p.m. in the Cuillin Hills Hotel there will be an illustrated talk by Cailean Maclean on the history of Skye. Cailean is a well-known Gaelic broadcaster on the BBC, and has published several books of photography on Skye.

Alternatively, you can join Effie Nicolson with the Portree Scottish Country Dance group and learn a few ceilidh dances in preparation for tomorrow's ceilidh.

Friday, 3rd October

9 a.m. Clan meeting at the Cuillin Hills Hotel with the Clan Chief John MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac. Reports on the work on the clan lands on Ben Chracaig.

Following the clan meeting, there will be a boat trip from the harbour in Portree into the Sound of Raasay. Estimated cost £12, booking essential.

7:30 for 8 p.m. – Dinner and Ceilidh at the Cuillin Hills Hotel, tickets £28, booking essential..

Saturday, 4th October

10 a.m. Meet at Cuillin Hills Hotel. Walk over the lands of Ben Chracaig led by John Phillips, Senior Ranger on Skye, followed by the closing ceremony at the site of the clan cairns.

Booking Form for Clan Gathering

For several events, it is essential for the organisers to know numbers in advance. Please supply the following information:-

Wednesday, October 1 st	Shorter hike, number _____
	Longer hike, number_____
Thursday, October 2 nd	Bus tour of Trotternish, with light lunch (£20) _____
Thursday, October 2 nd	Evening talk by Cailean Maclean _____
or	Scottish Country Dancing _____
Friday, October 3 rd	Boat trip to Sound of Raasay (£12) _____
Friday, October 3 rd	Dinner and Ceilidh (£28) _____
Saturday, October 4 th	Guided walk over Ben Chracaig _____

Your name(s) _____

Home address _____

Town or city_____

Email _____

Where you will stay on Skye (can tell us later if not known)_____

Dates you'll be on Skye (can tell us later if not known)_____

Please send this information to Carol Nicolson by email to sandyandcarolnic@fsmail.net or by letter to Carol Nicolson, Meikle Camoquhill Farm, Balfron, Stirlingshire G63 0QW, Scotland, United Kingdom.. Phone (44)1360-440325
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DEADLINE FOR BOOKINGS 15th August 2008