

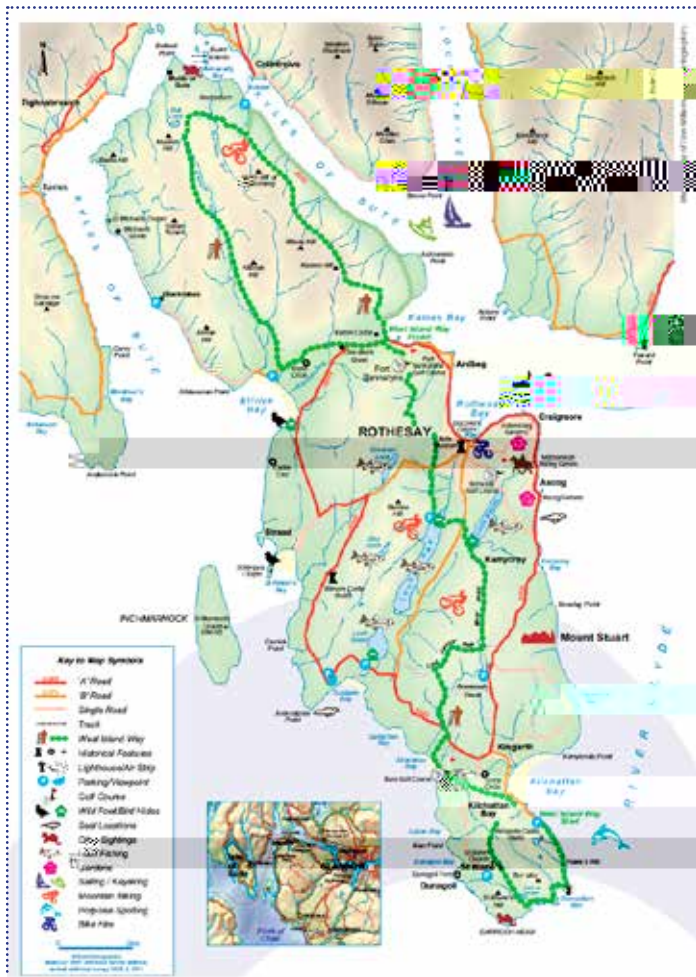
The Isle of Bute is the most accessible of the westerly isles from the Scottish Central Belt. It is a peaceful island haven, just a stone's throw away from the mainland. An hour's drive or train ride from Glasgow takes you to the grandeur of the Victorian station at Wemyss Bay where the frequent ferries take you on a 35 minute journey across the Firth of Clyde to Rothesay. Be sure to keep a look out on the observation deck for seals and porpoises and the odd submarine. Alternatively, take the drive through Loch Lomond National Park and down onto the Cowal Peninsula for some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland and hop on the 5 minute ferry across the Kyles of Bute, a designated National Scenic Area, from Colintonraive to Rhubodach at the northerly tip of the island. In the summer months you can get to Rothesay on the P.S. Waverley. The world's last ocean going paddle steamer will bring you down from Glasgow to Rothesay for a spectacular day trip on the Clyde.



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15 miles long by 4 miles wide island. From the possibility of porpoises accompanying your ferry journey to the nesting pair of ospreys that can be viewed from the west road all the way over to Scalpsie Bay and its large population of seals, there is an abundance of wildlife all within a short walk, cycle or drive.

The island has long been a holiday favourite in Scotland. It has been an island retreat for Scottish kings and generations of Glaswegian holidaymakers and now you too can come here to see why.



Useful Information

Bute is renowned for its beautiful beaches with wonderfully scenic vistas across to the mainland on the east of the island and across to Arran on the southwest. Whatever the weather, all of Bute's beaches are worth a visit.

Bute is home to 3 golf courses with 40 holes between them. Each course has its own challenges and its own spectacular views across the Firth of Clyde and surrounding hills.

Bute's heritage is unsurpassed. Thousands of years of history await your arrival on Bute where people have lived for over 8,000 years. Standing stones, cists, Iron Age forts, the remarkable Mount Stuart House, the 13th century Rothesay castle and the small but perfectly formed museum next to it.