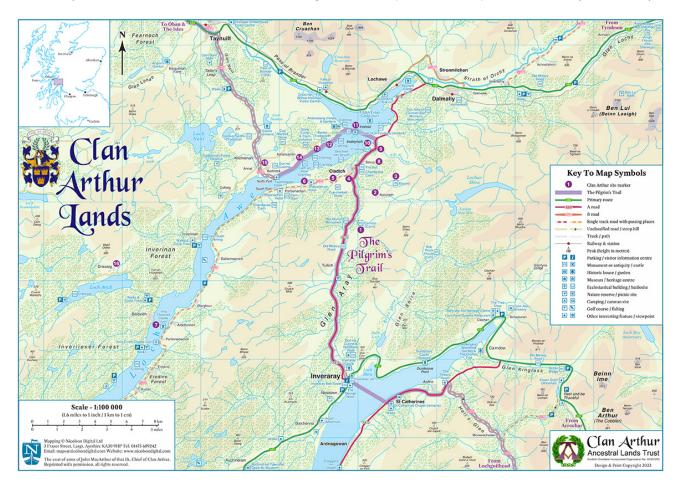


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Hello from Scotland

As part of our mission statement "*To identify and mark Clan Arthur's ancestral lands / property*" and to satisfy out Charitable purpose of "*The advancement of the arts, heritage and culture in Scotland and elsewhere,*" CAALT has commissioned Nicolson Digital Ltd to produce "The Pilgrim's Trail" map of the Clan Arthur Lands. The design is an A3 (420x297mm) sized, folded pocket map:



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The Pilgrim's Trail

A Journey through North Argyll & Lorne

Follow in the footsteps of Saints, Chiefs, Caterans, and Kings on the Pilgrim's Trail from Inverary to Inishail . . .

*C*ver since Saint Columba established his Christian church on Iona in 563AD, the tranquil island has been a magnetic destination for western pilgrims, which still attracts over 100,000 souls per year. The island is also the burial ground of many Scottish and Scandanavian Kings.

The ancient route west crossed the peninsula of Cowal where pilgrims embarked at St Catherine's and sailed to Inveraray, whilst the route from the north passed through Dalmally.

From Inveraray, the long foray to the head of Glen Aray brought the travellers into the Clan Arthur Lands on Loch Awe. Passing the MacArthur sentinel at Carness, the route continued along the Old Military and previous Drove Road, by Accurach before descending to Drumurk and the inn at Claddich adjacent to the Neolithic cairn and "The Dun", built by the Scottish ancestors thousands of years ago.

Following the loch side, the trail led on past Bovuy to Traigh Cladich (Tiricladich) the Chief Seat of Clan Arthur. From there a boat journey was required to cross from Inistrynich to the sacred Isle of Inishail, an important stop on the route as the island was once a major Pagan, then Columban and later Cistercian religious settlement.

From Inishail the route led to Kilchrenan, then north through prehistoric Glen Nant to Taynuilt and on past Dunstaffnage by the coast to Oban before embarking for the mystical Isle of Iona . . .



We are part of a much wider and deeper history and the map contains a plethora of ancient sites; medieval castles, ancient forts, crannog lake dwellings with underwater causeways, standing stones, carved stones, cairns, chapels, monasteries, pagan sites and Neolithic burial mounds dating back up to 6,000 years. We also recognise that we share this heritage with our neighbours; MacNaughton, MacVicar, MacGregor, Fletcher, McCorquodale, MacIntrye, Scrymageor and Campbell to name a few. The reverse side of the map contains information on 16 Clan Arthur sites, 20 local accommodation sites, 9 local attractions and more useful tourist info, but is still under development:



Registered Address: 143 Dorchester Avenue, Kelvindale, Glasgow, G12 0EJ Mobile: +44 (0) 7788 155 542 We intend to contact all the local businesses listed to raise funding by donation to meet printing and shipping costs in a few months' time. I look forward to seeing the project completed, in print and distributed and I would like to thank JC for all his work helping us to get this far.

CAALT has now raised a total of £61,372.28 with £869 raised in sponsorship so far from the Glasgow Kiltwalk on 30th April 2023:



Please visit my Just Giving page and give a little to help secure our Clan's future home ...

www.justgiving.com/Hugh-McArthur

Or you can sponsor Christine here:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christine-mcarthur3

Christine is beating me on sponsorship, so please choose me! Janice has had difficulty setting up a Just Giving page, so if you want to sponsor her, please just add it to one of the above links with a note.

I hope that you will continue to support us and, one day, we shall return home.

Yours, Aye

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