

A 857 to Ness (Nis) Northwards from Barvas, to The Butt of Lewis. Trussel stone, the largest Standing Stone in Scotland (6 Mt.). This area was also the site of the last battle between the Macaulays and Morrisons. A little further up the A857 on the opposite side are the Steinaclait Stone Sets. On entering Ness, is the Ness Heritage Centre. This centre is a must to visit if you are interested in good quality local information about the past and it has a café. The Port of Ness is a picturesque fishing village, with a good beach. Other attractions include a wonderful play park for the children, and The Butt of Lewis Lighthouse.

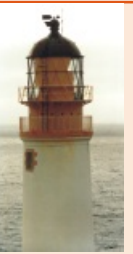


The Play Park at Ness can only be described as 'world class'. On a scale of one to ten, this is eleven. Set up by the community, this park is set close to the shore on the 'machair' (sand based grassland) and dunes. The park covers a large area and has just about every imaginative activity that you could ever wish to take part in. (The kids will love it too!) Point is the name for the peninsula, running out from beyond the airport to Tiumpan Head. The area is joined to the main part of Lewis by a narrow isthmus of sand, at the end of which stands the ruined St. Columba's Church and graveyard. In early days, this graveyard was the burial place for the Macleods of Lewis, including many chiefs of the clan. The area is an excellent place for viewing seabirds, particularly at Swordale Cliffs and, on occasions, for viewing passing whales, dolphins and basking shark, especially at Tiumpan Head close to the lighthouse..



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Back and North Tolsta. This area lies along the B895 to the north east of Stornoway, along the coast. The beaches are the main feature in this area, with some of the finest on Lewis. Traigh Mhor Beach lying beyond Tolsta is of particular note. Points of interest are: The Pottery at Col and The Bridge to Nowhere, constructed by Lord Leverhulme in an attempt to build a road link between Tolsta and Port of Ness. The road was never finished, hence the bridge gets its name. However, the route along the coast has now been made into a very scenic walk called the 'Western Isles Walk'. Distance: 16km/10 miles (about 6 hours). Follow the green and yellow posts marking the easiest route over moorland terrain which can be boggy in places. Lochs is the area of Lewis to the south east of Lewis and is divided into three sections: Kinloch, North and South Lochs. The latter is known as Paicr, after its previous use as a deer park. The area is rich in wildlife, and is regularly visited by wildlife guides. Lochs has some of the most attractive small villages on Lewis, as well as some of the most productive fish farms.



Isle of Great Bernera is a small island connected to Lewis by a bridge on the B8059. At Bosta in the north west, the island has a wonderful beach, and an 'Iron Age' village. One of the Iron Age houses has been superbly rebuilt, and entry is available during the summer. The island also has its own museum and cafe at Breacleit, situated within the community centre. The island has many antiquities including standing stones, duns and a restored Norse Mill.



The Isle of Harris is actually joined to the Isle of Lewis, and has a short border, shown by a 'dashed' line on the map above. Harris has a wide range of landscapes, all of which have their own charm and interest. On the west coast lie some of the most spectacular beaches of Britain (marked on the map) with large open machair areas. In the north, the terrain is rugged, mountainous and has a Lunar feel to it, with huge boulders littered around. The east coast is more isolated and has some of the oldest rocks in the world. Beaches are probably the feature of Harris that impress most visitors. The colour of the water, even on a dull day, and the purity of the sand are simply stunning. The beaches range from the huge expanses of Traigh



Loggaintir (Luskentyre) and Traigh Sgarastaigh (Scarista) to little sheltered coves beside

the road at Na Buirgh (Borve). Behind the beaches are the machairs - green grassy plains covered in a mass of wild flowers in the summer.



Walking on Harris is one of the islands main attractions. The landscape is varied and sometimes challenging. Many routes are signed, such as the wonderful Harris Walkway shown on the map opposite. Two varied examples are: Clisham Ridge - Grading Hard-Challenging mountain climb for experienced hill-walkers only - 9 miles - 8 hours - OS Explorer 456 An Cliseam on the Isle of Harris at 799 m is the highest mountain in the Outer Hebrides and the archipelago's only Corbett. Ascend via the path from the car park on the A859. Traigh an Iar Beach Walk Grading Easy, 2 miles - 60 mins - OS Explorer 455. Follow the A859 to just east of Horgabost and Glen Horgabost, turning off this road to reach the car park. Seallam! Visitor Centre, at Northton. An important centre to visit if you would like to find out more quality information about Harris. The centre has a changing series of exhibitions on various facets of local life and history. It also has a well stocked book shop, with a tea and coffee bar. Seallam! is also the home of *Co Leis Thu?* the internationally known Research Centre set up by Bill and Chris Lawson. If researching your hebridean ancestors, the staff at Seallam! are willing to help. Tel: 01859 520258 www.seallam.com



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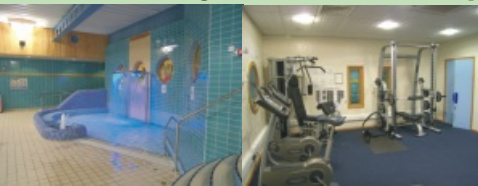
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