

# Driving in the Scottish Highlands

If you are travelling by car please bear in mind that many roads in Wester Ross are single-track and wind through mountains and around lochs. Travelling times are, therefore, likely to take longer than you may anticipate. Please also remember to take into account your fuel needs.



## Using Passing Places

On single-track roads, these allow oncoming traffic to pass you safely and also for motorists behind you to overtake. Regular use of your mirrors to check the presence of cars coming up behind you and allowing them to overtake is essential.

There is usually a sign at each passing place. If the passing place is on your left, then pull into it as far as possible if you see a car approaching you. If the passing place sign is on your right side, then on most occasions stop opposite it allowing the oncoming car to draw into the passing place.



Please do not park in passing places. If you meet an oncoming vehicle in between passing places, then reverse to the nearest passing place. Be careful to avoid drainage ditches, peat bogs, soft verges or sharp stones alongside the road.

## Animals

Many roads here are unfenced and it is common for sheep or deer to roam freely. Neither animal has much road sense and they tend to follow each other around, regardless of oncoming vehicles. Sheep are often seen sleeping on the road and, when lambs are very young, they will run to their mothers instinctively even if this means rushing across the road in front of your car. Particular care is advised during dark or misty conditions. Deer often descend from the hills during the twilight hours and they



are difficult to see against the similarly-coloured background.

## Cyclists beware!

Even experienced cyclists are at risk when crossing cattle grids, especially when wet. Cycle straight across the grid; do not approach it at an oblique angle. Please note that at certain times during spring and summer organised road events are held in this area. These include cycling challenges and car rallies. Occasionally roads are closed.

## A Reminder to Dog Owners

This is a crofting community with sheep and their lambs grazing freely.

There have been some incidents of dogs worrying and harming sheep. Please ensure that your dog is on a lead and kept under control at all times.

Poop scoops are available from the village shop.