

Watching the Waters: Sentinel sites in the Inner Hebrides and western seaboard of Scotland

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Gazetteer of Place-names

The Gazetteer includes a list of all the sites appearing on Illus 1. The list provides the name, grid reference, the meaning of the name, the general location of the site, and the height of the site, followed by comments for some sites. Doubtful sites commence with ‘?’. Where multiple sites have the same place-name, they are generally given in order from north to south. All the sites are on the 1st ed. 6-inch OS maps unless noted. [PastMap](#) was used for more recent OS maps. The grid references are approximate and were generated using UK [Grid Reference Finder](#), except for two not appearing on maps that are recorded in Arran, for which the grid references are provided in Fraser 1999.

Ardentinny – NS 18653 87377 – from Àird an Teine – Height of the Fire, Cowal. This is now the name of a town on the shore of Loch Long, and it is not certain which of the hills behind the town give it its name.

Beinn na Faire – NR 60188 16984 – Peak/Large Hill of the Watch, Kintyre, 282m.

Binnein Furachail – NM 74539 11683 – Hill of Careful Observing, Luing, 87 m.ⁱ

Càrn na Faire – NR 66260 54630 – Cairn of the Watch, Gigha, 38m.

Cnocan Faire – NR 94707 21229 – from Cnoc an Faire – Hill of the Watch, Arran, 51m. Given as Cnocan Faire on the 1st ed. OS and in Fraser 1999: 116.

Cnoc an Teine – NG 36329 22963 – Hill of the Fire, Skye, 99m. Now the site of a wireless station.

Cnoc an Teine – NM 47474 58553 – Hill of the Fire, Mull, 70m.

Cnoc an Teine – NM 39718 45601 – Hill of the Fire, Mull, 35m. First appears on the 2nd ed. OS map. The location of the site on PastMap is a few metres north of where it was located on the 2nd ed., and I have used the latter for the grid reference and on Illus 1.

Cnoc an Teine – NM 55442 46841 – Hill of the Fire, Mull, 138m.

Cnoc an Teine – NM 65829 42090 – Hill of the Fire, Mull, 59m.

?Cnoc an Teine – NM 70363 38350 – Hill of the Fire, Mull, 15m. Does not appear on either the 1st or 2nd ed. OS maps but does appear on PastMap and it is also featured on Canmore as the general location of Anna's Cottage. On PastMap, Cnoc an Teine is north-west of Anna's Cottage.

Cnoc Loisgte – NG 37974 26677 – Burnt Hill, Skye, 21m.

Cnoc Loisgte – NM 26898 22054 – Burnt Hill, Iona, 50m. Not on OS maps, but appears on the map of Iona by A & E Ritchie, 1930.

Cnoc na Faire – NM 79039 27172 – Hill of the Watch, Kerrara, 105m.

Cnoc na Faire – NM 26357 21912 – Hill of the Watch, Iona, 20m.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 47172 98915 – Hill of the Watch, Colonsay, 80m.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 40803 96012 – Hill of the Watch, Colonsay, 66m.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 74002 89719 – Hill of the Watch, Knapdale, 119m.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 42115 78755 – Hill of the Watch, Islay, 93m.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 29147 74868 – Hill of the Watch, Islay, 13m.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 36562 45388 – Hill of the Watch, Islay, 20m. Marked on the 1st ed OS, now the name of the road in Port Ellen that skirts the northern edge of the area.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 88248 65828 – Hill of the Watch, Kintyre, 312m.

Cnoc na Faire – NR 90409 64473 – Hill of the Watch, Kintyre, 147m.

Cnoc na Faire Beag – NR 39253 93915 – Little Hill of the Watch, Colonsay, 50m.

Cnoc na Faire Mòr – NR 39078 93773 – Big Hill of the Watch, Colonsay, 70m.

Cnoc na h-Aire – NM 64320 87541- Hill of Watching, Morar, 50m. A little further north-east at Back of Keppoch is a holiday home called Cnoc na Faire, but the name does not appear on OS maps.ⁱⁱ

Cnoc na Teine – NR 932516 – Hill of the Fire, Arran, 20m. Not on OS maps but recorded in Fraser from local information (Fraser 1999: 119).

Creag Loisgte – NR 93691 67480 – Rocky Burnt Hill, Cowal, 50m.

Creag Loisgte – NR 72645 50867 – Rocky Burnt Hill, Kintyre, 110m.

Creag Loisgte Dunultach – NR 76349 55257 – Rocky Burnt Hill near Dunultach, Kintyre, 159m. Just given as Creag Loisgte on 1st ed. OS, the longer name appears on PastMap.

Creag Loisge Talatoll – NR 75745 54157 – Rocky Burnt Hill near Talatoll, Kintyre, 200m. Just given as Creag Loisgte on 1st ed. OS, the longer name appears on PastMap.

Creag na Faire – NG 36406 56364 – Rocky Hill of the Watch, Skye, 60m.

Creag na Teine – NS 035284 – Rocky Hill of the Fire, Arran, 90m. Not on OS maps but recorded in Fraser from local information (Fraser 1999: 124).

?Faire na Sgùrr – NM 66174 85656 – Watch of the Rocky Peak, Morar, 47m. It is uncertain if this is the name of the 1902 house (Canmore NM68NE 17) or the hill behind it, or indeed if it is the name for both. The site is not marked on the 1st or 2nd ed. OS maps but appears on PastMap. The height and grid reference are based on the hill.

Sgùrr an Teinteine – NM 63707 75023 – Rocky Peak of the Fire, Moidart, 176m. Given as Sgòr an Teine on the 1st ed. OS map.

Sròn na h-Aire – NM 42872 57858 – Snout of Watching, Mull, 22m.

Tom na Faire – NN 11894 75070 – Hillock of the Watch, Lochaber, 25m.

Tom na Faire – NM 79043 36246 – Hillock of the Watch, Lismore, 71m.

Torr an Loisgte – NS 03889 24752 – Burnt Hill, Arran, 120m. Torr an Loisgte on 1st and 2nd ed. OS maps, but appears as Torran Loisgte on PastMap.

?Torr na Faire – NR 52382 67117 – Hill of the Watch, Jura, 50m. This is the name of a holiday cottage, and it cannot be certain that the cottage is named after a landmark in the vicinity, although it is in an elevated position. The name does not appear on the 1st or 2nd ed. OS maps, but does appear on PastMap.

Torr na h-Aire – NM 67757 44510 – Hill of Watching, Morven, 37m. The name was changed to Torr na Faire on the 2nd ed. OS and subsequent maps.

Reference

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ⁱⁱ I would like to thank Susan Milligan for drawing the latter to my attention.