

2hrs or 4.5hrs

4km/2.5 miles or longer option
Old Man of Storr

One of the most spectacular sights on Skye is the Old Man of Storr, a teetering 50m pillar of rock. The impressive cliffs that rise above the Old Man shelter a corrie bowl known as the Sanctuary, which houses an intriguing collection of pinnacles, besides the Old Man. Above this amazing rock landscape is the Storr, at 719m the highest point on the Trotternish peninsula. For most walkers the short, but steep, climb to the Sanctuary and Old Man is enough; you'll want to spend time here wandering around and photographing. But if the weather conditions are favourable and you have a head for heights, you can continue on up to the Storr itself.

The walk

1 From the car park enter the wood by the noticeboard and follow the well-made path uphill through the trees (this route was once a bit of a quagmire, but following a series of improvements it can now be done with dry feet).

2 When you emerge from the trees on to the open hillside, there is a splendid view ahead towards the spectacular cliffs. Continue up the stony footpath, ignoring a branch to the L, and staying on the path heading towards the Old Man.

3 Once at the Old Man you can just wander at will along any of the paths among the weird rock formations in the Sanctuary, a place of tranquility, as its name suggests. Of note

hard

DETAILS
Country Walking ID 3051
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Region Scotland
Area Isle of Skye
Length of walk 4km/2.5 miles or longer option
Time needed 2hrs or 4.5hrs
Difficulty Hard

IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

Terrain Good paths for the short walk, some boggy areas and rocky sections on the longer route
Stiles 1 (longer route)

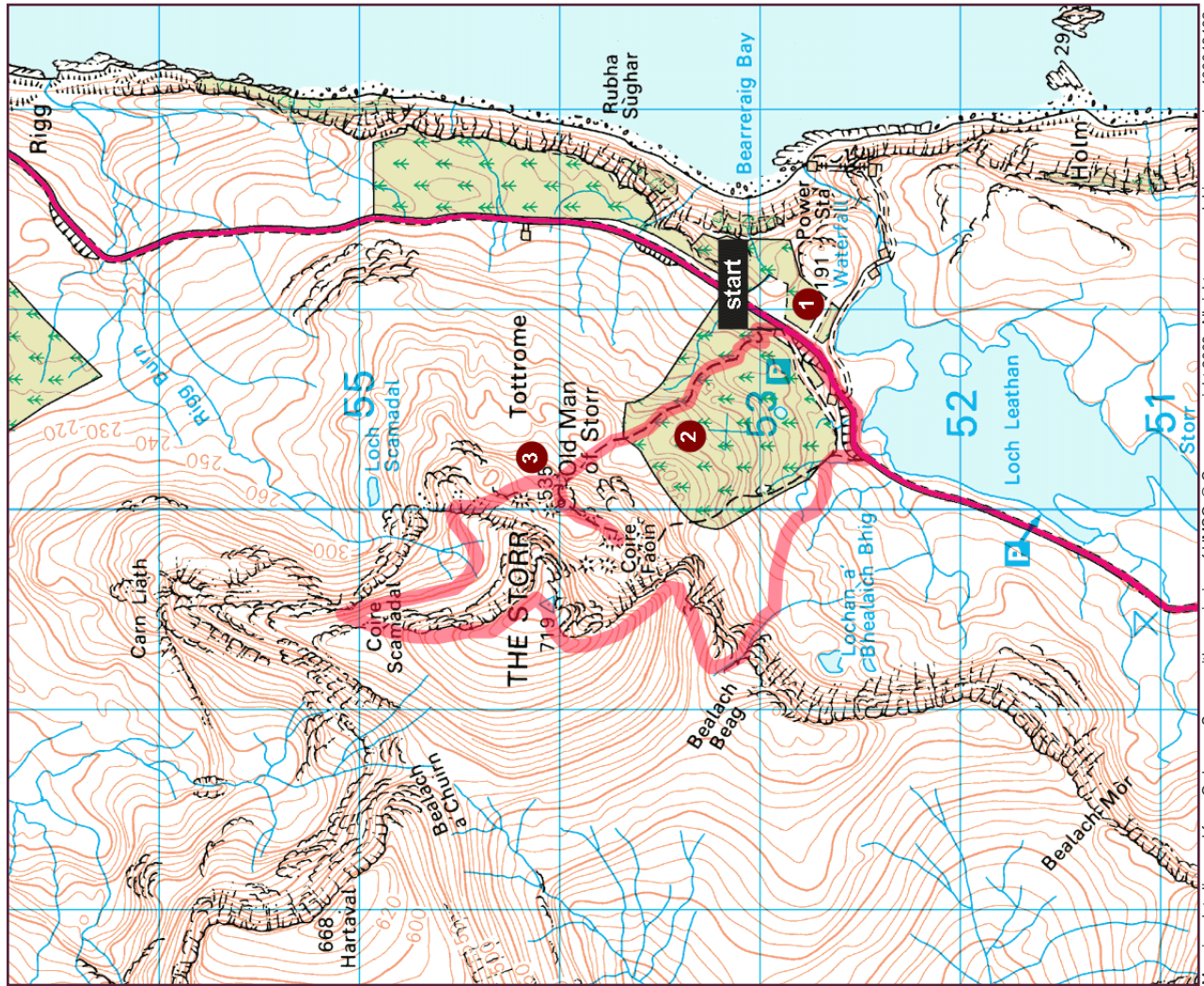
PLANNING

Parking Car park by wood just north of Loch Leathan, 10km north of Portree on A855, grid ref NG508528
Start grid ref NG508529
Nearest town Portree
Refreshments None
Public toilets None
Public transport Bus 57 from Portree

MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer 408; Landranger 23

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