



Sunrise at Old Man of Storr.

Leaving Boreraig, the Skye Trail continues along the undulating coast, skirting Loch Eishort and Loch Slapin before eventually arriving at Elgol. From this tiny seaside village, history and literary buffs can make a two-hour side trip to Bonnie Prince Charlie's cave; in 1746, the elusive prince took refuge here on his final night in Skye before escaping. Even more impressive is the short out-and-back boat ride from Elgol to Loch Coruisk, one of Scotland's most beautiful lakes. In addition to inspiring writers and painters like Walter Scott, J. M. W. Turner, and Sidney Richard Percy, Loch Coruisk is home to the Kelpie, a shape-shifting water horse of Celtic mythology. Keep an eye out while you're visiting!

Heading north from Elgol, the Skye Trail passes in the shadows of the dramatic Cuillin range before reaching picturesque Glen Sligachan. Located in this deep and boggy glacial valley is the venerable Sligachan Hotel. ▶



Below: Fairy Pools at the foot of the Cuillin mountains.
Right: Side trip to the legendary Neist Point Lighthouse on the Isle of Skye's west coast.

