

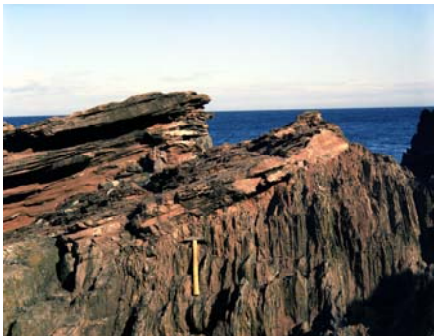
Announcing the Association for Women Geoscientists' 2008 Field Trip

A GEOLOGICAL EXCURSION TO SCOTLAND

July 18-29, 2008



Salisbury Crags with Edinburgh beyond.**



Hutton's Unconformity at Siccar Point.**



Loch Lomond from Conic Hill, near the Highland Boundary Fault.**



Traligill Thrust near Inchnadamph.**

Scotland is home to several classic geology sites where much of our understanding of geological processes was first developed. We'll begin our 12-day trip in Edinburgh, first spending two days exploring the city and the Southern Uplands. Then we'll drive northwest to the Glencoe area, with stops along the way to see the Highland Boundary Fault at Loch Lomond. After exploring the Glencoe volcanic caldera and Dalradian Precambrian metamorphics, we'll head west to the beautiful Isle of Skye, where we'll have a one-day driving tour and a one-day boat trip viewing remnants of volcanoes formed when Europe and North America split. We'll take the ferry back to the mainland and head north to Inchnadamph, visiting Knockan Crag along the way. We'll spend 2 days touring the north coast to see the Precambrian gneisses and sedimentary rocks of the Moine Thrust Belt, where the roots of the Caledonian Orogeny have been laid bare. (For more information about Scottish geology, a good website is www.scottishgeology.com.)

Our leader is Dr. Kathryn Goodenough, a geologist with the British Geological Survey who has been conducting field studies in Scotland for several years, mainly in the Northwest Highlands. She has lead several field trips and is the author of a number of popular publications aimed at non-geologists.

We'll spend 3 nights in each of our lodgings: a modern hostel in Edinburgh, scenic lodges in Inchree and Inchnadamph, and cottages in Portree on Skye. The trip will start and end in Edinburgh, and we will travel in large vans.

TENTATIVE PRICE: \$2000, double occupancy; a *very* limited number of single rooms will be available for an additional \$300.* We will also offer a limited number of spots to AWG student members at a 20% discount. Trip minimum 10, maximum 21. Registration will open in January or February. This will be a popular trip, so don't procrastinate! If the trip fills, AWG members will have preference. Please contact Marcia Knadle at marciaAWG@aol.com (206-553-1641) for more information about the trip or to get your name on the participant list. For questions about the itinerary, please contact Kathryn at kmgo@bgs.ac.uk. Keep checking AWG's Field Trip website for further updates: <http://www.awg.org/trips/>

* Details of lodging and meals are still being worked out, but it's unlikely that the price will be significantly higher. The price will include lodging July 17-28, local transportation (including the ferry to Skye and the boat trip there), group entrance fees, and most meals. The price DOES NOT include airfare to/from Edinburgh or the last night's lodging in Edinburgh on July 29.

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