

HARRY POTTER PLACES
BOOK FIVE

Safe Pottering
in the Scottish West Highlands
Supplementum



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Harry Potter Places Book Five Tips for Safe Pottering in the Scottish West Highlands

Almost all Potter Places found in the western highlands of Scotland are locations that involve **some hiking**. Happily, most require only a short walk, with little-to-no *climbing*, and are enjoyed by Potterites of all ages and physical condition.

Still, sudden injury or illness can occur anywhere, anytime. And, even the briefest highland hike can send you **Pottering where no one will find you if things go amiss!**

No matter how short and seemingly-innocent a highland Potter Place hike might be, it is best to equip yourself as though embarking on a substantial **Wilderness Walkabout**.

- **Proper Hiking Boots are a Must**

Beware of highland Potter Place Internet references or reviews that suggest, "You can get away with trainers [tennis shoes] in dry weather." No matter how dry the forecasted conditions, there is absolutely no guarantee that your trek will be free of rain or *fog*. **Highland Pottering in tennis shoes is unsafe**. Open-toed shoes, sandals, and footwear with high heels, are *right out*.

- **Dress in Layers**

Bring several items of lightweight extra clothing with you, especially a **warm sweater** and a **waterproof outer garment**. If you become stranded for any length of time, the extra clothing can save your life.

- **Be Sure that Your Mobile (Cell Phone) is Fully-Charged**

Or bring a **battery booster** with you. They're small, fit in a pocket and can give you up to 10 extra hours of phone battery life. (In the *Harry Potter Places Book* and Travel Store <http://harrypotterplaces.com/travel-store/>)

- **Someone Should Know Where & When You Go**

You can notify personnel at the site's associated visitor centre, but it's best to simply **call a friend or family member!** Let them know where you are, where you're going, and what time you plan to be back. It doesn't matter if they're an ocean or continent away. They still can ensure that you're quickly found if you fail to surface when you should.

Please avoid launching an unnecessary Search and Rescue mission by

checking in with *whomever* you notified as soon as you safely return to civilization. **Consider setting a phone alarm.** Potter Places can be so exciting you just might forget to check in!

- **A Whistle/Compass**

Inexpensive and practically weightless, a whistle with attached compass is handy to have whether Pottering in a Scottish West Highlands wilderness, or within a major metropolitan city. (Good luck knowing where north is without a compass when walking in Edinburgh!) **Attach a Whistle/Compass** to a zipper-pull of the bag you *always* carry—or the jacket you *always* wear—and have **another Whistle/Compass** in reserve in case that one gets broken. Cheap! Weightless!

- **Bring Fuel and Hydration**

Pack a few high-calorie snacks and at least one bottle of water per person. It is far better to tote these lightweight supplies with you and not need them, than to need them and not have them.

- **Pack-Out Your Trash**

Polite Potterites are conscious of their affect on the wilderness.

- **To Call for Emergency Help while Pottering *anywhere* in the UK, dial 999.**