

Bikepacking Scotland 06: Andrew Welch Explores the North Coast 500

Andrew Welch is a bikepacking enthusiast who has cycled extensively throughout Scotland. In this article, he shares his experience bikepacking the North Coast 500, a legendary 516-mile route that circles the northernmost coast of Scotland. Andrew provides practical advice, stunning photography, and insights into the breathtaking landscapes and rich history along the way.



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Day 1: Inverness to Dornoch (60 miles)



The journey begins in Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands. Andrew sets off on a crisp morning, pedaling north along the scenic coastline. The route passes through charming towns like Nairn and Forres before reaching the historic town of Dornoch, where Andrew camps for the night.

Day 2: Dornoch to Tongue (65 miles)



Day 2 offers a breathtaking ride along the rugged coastline of Sutherland. Andrew encounters towering sea cliffs, secluded beaches, and rolling hills. The highlight of the day is the stunning Smoo Cave, a sea cave accessible only by boat or kayak.

Day 3: Tongue to Durness (50 miles)



Andrew enters the heart of the North Coast 500 on Day 3, cycling through the picturesque Kyle of Tongue, a narrow sea loch with turquoise waters. The route continues along the remote coastline, passing the ruins of Castle Varrich and the iconic Cape Wrath lighthouse.

Day 4: Durness to Thurso (67 miles)



DUNNET HEAD SCOTLAND'S CROWN JEWEL



The most northerly point of the route, Dunnet Head, awaits on Day 4. Andrew climbs to the summit for breathtaking views of the Pentland Firth and the Orkney Islands. The ride continues along the stunning coastal road to Thurso, the northernmost town in mainland Scotland.

Day 5: Thurso to Ullapool (56 miles)



Day 5 brings a change of scenery as Andrew cycles inland along the shores of Loch Eriboll. The route passes the picturesque ruins of Ardvreck Castle and the charming village of Scourie. Andrew ends the day in the scenic town of Ullapool.

Day 6: Ullapool to Inverness (48 miles)



The final day of the adventure is a relatively short but scenic ride back to Inverness. Andrew follows the picturesque shores of Loch Broom, passing through the vibrant town of Dingwall before reaching his starting point.

Tips for Bikepacking the North Coast 500

- Plan your trip during the summer months for optimal weather conditions.
- Book accommodations and campsites in advance, especially during peak season.
- Pack light and carry essential gear only.

- Be prepared for all types of weather, including rain, wind, and cold temperatures.
- Respect the environment and leave no trace of your visit.

Andrew Welch's bikepacking adventure along the North Coast 500 captures the essence of this iconic route. From rugged coastlines to historic ruins, the journey offers a unique and unforgettable experience. Whether you're an experienced bikepacker or a nature enthusiast, this article provides valuable insights and inspiration for your own North Coast 500 adventure.



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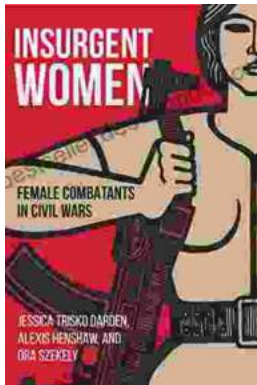
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