

# District LOCH RANNOCH

Gaelic Name

**Loch Rannaich**

Tartan Designer Mrs. P.J. Thompson

Date pre 1975

Loch Rannoch -- 'It's by Tummel, and Loch Rannoch, and Lochaber I will go' promise the words to the spirited song 'The Road to the Isles'. From time immemorial, the traditional route from the Lothians and Fife to the west was across Perthshire by way of the Tay, the River Tummel, along Loch Rannoch and across Rannoch Moor to the glens of Lochaber. Early Bronze Age hunters skirted Ben Nevis to reach the sea through Glen Nevis and Glencoe. Later their trails were followed by cattle drovers and, at times, the royal armies of clansmen, princes and kings. Robert Louis Stevenson set the escape of David Balfour and Alan Breck in the book *Kidnapped* across Rannoch Moor. In later years it became the route of the West Highland Railway.

Today Loch Rannoch is a favorite vacation spot known for its beauty in both winter and summer. It is no longer on a major highway and visitors can escape the pace of modern urban life.

The Loch Rannoch tartan is a good example of a fashion 'trade check' which has become accepted as a district tartan by the area which gave its it's name. It was designed by Mrs. P.J. Thompson in 1975

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