

# District LOCHABER

Gaelic Name

**Loch Abair**

Tartan Designer Unknown

Date pre 1800

Lochaber (probably meaning the loch of the confluence) is the home of Clan Cameron and a portion of the Clanranald MacDonalds. Here the Great Glen opens to the western sea at the foot of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles. Lochaber is a land almost surrounded by lochs -- Loch Lochy, Loch Moy and Loch Treig to the north and east; 'Lochaber' itself is formed to the west and north where Loch Eil and Loch Leven flow into great Loch Linnhe, the long sea arm that stretches west to Mull, 'land's end', Fort William, the population center of Lochaber, was founded to secure and pacify the Western Highlands. It was the departure point to America for many Gaels, and one of the most touching of bagpipe laments is the beautiful slow march 'Lochaber No More'.

The town has its own beautiful tartan. There are several recorded authentic old patterns from the 'Lochaber' distinct.

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