

District LORNE

Gaelic Name

Lathurna

Tartan Designer Mr. Ross (from Glasgow)

Date pre 1871

Lorne is rolling fertile land to the southeast of the Firth of Lorn, separated from the rest of Argyll by the natural barriers of Loch Awe. Oban is the major population and cultural center. A fishing port, it is also the terminus of the ferries to most of the more southerly of the western Isles. The Oban 'Bold Medal' is one of the premier bagpipe competitions. The interior of Lorne is good country for cattle and sheep and its many streams and rivers provide fine salmon fishing.

Lorn is the country of Clan Campbell and the son of Duke of Argyll is styled the Marquis of Lorne. The Lorne tartan was designed in 1871 to commemorate the marriage of the Marquis (John. Later 9th Duke) to Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria. It is a simple design but of striking beauty, incorporating the same colors as the tartan of clan Campbell.

Today, Lorne is considered appropriate for residents or visitors to the district with no clan or family tartan of their own. The sett appears in W. & A.K. Johnson's *The tartans of the Clans and Septs of Scotland*, 1906.

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