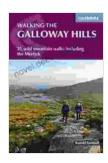
35 Wild Mountain Walks Including The Merrick British Mountains

The Merrick is the highest mountain in southern Scotland, and it offers some of the most challenging and rewarding hillwalking in the country. But it's not the only great mountain walk in the area. There are dozens of other hills to explore, each with its own unique character and set of challenges.

In this article, we'll take a look at 35 of the best mountain walks in the Merrick range, including everything from easy strolls to challenging scrambles. So whether you're a seasoned hiker or just starting out, we've got a walk for you.



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Easy Walks

Loch Trool Circular (3 miles, 1-2 hours)

- Glen Trool to Loch Dee (4 miles, 2-3 hours)
- Loch Enoch to Loch Valley (5 miles, 2-3 hours)

These walks are all relatively easy, making them ideal for families or anyone new to hillwalking. They all follow well-maintained paths, and there are no significant ascents or descents.

Moderate Walks

- The Merrick via the Devil's Staircase (5 miles, 3-4 hours)
- Benyellary from Loch Enoch (4 miles, 2-3 hours)
- Knocknairling from Loch Enoch (5 miles, 2-3 hours)
- Loch Enoch Horseshoe (7 miles, 4-5 hours)
- The Merrick via the Merrick Burn (6 miles, 3-4 hours)
- The Merrick via Loch Skerrow (7 miles, 4-5 hours)
- The Merrick via the Grey Mare's Tail (8 miles, 5-6 hours)

These walks are a bit more challenging than the easy walks, but they're still suitable for most people with a reasonable level of fitness. They involve some steeper ascents and descents, and you may need to scramble over some rocks in places.

Challenging Walks

- The Merrick via the Corrie of Slakes (9 miles, 5-6 hours)
- The Merrick via the Bealach Dubh (10 miles, 6-7 hours)
- The Merrick via the Sgurr Mhor (12 miles, 7-8 hours)

- The Merrick via the Sgurr an lasgaich (13 miles, 8-9 hours)
- The Merrick via the Pinnacle Ridge (14 miles, 9-10 hours)
- The Merrick via the Goat's Back (15 miles, 10-11 hours)

These walks are only suitable for experienced hikers. They involve steep ascents and descents, and you'll need to scramble over some exposed terrain in places. You should also be prepared for bad weather, as the conditions on the Merrick can change quickly.

Planning Your Hike

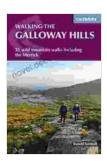
Before you set out on any of these walks, it's important to do your research and plan your trip carefully. Make sure you have the right gear, including sturdy hiking boots, waterproof clothing, and a map and compass. You should also check the weather forecast and be prepared for all conditions.

It's also a good idea to let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back. And finally, remember to follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, which outlines the rights and responsibilities of people who are enjoying the outdoors in Scotland.

The Merrick is a beautiful and challenging mountain range, and there are dozens of great walks to be found here. Whether you're looking for an easy stroll or a challenging scramble, we've got a walk for you. So get out there and explore this wonderful part of Scotland!

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