

Isle of Arran Report

Our trip to Arran was a great success and we enjoyed our time thoroughly, feeling that it was beneficial not just for our film pursuits but for our own personal wellbeing and health. Due to unpredictable weather patterns, we did not stick to our original itinerary in order, however, we did still try to make most of our planned excursions.

Wednesday 12th June

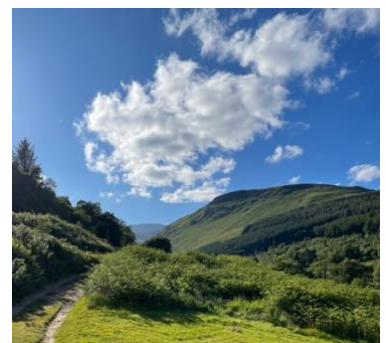
We left London early in the morning and got the tube from Stepney Green to Euston. The train up was extremely pleasant, and we had a table to ourselves. Passing through the Yorkshire Downs was lovely to see. We arrived in Glasgow around 2 pm and from there got another train to Ardrossan. At this point, movement was quite quick, so we didn't have time to stop and enjoy Ardrossan. The Ferry over to Arran took about an hour and we sat on the top deck to watch the sea, thankfully the weather was very agreeable. After arriving in Brodick on Arran, after a quick stop at the big co-op for some supplies we walked through the town to Glenn Rosa, where we would be camping. We arrived Having not done much research on the campsite, we were pleasantly surprised to find that it was breathtakingly beautiful. We spent the rest of the day exploring Glenn Rosa and getting some well-needed rest.

Thursday 13th June



On the second day, we left our campsite when the weather was still nice and made for Lochranza. As it was on the North side of the Island we took the bus, which took us on a scenic coastal route. We had time to visit Lochranza Castle, and shoot some good videos, as well as visit The Sailor's Grave, a local landmark, Stopping on the way to get some sandwiches, which were amazingly good, and massive.

After this, it started raining heavily and we missed the bus, with the next one not coming for a very long time. We made the decision to try and find a pub or cafe to sit in and wait out the rain. This ended up bringing us to Lochranza Distillery, where we tried some locally brewed Whiskey. This unplanned side track became one of the most memorable and fun parts of the trip. We made it back to the campsite that evening and spent the rest of the night at Glenn Rosa.

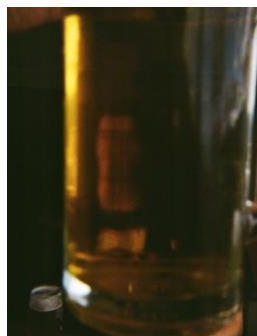


Friday 14th June

After choosing not to climb Goatfell Mountain the day before due to weather conditions, today was the day we decided to brave it. We woke up at around 8am and headed into Brodick to prepare for our hike. There was heavy fog and rain at the summit but we stayed positive as we had a hearty breakfast. After 3 hours of hiking through spitting rain and wind, the sky began to clear and the summit was within reach. We reached the peak of Goatfell at around 1pm. The weather was perfect for taking pictures and filming the environment to help with our portfolios. We made our way back down and spent the rest of the day at the beach in Brodick. We ended the day with a pint at the pub.



Saturday 15th June



We had a lie in this day after a long day and decided to look around our campsite for any nice locations to get some good footage. At around midday we walked to the Arran Heritage Museum and spent a couple hours learning about the interesting history of the island. After that we walked into Brodick and watched some live music in the pub performed by the locals of Arran. With the day getting on we went to the shop and bought some firestarter and some wood. We walked the hour back to our campsite and lit our campfire. We took some more photos this evening and enjoyed the warm campfire on our final night.

Sunday 16th June

We woke up at 7am and packed up the tent so we could catch the next ferry. After the long journey back we got home and looked through all the footage and memories we had gained.