

Tiree

Map 7: Millport House to Balephuill Bay

This map section extends around the southernmost part of Tiree from Millport House to the N end of West Hynish. For most of this distance the landscape is wild, unenclosed and rugged. The coastline is high and rocky, with many small promontories, headlands, offshore islets and rock stacks. Beyond Millport House there is no modern settlement, access roads or tracks along the coast until West Hynish is reached.

The coastline in this area is formed from rock platform and is stable.

The archaeological remains in this area include three impressive defensive sites thought to date to the 1st millennium BC- 1st Millennium AD period. At Dun na Cleite (T83), a high rocky knoll bears traces of numerous walls built around its slopes. There are approaches from the E and NW sides. The walls appear to enclose a series of small terraces and, to the W of the summit, there are remains of a large curvilinear building. Pottery, hammerstones, worked bone, shell and metal ore have been found here in the past. Dun Shiadair (T85) lies beneath the S slopes of Ben Hynish. Here, the remains of a substantial stone building occupy the top of a rocky hill. This circular building has a clearly defined entrance and an outer courtyard. Traces of outer walls appear to be the remains of defences. Further W, towards the end of this section lies Dunan Nighean (T26). The archaeological remains here are less clearly visible but would appear to represent the remains of a settlement of early date. There are few structural remains to be seen. The site is situated on a rocky height and is surrounded on three sides by the sea and joined to the hinterland by a causeway. These factors suggest that defensibility, or at least the suggestion of it, were important considerations to the builders. A more enigmatic site, also of probable early date, was noted close to Port Snoig (T84). Traces of an old field system here are associated with a curvilinear enclosure or house which may be of prehistoric date.

T25 NL 95688 40119 Balephuill Bay (E side of) Township 18-20th C Fair Survey	T85 (NL93NE1) NL 96421 38882 Dun Shiadair Defended house/Dun 1st mill BC- 1st mill AD Fair Monitor
T26 (NL94SE1) NL 95618 40138 Dunan Nighean Site of Dun, anthropogenic deposits 1st mill BC- 1st mill AD Fair/poor Survey	T128 NL 96218 38965 Ben Hynish (SW of) Structure, possible house 18-20th C Poor Nil
T81 NL 97818 38716 Millport House (S of) Enclosure 18-20th C Poor Nil	T138 (NL93NE11) NL 976 386 Millport Rock cut basins Unknown Good Nil
T82 NL 97655 38657 Cleit Mhor Enclosures Unknown Fair Nil	T139 (NL93NE13) NL 972 386 Port Snoig Chance find- flint Unknown Good Monitor
T83 (NL93NE5) NL 97431 38523 Dun na Cleite Dun 1st mill BC-1st mill AD Fair Monitor	T140 (NL93NE15) NL 960 394 West Hynish (S of) Township 18-20th C Poor Nil
T84 NL 97107 38815 Port Snoig Field system, possible house or enclosure Unknown Poor Survey	



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- Built Heritage & Archaeology
- Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
 - Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
 - + Listed Historic Building
 - Undesignated wreck
 - Known ancient monument
 - Site found by this survey
 - Site complex



1. Ben Hynish

NL 961 389

5.2 Km

Rock platform, cobble cover in coves

Coast edge <5m

Drift/rock interface occasionally visible

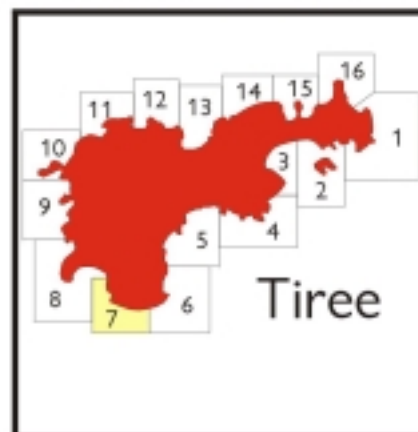
A rocky shoreline which slopes steeply to the sea. There is cobble cover in the coves. Each of the bays on either side of An Snoig contain storm beaches. Hinterland is rough and unfenced, poorly drained rough grazing. There is intermittent dumping of rubble and refuse on the coast edge near West Hynish



- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- Modifiers**
- Low edge <5m
 - Cliff >5m
 - Man made barrier
 - Shingle/storm bank
 - Human disturbance

- Hinterland**
- Drift
 - Drift on visible rock
 - Raised beach etc.
 - Blown sand
 - Glacial sand/gravel
 - Alluvium



1. West Hynish

NL 961 389

5.2 Km

Stable

Rocky coast edge with no signs of recent erosion.



- Erosion Class
- Definitely Accreting
 - Accreting or Stable
 - Stable
 - Eroding or Stable
 - Definitely Eroding
 - Accreting and Eroding
 - No access
 - Land below 10m

