

Scotland's Munros

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Sir Hugh did not reach the top of all the mountains on his list before he died, but a church minister, Reverend Robertson, completed the first list of Munros in 1901. Since then, climbing all the peaks on the list has become a popular activity amongst walkers and climbers.

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In the late 1980s, Munro-bagging became very popular and today the numbers of people who take part are huge. Those who climb all the Munro summits are known as Compleatists (which comes from the old word for complete) or Munroists. It is a huge achievement! In 2010, Munroist Stephen Pike climbed all 282 peaks in 39 days, 9 hours and 6 minutes.

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listed 283 separate mountains as Munros. It had been thought that there were only around 30 mountains of that height.

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7. How many Munros are named on the most recent list?

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Sir Hugh's list would have been a surprise to many mountaineers because there were only thought to be around 30 mountains of that height.
5. Who was first to finish climbing all the mountains on Sir Hugh's list?
Reverend Robertson was the first to finish climbing all the Munros on Sir Hugh's list.
6. Who checks and keeps the list of Munros correct and up to date?
The Scottish Mountaineering Club keeps the list of Munros correct and up to date.
7. How many Munros are named on the most recent list?
282 Munros are named on the most recent list.
8. If you are a Compleatist what have you done?
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Munro-bagging can be dangerous if the climb is not well planned and there is bad weather or people do not have the correct equipment.

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Hugh listed 283 separate mountains as Munros. It had been previously thought that there were only around 30 mountains of that height. He also listed more Munro Tops (summits over 3000 feet) that are not separate mountains.

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3. Sir Hugh Munro said that there were 283 Munros but the list today shows only 282. Why do you think there is a difference?

4. Who was the first to climb all of the first list of Munros?

5. What other important fact do we know about the highest Munro?

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6. Name and rank in height order (highest to lowest), three more Munros.

7. In 2010, Munroist Stephen Pike climbed all 282 peaks in 39 days, 9 hours and 6 minutes. How big an achievement would it be to become a Compleatist or Munroist? Explain your answer.

8. What are the differences between Munros, Corbetts and Grahams?

9. Why should anyone taking part in Munro-bagging plan their climb carefully?

10. What equipment and skills do you think would be important to have before setting out to climb a Munro?

Answers

1. Who is Munro-bagging popular with? Why do you think this is the case?
Munro-bagging is popular with hill walkers, climbers and mountaineers. Answers may vary.
2. Why are these mountains known as Munros?
They are known as Munros because they were first identified and listed together by Sir Hugh Munro.
3. Sir Hugh Munro said that there were 283 Munros but the list today shows only 282. Why do you think there is a difference?
Answers may describe more accurate measurements today than in 1891.
4. Who was the first to climb all of the first list of Munros?
The Reverend A E Robertson, completed the first list of Munros in 1901.
5. What other important fact do we know about the highest Munro?
The highest Munro is Ben Nevis at 4411 feet or 1345m and it is also the highest peak in the British Isles.
6. Name and rank in height order (highest to lowest), three more Munros.
Choose from these three or others: Ben Macdui (1309m), Lochnagar (1155m), Ben Lomond (974m) and/or Ben Hope (927m).
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Answers may vary.
8. What are the differences between Munros, Corbetts and Grahams?
Munros are mountains over 914.4m high (3000ft). Corbetts are mountains between 762m and 914.4m high. Grahams are mountains between 610 and 762m high.

Answers

9. Why should anyone taking part in Munro-bagging plan their climb carefully?
Scotland's mountains are beautiful but extremely dangerous in bad weather or if you are not properly equipped.
10. What equipment and skills do you think would be important to have before setting out to climb a Munro?
Equipment might be appropriate clothing and footwear, map, compass, GPS, mobile phone, food, water, first aid kit. Climbers should be able to navigate using a map/compass/GPS and have experience of climbing in the mountains.