

Scotland – The North East Coast

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Scotland is a photographer's playground. Very few of us that love photography have not visited this wonderful country. Many of us head for Western parts e.g Glencoe, Torridon, Skye etc and there is no denying all is very beautiful. However the dreaded midge does plague the West from May right the way through to mid September and it can also be very wet! The North East Coast is often ignored or considered second best. However it has a lot to offer and to photograph and even in the summer, roads are far from busy and often beaches empty or with few folk on. The areas I particularly like are Nairn, Fortrose, Cromarty, Findhorn and the Moray coast. Each have an individual beauty and much to keep the photographer happy even on a damp dull day. The photo below is of driftwood on the West beach of Nairn taken in August before sunset. I had the beach to myself !!



Nairn driftwood

Clashach Cove better known as Cove bay, near Hopeman features wonderful sandstone and limestone rock formations. Intimate landscapes as well as coastal vistas are abundant both with the tide in and out.



Drift gorse at Cove bay

If you are tired of the coast then head for Cawdor forest near the fairy tale like Cawdor castle. Cawdor Big wood is an ancient woodland site which combines extensive ancient semi-natural oak woodland habitat with areas of fine mature beech, larch and smaller areas of shade conifers.



Cawdor woods

So, 'west is best' is not always the case. The east can be equally fascinating.