

UK Factoids

The Highest Waterfalls In England, Scotland And Wales

Country	Waterfall	Height	Location	Grid Ref	Map
England	Cauldron Snout	200ft (61m)	Durham - Teesdale	NY814287	EXP OL19 / LRM 91
Wales	Pistwll Rhaeadr	240ft (73m)	(Clwyd) North West of LLanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	SJ073295	EXP 255
Scotland	Eas a' Chual Aluinn	658ft (201m)	Nr Glen Coul, Highlands	NC282277	EXP 442 / LRM15

The Highest Points In Great Britain

Country			Grid Reference	Height	
				feet	metres
Great Britain	Ben Nevis	Highlands of Scotland	NN 16683 71279	4406	1343
England	Scafell Pike	Cumbria	NY 21537 07212	3210	978
Scotland	Ben Nevis	Highlands of Scotland	NN 16683 71279	4406	1343
Wales	Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa)	Gwynedd	SH 60993 54398	3560	1085
N. Ireland	Slieve Donard	County Down	J3527	2789	850
Isle of Man	Snaefell		SC 3938	2036	621

The Highest Villages In England, Scotland And Wales Are As Follows:

Country	Settlement Name	Grid Reference	Height (M above Sea level)	Map
England	Flash	SK02640 67150	453.8	LRM119
Scotland	Wanlockhead	NS87661 12954	424.6	LRM71
Wales	Garn -yr-erw	SO23610 10110	400.8	LRM161

The Extremities Of Great Britain

Most		Grid Ref	Landranger
Northerly Point	Out Stack, North of Unst in Shetland	HP613203	1
Southerly Point	Pednathise Head, Isles of Scilly	SV839053	203
Easterly Point	Lowestoft Ness	TM556937	134
Westerly Point	Gob a' Ghail, Outer Hebrides	NA055015	18

The Point Furthest From The Sea

The further most point from the sea in the British Isles is at grid reference SK 257144.

This lies just east of Church Flatts Farm, approximately 1 mile south-east of Coton in the Elms, Derbyshire.

The Remotest Part Of Great Britain

The remotest point was calculated to be the hillside of Ruadh Stac Beag, between Letterewe Forest and Fisherfield Forest.

The grid reference is NH 02550 77010

Distance to nearest road = 11km or 7 miles.

The nearest road is the A832.

For this purpose, the remotest part of mainland Great Britain is considered to be the point farthest from a metalled road.

The Longest Rivers In England, Scotland And Wales

Country	River	Length (m)	Length (km)
England	River Thames	215 miles	346 km
Wales	River Towy (Tywi)	64 miles	103 km
Scotland	River Tay	117 miles	188 km
Great Britain	River Severn	220 miles	354 km

The Centre Of Great Britain, UK, England, Scotland, Wales And Ireland

Centre of	Place	Grid Reference
Great Britain Mainland only	5.5 km SW of Clitheroe. Between Whalley, Billington and Calderstones Hospital	SD 72321.72 36671.1
Great Britain Mainland plus the 7 major islands of Isle of Wight, Anglesey, Arran, Mull, Jura, Islay and Skye	The Eastern Edge of Longridge Fell, 1.5 km south east of Walker Fold and 1km north west of Turner Fold	SD 68123.7 41406.29
Great Britain (including the 401 associated islands)	7 km north west of Dunsop Bridge on Whitendale Hanging Stones	SD 64188.3, 56541.43
England (mainland only)	Lindley Hall Farm, 1.5 km east of Fenny Drayton and 5 km north of Nuneaton	SP 36382.2, 96810.73
England (including all surrounding islands)	Between Lindley Hall farm and Lindley Grange 1.5 km east of Fenny Drayton and 5 km north of Nuneaton	SP 36373.66 96143.05
England and Wales	Hurst Green Farm, 2 km west of Curdworth south east of Sutton Coldfield	SP 15627.33 92949.96
Wales (mainland only)	3.5km north west of Claerwen Reservoir, next to Afon Claerddu	SN 81162.99, 67795.6
Wales (including all surrounding islands)	7.5 km north west of Claerwen Reservoir and 2.5 km south of Cwmystwyth	SN 79728.22 , 71704.43
Scotland (mainland only)	0.5 km west of White Bridge on the B846 (General Wade's military road) and 5.5 km south of Tummel Bridge	NN 76731.26, 53751.42
Scotland (including all surrounding islands)	3 km east of the northern tip of Loch Garry	NN66784.93, 71599.4
London	300m east of Waterloo Station	TQ31330.87 79647.52
Northern Ireland (including all surrounding islands)		97004.44 533740.17
Northern Ireland (mainland only)		96962.33 533666.07

The Coastline Length Of Great Britain

The Coastline length of mainland Great Britain is 11072.76 miles or 17819.88 km as measured along Mean High Water.

Country	Area	Length of Coast in Miles	Length of Coast in Kilometres
Great Britain	Mainland	11072.76	17819.88
	Mainland including Islands	19491.39	31368.36
England	Mainland	5581.02	8981.78
	Mainland including Islands	6261.25	10076.51
Scotland	Mainland	4174.48	6718.17
	Mainland including Islands	11549.83	18587.65
Wales	Mainland	1317.26	2119.93
	Mainland including Islands	1680.31	2740.20

The Coastline is measured from Mean High Water which extends into estuaries until the normal tidal limit (NTL) is reached.

The islands included in the figures are:

Isle of Wight	Holyhead	Islay	Orkneys
Scilly Isles	Anglesey	Jura	Shetlands
Lundy	Arran	Western Isles	

Great Britain refers to the political entity that is made up of England Scotland and Wales. It does not include the Isle of Man, The Channel Islands or Northern Ireland.

The Lengths Of Road Classifications (Eg Motorways - Minor Roads)

Road Classification	Length of Roads	
	Miles	Kilometres
Motorways		4353
A Roads		48164
B Roads		30216
Minor public roads		314392
Pedestrianised streets		278

The Number Of Cities In Great Britain

Following the Golden Jubilee city status competition, there are now 66 cities in the UK - 50 in England, 5 in Wales, 6 in Scotland and 5 in Northern Ireland.

English Cities

Bath	Ely	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	St Albans
Birmingham	Exeter	Norwich	Stoke-on-Trent
Bradford	Gloucester	Nottingham	Sunderland
Brighton & Hove	Hereford	Oxford	Truro
Bristol	Kingston-upon-Hull	Peterborough	Wakefield
Carlisle	Lancaster	Plymouth	Wells
Cambridge	Leeds	Portsmouth	Westminster
Canterbury	Leicester	Preston	Winchester
Chester	Lichfield	Ripon	Wolverhampton
Chichester	Lincoln	Salford	Worcester
Coventry	Liverpool	Salisbury	York
Derby	London	Sheffield	
Durham	Manchester	Southampton	

Welsh Cities

Bangor	Cardiff	Newport	St David's and Swansea
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Scottish Cities

Aberdeen	Dundee	Edinburgh	Glasgow	Inverness and Stirling
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Northern Irish Cities

Armagh	Belfast	Lisburn	Londonderry and Newry
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