

- Land
- Water feature - sea or quarry
- High water mark
- Outcrop
- Quarrying edge
- Tram track active 1871
- Tram track active 1898
- Tram track late 19thC - 1946
- Known former quarries
- Early coastal quarries



QUARRIES

Large scale, concentrated exploitation of the Easdale slate belt began in earnest in the mid-18th century by the landowner, the 2nd Earl of Breadalbane. Slate production reached its height in the 1860s. Commercial quarrying on Easdale (and the other islands) had ceased by the First World War (1914) with the bankruptcy of the Easdale Slate Quarries Company in 1911. The slate production of Argyll found it difficult to compete with the Welsh slate industry. Today, there are no quarries in Scotland producing roofing slate.

There is also evidence of early shoreline quarrying which would have predated and partially continued when the deeper quarries were dug inland during the latter 18th century. Eighteen areas of quarrying were identified during fieldwork. Some are known to have existed in the 18th century, others only appear on maps with little information known other than they were abandoned or closed by a certain date. Others were reopened and reused when the construction industry picked up again and roof tiles were in demand.

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Drone video footage 2 showing early coastal quarrying, later quarrying and the landscape of Easdale

Windmill quarry

Hill quarry

North spoil, walls and workings

Easdale Sound

An Toll mar
Lusty
quarry

The
Folger

An Lub Chlear
quarry

Quarry

Engine House

Boiler House

Kiln

Quarry

Kiln

South west spoil, walls and workings

Fang quarry

Camus Mor
quarry

Grieve's cottage
quarry

Old Quarry

Smith

School

Midd Engine quarry

East Engine quarry

Early south west coastal quarries

Drone video footage 3 showing early coastal quarrying, later quarrying and the landscape of Easdale

Early south east coastal quarries

Camus Mor

Drone video footage 1 showing early coastal quarrying, later quarrying and the landscape of Easdale

South east spoil, walls and workings