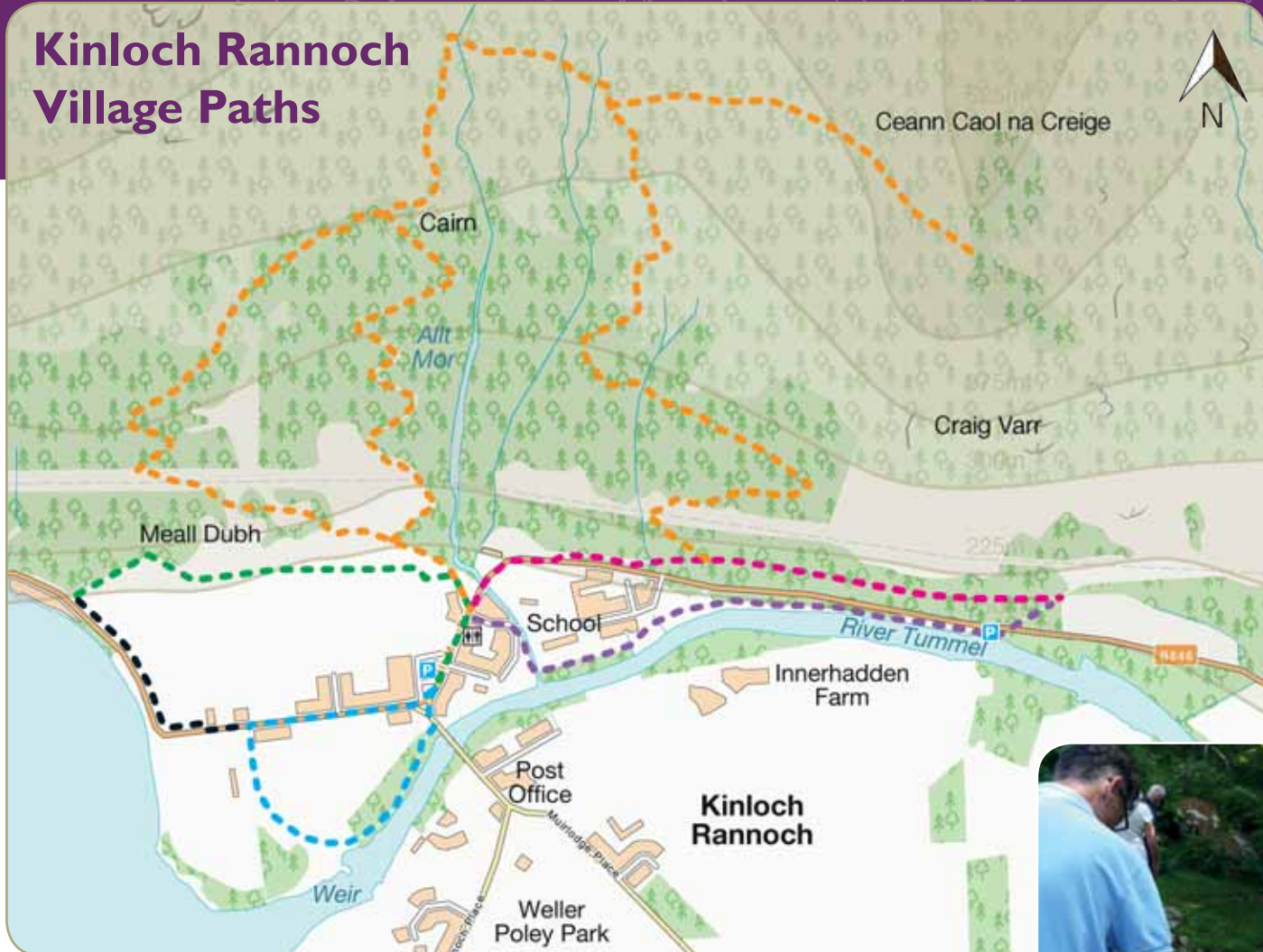


Kinloch Rannoch Village Paths



- Parking
- Toilet (located at Cafe or FCS Carie Forest)
- Woodland
- Contour
- Urban area

- Buchanan Path
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- Railway



Hillside Path

800 metres / 0.5 mile
Allow 15–30 minutes

A grass and stone track, narrow in places with some steps, and a short steeper section.

This gentle route, just above the road, through broadleaf woodland, is a good place to look for red squirrels in an impressive old hazel coppice.

Heading away from the village, pass the garage and cross the road bridge. In rain or dry weather, Allt Mor waterfall is always a beautiful sight. Pass some impressive beech trees at the Outdoor Centre and look out for a narrow grass path rising on the left, just beyond the entrance.

This path runs parallel to the road and passes an old oak tree, possibly planted about 1765 by the Redcoat soldiers stationed at barracks at Bridge of Gaur. The path goes down steps between brambles, crossing a small footbridge before entering mixed woodland. Once through the gate, continue on the vehicle track. The outline of the 'Sleeping Giant' can be seen on the hill opposite. Go through the field gate and follow the path downhill passing the 'wolf stone', a massive natural boulder. At the bottom of the hill, turn sharp right along the deer fence. Take care going through the gate, crossing the road and negotiating the steps to join the Riverside Path.



Riverside Path

800 metres / 0.5 mile
Allow 15–30 minutes

A level grass, stone and tarmac track, narrow in places with uneven ground due to tree roots. Steps at the east end can be avoided if the route is started in the parking area. Occasionally closed because of flooding, it is next to an unfenced fast-flowing river with fluctuating water levels controlled by a hydropower station.

This is a pleasant riverside path leading back upstream towards the village. A good route to see woodland and water birds, with views of Schiehallion across the river.

From the Hillside Path, cross the road into mixed woodland. Walk along the riverbank, through the car park to the unsurfaced path at the far end. Follow this path behind houses and the village school. Cross the footbridge and continue up the burn to the school gates. Turn left and, at the main road, turn left again past the café to the square.

Kinloch Rannoch Village Paths

Start & Finish: Buchanan Square, Kinloch Rannoch, for bus stop and car parking.
PH16 5PN, OS NN661587



Lochend path is all user; Meall Dubh and Millennium paths are rough hill paths and are the most challenging. The remaining three have one or two steps and are narrow, grass and gravel paths. *Along riverbanks and through woodlands, in and around the picturesque village of Kinloch Rannoch, the low level paths are made up of 5 sections. Use them separately or as a loop returning to the square. The sixth, most strenuous section, the Millennium path is to the top of Craig Varr.*



Millennium Path to Craig Varr (587m)

4.5km / 2.8 miles
Allow 2.5 hours

Start & Finish: Buchanan Square, Kinloch Rannoch
PH16 5PN, OS NN662587

Steep initial ascent on a rough wide path, with a boggy section across open ground before a final rough ascent.

High above Kinloch Rannoch is a rocky outcrop, Craig Varr, with sensational panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. It is a short but strenuous hill climb, which is used for a hill race during the Rannoch Highland Gathering.



Buchanan Path

500 metres / 0.3 mile
Allow 15–30 minutes

Grass and gravel with a few steps at the beginning. *An interesting riverside path.*

Leaving the square with the Buchanan monument, cross the road towards the Telford Bridge built in 1764, and take the path on the left down towards the river. The path goes under the bridge and through the birch and aspen woodland beside the River Tummel and leads to a weir used to control the flow of the river. An information board explains the importance of the Tummel hydropower scheme.

Continue to the access track for the hydro sub-station. Head away from the river to the gate and main road; the Health Centre is facing you. To return to the village, turn right; to continue, turn left onto the Lochend Path.

Lochend Path

300 metres / 0.2 mile
Allow 5–15 minutes

A firm, stone-surfaced, fenced field-edge path, avoiding the road.

A continuation of Buchanan Path, with great views over Loch Rannoch towards Glen Coe and Rannoch Moor, linking the village to the Highland Club and Loch Rannoch Hotel (open to non-residents).

From Buchanan Square use the pavement to the end of the village towards Loch Rannoch. (alternatively, from Buchanan Path turn left, and cross the road) Pass the Health Centre and continue for a few metres to a field gate. Go through the small gate and follow the path between the wall and the fence.

To continue the village loop, go through the self-closing gate on the right to the open hillside – the Meall Dubh Path.

Meall Dubh Path

650 metres / 0.4 mile
Allow 15–30 minutes

An uneven and narrow hillside path, with stepping stones over boggy areas.

A continuation of the Lochend Path, a rugged path with great views over the village to Schiehallion, a Munro whose old Gaelic name, Sidh Chailleann, translates as 'the nest, or brooding place of storms'; some prefer 'the fairy hill of the Caledonians'. Look behind you for lovely views across Loch Rannoch.

Take the well-trodden track to a boggy area and cross using giant stepping stones. Follow the line of the wall as the path rises in the shadow of large oaks, dating back to when drovers used this road to walk cattle south to market.

Continue down stone steps and over a number of open drains, eventually reaching a small stone 'fountainhead' which covers a spring, a vital water source on 1867 maps. This path joins a vehicle track and the start of the Millennium Path, then heads downhill past Allt Mor waterfall. At the road, turn right back to the village or left to join the Hillside Path.



Rannoch, the Black Wood and, in the distance, Rannoch Moor and Glen Coe.

Return route: back the way you came or turn left at the field gate and follow the steep track down towards the village, through birch woodland to join the Hillside Path. Turn right at the way-marker back to the village on a narrow path above the public road.

From the village square go past the garage and take a path to the left marked Meall Dubh. There are two routes to Craig Varr. 1: A steep path which zigzags up the side of the waterfall before rejoining the longer route (2). 2: A wide track known as the Millennium Path which leads up the hill into birch woodland and passes under pylons until reaching open hillside with Allt Mor burn ahead. At this point the burn is in a steep-sided gorge, which leads downhill to the waterfall. Turn left uphill, keeping the burn on your right. The path continues out onto the hill to a cairn. About 150m before this, look for a fork to the right leading down to a bridge, not clearly visible

from the path. Cross the bridge and continue to a vehicle track and a field gate. At this point, look left for a worn, informal track. Cross the boggy area by following a fence line then a stone wall for some of the way. Take care here, as the path is steep and rocky and various sheep tracks could lead you around the steep side of the hill. The final rough ascent takes you to the top, where there are three cairns. Head for the cairn to the right on an obvious path to the summit. Spectacular views are all around: east to Dunalastair Water, Schiehallion and Loch Tummel; south to Innerhadden and the 'Sleeping Giant'; west to Loch

McGregor's Cave Path



4.5km / 2.8 miles
Allow 2 hours

Start & Finish: Crossmount Lodge House gateway, signed Bridge Cottage. 5km / 3 miles from Kinloch Rannoch on the Schiehallion Road. Do not park at this entrance.

Parking: Layby near Lassintullich Forest entrance, 4.5 km / 2.8 miles from Kinloch Rannoch (avoid obstructing the gate) OS NN 701579

Public road from car park, then wide, stone track. Gentle climbs for the majority of the path. One short very uneven section. Steep parts around the challenging burn crossing with stepping-stones.

A linear path, which includes loch-side views, a historic carriage track, mature oak woodland with glimpses of Schiehallion, finishing at a cave with a story.

From the forestry layby, go 500m / 0.3 miles uphill on the public road to Crossmount Lodge House and follow the track towards Bridge Cottage beside Dunalastair Water. At the cottage, head away from the reservoir and up towards a deer gate. Continue up into mature oak woodland, dropping down into an enchanting dell with a burn, which has steep banks and several stepping stones. At times of high water levels, it is advisable to turn back

and revisit this gem of a path another day. Once up out of the dell, continue on through heathland and birch woodland to McGregor's Cave, which can easily be missed as it nestles against the cliff face. It is rumoured to have been a Jacobite hideout and later a Victorian picnic spot. From here, enjoy the stunning panorama west to Rannoch and across Dunalastair Water to the fairy-tale image of Dunalastair House with Beinn a Chuailich ('hill of the drovers') behind. The path continues for a few more metres, with views to Loch Tummel and Ben Vrackie in the east. Return route: back the way you came.



Annat Loop Path



10.4km / 6.5 miles
Allow 4 hours

Start & Finish: Annat Road end or Clan Trail number 1 lay-by, north Loch Rannoch on B846, 1.5 miles/2.4km from Kinloch Rannoch, OS NN 639591. As this is a working farm estate, avoid obstructing the entrance.

Overall steady long ascent and descent on wide, uneven stony track, with one burn crossing using ford or stepping stones. Muddy sections near working farm with cattle and sheep on the open hill.

This circular walk, a spur off the Clan Trail beside Loch Rannoch, is the beginning of a long-distance route north to Dalnaspidal and the Cairngorms.

A good location for bird watching, superb scenery and for interpreting the landscape, as human influence on the land is easily visible, with historic settlements and an intriguing art installation. It is easy to enjoy a varied palette of colours all year round.

Follow the track to Annat, with a Scottish Rights of Way Society sign to Dalnaspidal, past a working farm and continue up, with a wall to your right, through a high deer gate. At the next junction, go through the gate to the lane between two stone walls looking east to Schiehallion. Continue to a corner junction, then go left up onto higher ground, through another high gate, away from the improved grazing land and out onto open hill.

Easily visible in the heathland is the historic settlement of Tor a'Chruidh, locally known as Annat Village. Stay on the track and cross

the Annat burn. Continue through a gate with young native woodland on your right, into open moorland with spectacular views all around: down towards Loch Rannoch, across to the Black Wood of Rannoch, east to Schiehallion and west to Rannoch Moor.

The route continues to a junction where the Right of Way goes right to Dalnaspidal. Instead, turn left towards the distant loch on the moorland path. Entering the birch wood, look out for the Skyspace art installation in the hillside. Please respect the privacy of Craiganour Lodge and follow the farm track down to the bridge at Aulich and the road. Turn left to the starting point at Annat, approximately 3 km along the public road.



Experience nature at its best by exploring the network of paths around Kinloch Rannoch in Perthshire Big Tree Country.



The landscape is full of diversity, from ancient woods to deep lochs, from lush mountains to bleak moors ... and nestling in this beautiful landscape are the Highland communities of Kinloch Rannoch, Tummel Bridge, Bridge of Gaur and Rannoch Station.



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Rannoch has it all!



In these beautiful glens, you will experience the Scottish Highlands at their best – hidden gems of nature, outdoor activities and history for you to discover and enjoy.



For other routes and ideas on what else to do in Rannoch, Perthshire, visit www.rannochandtummel.co.uk which is the website for the **Rannoch and Tummel Tourism Association**

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Ordnance Survey Explorer maps:

385 **Rannoch & Ben Alder**, Loch Rannoch
OL49/386 **Pitlochry & Loch Tummel**, Aberfeldy, Kinloch Rannoch & Schiehallion

Big Tree Country sites in this area:

- 1 **Rannoch Moor at Rannoch Station** – the train trip on the West Highland Line is one of the most beautiful in Scotland. Read about the building of the railway and the flora and fauna of the moor at the station (centre closed in winter). The last ice age is believed to have started in this area.
- 2 **Black Wood of Rannoch** – one of the best examples of ancient Caledonian forests in Scotland.
- 3 **Carie & Rannoch Forest** – three scenic trails through oak and pine forest beside the peaceful shores of Loch Rannoch.
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