

RANNSAICH NA GLINN TIMCHEALL A' GHEARASDAIN

Fort William lies at the centre of a stunning highland landscape that's steeped in evocative history. Leave the usual stops on the tourist trail behind and explore a wealth of wonderful trails and viewpoints for a real feel of the highlands in the glens around Fort William.



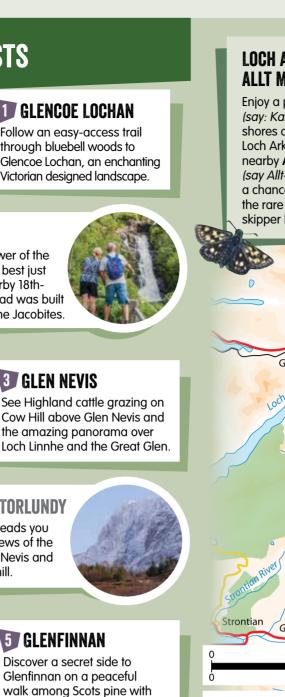
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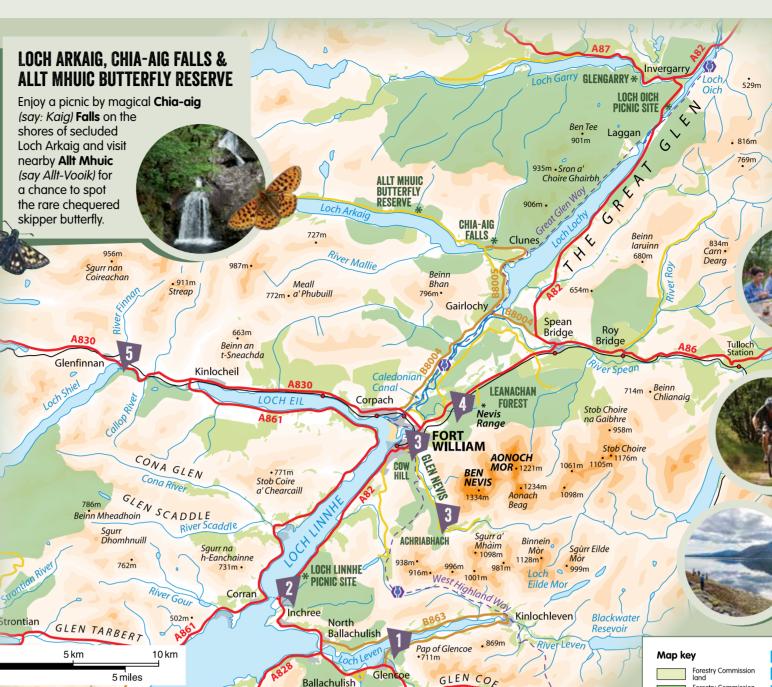
The North Face trail leads you

uphill for stunning views of the

rugged cliffs on Ben Nevis and

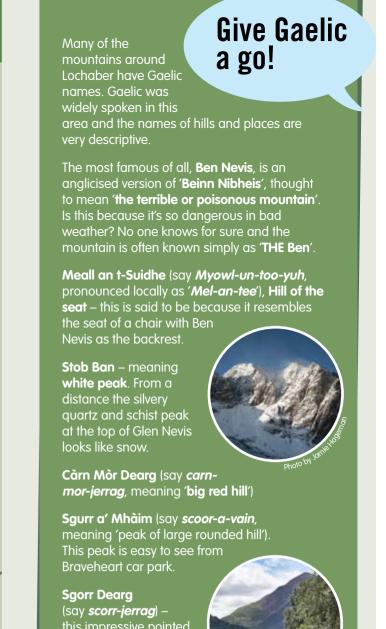
a taste of the open hill.





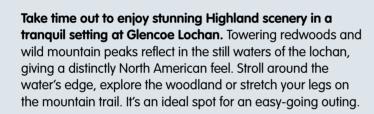


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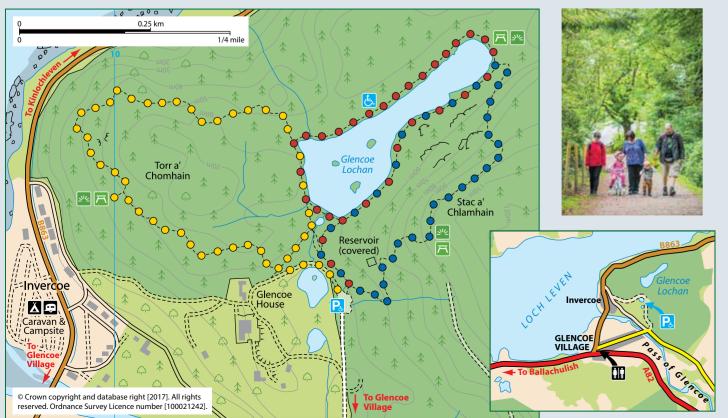




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stunning views over Loch Shiel.





TRAIL INFORMATION

Lochan Trail

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A gentle trail around the tranquil Glencoe lochan and woodland, created by Lord Strathcona for his homesick Canadian wife.

A wide, firm and smooth surfaced path, generally flat, but with short gentle gradients, broken up with rest points.

easy

1 mile / 1.6 kms Allow ⅓ hr



Woodland Trail OOO

Meandering through huge North American conifers - an impressive woodland path. Enjoy the loch views and in spring, carpets of bluebells.

A firm path with some rough rocky and rooty sections. Constantly undulating, with short strenuous | 3/4 hr steep sections. Can be muddy in places after rain.



1 mile / 1.6 kms Allow



Mountain Trail

A short but tough path. The view from the slopes of Stac a'Chlamhain (the steep hill of the buzzard) is just superb.

A loose gravel path, with uneven stone steps and rooty sections. Long very steep gradients.

strenuous

1 mile / 1.6 kms Allow 3/4 hr

2 GLEN RIGH (say glen ree meaning 'Glen of the king')

Welcome to waterfall wonderland! The Abhainn Righ (say Aa-win-uhn-ree, meaning 'river of the king') cascades down the hill in a series of steps, forming eight mighty waterfalls: they're particularly spectacular after heavy rain.

Walk uphill for sweeping views over Loch Linnhe and the hills of Ardgour. If you've never seen a red squirrel, visit the special accessible viewing area by the car park for your best chance of seeing cheeky red squirrels leaping among the trees.

Red squirrel

viewing screen

Meet some of Inchree's

surface, with some strenuous exposed tree roots and rocky sections. Includes two bridges. short (5 metre path), with a wide irm and smooth gravel surface

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Waterfall Trail

Climb up beside the Abhainn Righ gorge to the remarkable Inchree Falls and look out across Loch Linnhe.

Uneven gravel surface. One long steep slope with some rocky steps. strenuous 1 hr Occasional rocky section

1 1/4 miles / 2 kms Allow

and exposed tree roots. Includes two bridges.



Wade's Road Trail •••

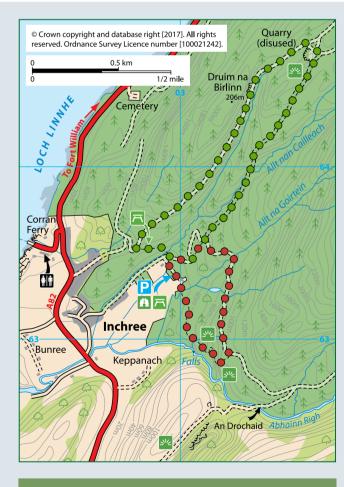
Follow the route of an 18th century military road through the shady larch forest. You're rewarded with great views towards the Atlantic from the open hillside above

Long steep slopes for 400m. Uneven gravel

2 ¼ miles / 3.6 kms Allow 1 ½ hrs

For a longer walk explore the attractive birch woods beyond the falls. Cross 'An Drochaid' (the bridge - say *An Droch-itch*) for lovely views over the loch.





FROM BRAVEHEART CAR PARK

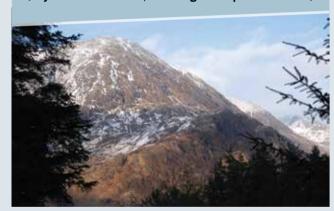


Tucked away just behind the bustling town of Fort William is one of the most gorgeous and easily accessible glens in the highlands. The visitor centre here is where most walkers start their Ben Nevis ascent, but there's lots to explore in the glen without tackling Britain's highest mountain!

Braveheart car park is the gateway to the glen and the starting point for many of the best woodland trails in the area including Cow Hill (the wee hill behind Fort William). There's also plenty of space for kids to play among the trees and pleasant spots for a picnic.

FROM ACHRIABHACH

(say Acch-ree-u-vuch, meaning 'The Speckled Field')



Venture further up the road to discover a guieter and wilder side to Glen Nevis. As the narrow road winds its way through the glen, the scenery becomes ever grander.

Get a taste for exploring the Mamore mountains on this steep trail that climbs alongside a beautiful waterfall cascading into a gorge. On the way you'll find fantastic views looking down over the mountains at the top of Glen Nevis – and a welcome seat! This is a popular choice on a wet day – being so close to the thundering water in full flow brings an extra thrill to this lovely trail.

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Achriabhach Trail

A lovely winding path, following the Allt a' Choire Dheirg river as it tumbles over rocks and waterfalls. Stunning views into Upper Glen Nevis and the Mamore mountains.

Narrow gravel path, with rough sections and uneven stone steps. Roots can be strenuous 1 ½ hrs slippery. The whole

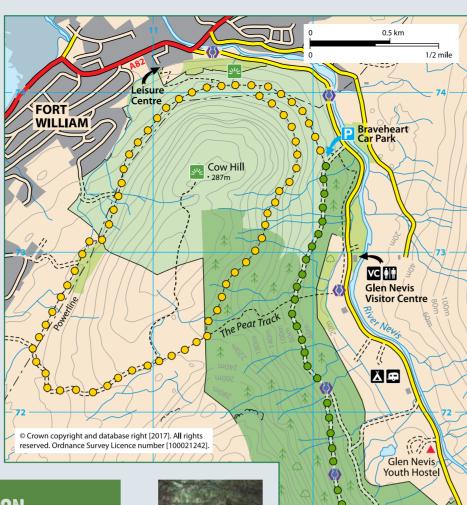
1 ¾ miles / 2.9 kms Allow

route is fairly steep. Includes forest road sections and pedestrian gates.



TAKE ON THE PEAT TRACK

Take the very steep Peat Track up Cow Hill from Glen Nevis or a strenuous walk with grea ews back over Ben Nevis. nis track was used by local rofters when they cut peat rom the hillside to use as fuel



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Cow Hill Circuit OOO

A loop all the way round Cow Hill, the wee hill with big views. There's also an option to branch off the circuit to visit the top of the hill. Great views of lochs, Ben Nevis and the Mamores.

Mostly wide, firm path although some short sections can be narrow, loose or rough.

4 miles / 6.5 kms Allow 2 ¾ hrs

strenuous

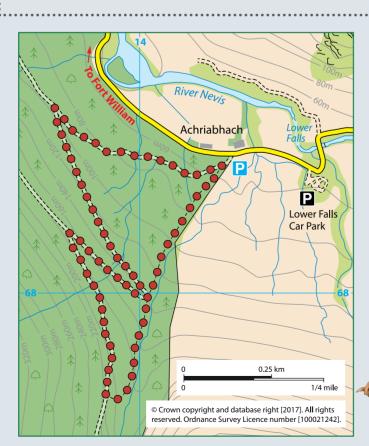
Dun Deardail Trail

Walk up through the forest to the open summit of this important iron age hill fort. Great views, enjoyed by people here for thousands of years.

A long, moderately steep climb. The path to the fort is steep and rough, with uneven stone steps.



6 1/4 miles / 10 kms Allow strenuous 3 ½ hrs



EXPLORE MORE



Dun Deardail Fort

say **Doon-jee-ard-dall**, meaning 'Deirdre's fort')

This longer trail has a real sense of adventure and takes you to an exposed summit where you can still see the outline of a grassed-over fort, thought to have been built in the 7th century BC. The views of the glen and Ben Nevis from here are spectacular on a clear day.

Return of the pinewoods

The Scots pine isn't just beautiful – it's a hugely important tree and is widely regarded as the 'backbone' on which many other species depend. Together with our friends at the Nevis Landscape Partnership, we're working hard to restore native pinewoods to Glen Nevis. As well as improving the landscape, bringing back the pinewood will help our native wildlife, particularly by improving habitats for black grouse and the endangered red squirrel.



4 NORTH FACE, TORLUNDY



Follow the way-marked trail in the shadow of mighty **Ben Nevis** for a feel of the open high country and spectacular views of the north face's towering cliffs. Climbers from around the world come to test themselves on the classic routes here. Listen for the soothing sound of the Allt a Mhuilinn (say allt-a-voolin) meaning 'the mill stream' as you head uphill. The stream once powered an old mill and now supplies hydro-electric power to the aluminium smelter in Fort William.

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North Face Trail ●●●

A steep climb is rewarded with magnificent views into the towering North face of Ben Nevis, over Fort William and out west towards the road to the Isles.

A good smooth surface, with long steep slopes throughout. The upper path is narrow and strenuous 1 ½ hrs can be slippery when damp.

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2 1/4 miles / 3.5 kms Allow



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There's more to see further up the glen, with a pretty riverside walk from the Lower Falls car park and a spectacular trail along the gorge to a hidden meadow and cascading Steall Falls.

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Escape the crowds and discover the secret side of historic Glenfinnan on this scenic trail amongst stately Scots pines and oak trees. There's so much to see in this compact site which starts close to the busy visitor centre. Turn left after you cross the road and step into a tranquil alternative to the usual tourist stop. Watch out for red deer, golden eagles and, in summer, dragonflies and butterflies along the way. Enjoy a bird's eye view over Loch Shiel

and surrounding mountains from the Pinewood Trail –

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including a lovely view of Ben Nevis on a clear day.

Dragonfly Trail

A gentle wander over the Callop river and along wetlands, where dragonflies and damselflies buzz round the sides of the path.

easy

Gentle slopes with smooth tarmac and gravel sections. Boardwalk and a bridge with moderately steep ramps.

½ mile / 1.1 kms Allow ⅓ hr

Narrow and steep firm gravel path with tight corners. Includes low stone steps, uneven surface and low branches.

the monument and the viaduct.

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Pinewood Trail •••

Cross the Callop river and climb the pine-clad knoll of

Torran Dubhais. There are great views of Loch Shiel,

LOCH SHIEL

strenuous

1.3 kms Allow ⅓ hr

½ mile /