

# EXPLORE GLEN FINGLAS



Part of The Great  
Trossachs Forest  
National Nature  
Reserve

Glen Finglas is part of The Great Trossachs Forest National Nature Reserve which stretches from just outside Callander to the shores of Loch Lomond. This is a forest in the making, where the Woodland Trust, Forestry and Land Scotland and RSPB are working together to restore habitats and create a lasting legacy for people, wildlife and the environment.

**Trail grades**

**Easy** Low level routes on surfaced paths over undulating terrain.

**Medium** Routes on partially surfaced paths that may have short steep sections. Suitable footwear advised.

**Hard** Physically challenging routes with steep sections through remote areas. Suitable outdoor clothing, strong footwear, map, compass, food and drink required.

- The Trails**
- ① The Meall
  - ② The Great Trossachs Path
  - ③ Samson's Stone
  - ④ Stuc Odhar
  - ⑤ The Lendrick Hill & Dam Walk
  - ⑥ Brig o' Turk Loop
  - ⑦ Drippan
  - ⑧ Druim Viewpoint
  - ⑨ Lower Lendrick Loop
  - ⑩ Little Druim Wood

The inset map below can become a handy walk guide once folded down.



**⑦ Drippan**

A very short steep climb on a surfaced path with views over Loch Venachar and beyond will take you about half an hour through this ancient semi natural woodland. At the highest point of the walk the ruins of Drippan Farm will come into view.

**Grade** Medium **Distance** 900m (½ mile) **Time** 30 minutes

**⑧ The Druim**

This route goes through woodland and open grazing land, with spectacular views towards Brig o' Turk, Lendrick Hill, Achray Forest and Ben Venue. The seat midway along the path gives you a chance to rest and take in the views. Wellies might be an idea as the path can get muddy.

**Grade** Medium (can be muddy in winter) **Distance** 2.5km (1½ miles) **Time** 45 minutes

**⑨ Lower Lendrick**

This is a short steep climb that takes in big views of the wider Trossachs. Make your way east towards Little Druim Wood then north up the path into the Royal Mail Grove. Planted by volunteers in 1998, these trees were dedicated by Royal Mail employees to their families and friends. Once at the junction with The Great Trossachs Path, turn left and follow the path to the next junction before heading south down the hill past the remains of Drippan Farm to the Visitor Gateway.

**Grade** Medium **Distance** 2.5km (1½ miles) **Time** 1 hour

**⑩ Little Druim Wood**

Find the first play feature in Lendrick Hill car park and follow the path east to the entrance of Little Druim Wood. The path around this ancient woodland will lead you to surprising sculptures and exciting play features. For more details pick up the Little Druim Wood natural play and sculpture trail leaflet.

**Grade** Easy **Distance** 1.5km (¾ mile) **Time** 40 minutes

**① The Meall**

If it's a challenge you're looking for, the 24km route round the Meall provides a full day walk or half a day strenuous mountain biking to a height of 600m. You'll pass through wood pasture, with its mosaic of trees, once part of an ancient Royal Hunting Forest.

Leaving the Visitor Gateway head north up Lendrick Hill then west past the waterfall viewpoint along the dam trail. On reaching a tarmac road at the reservoir, turn north again and follow the rough vehicle track. Anticlockwise is the easiest direction to tackle the Meall.

**Grade** Hard **Distance** 24km (15 miles) **Time** 7 hours

**② The Great Trossachs Path**

Step out of the Visitor Gateway and you are on The Great Trossachs Path. Travel west and you will reach Inversnaid on the banks of Loch Lomond. Alternatively travel east up the hill past the ruins of Drippan farmstead and onwards to Kilmahog and Callander providing spectacular views of Loch Venachar along the way. This long distance path forms the spine of a wide network of trails throughout the NNR and links the West Highland Way to the Rob Roy Way.

**Grade** Medium **Distance** 9km (5½ miles) to Kilmahog (the entire GTP is 48km or 30 miles) **Time** 4 hours to Kilmahog

**③ Samson's Stone**

Start at the Forestry & Land Scotland car park at Bochastle, close to Kilmahog. This route takes in a small hill overlooking the town of Callander. At the top you will find a large boulder locally known as Samson's Putting Stone. Folklore tells of a strongman named Samson placing it there but it is in fact a boulder left by a glacier over 10,000 years ago. To the west is Dunmore, the site of an Iron Age fort.

**Grade** Medium **Distance** 2km (1 mile) **Time** 40 minutes

**④ Stuc Odhar**

This challenging circular route starts with a steep climb up the face of Lendrick Hill towards the summit of Stuc Odhar. The path then turns west down towards Glen Finglas Reservoir taking in remote upland areas of the Glen Finglas Estate. If you wish to continue on to the summit of Stuc Odhar, leave the loop walk and cross over the deer fence at the stile to reach the summit.

**Grade** Medium **Distance** 10km (6 miles) **Time** 4 hours

**⑤ The Lendrick Hill & Dam Walk**

Heading up the hill north from the Lendrick Hill car park, the route heads west to Glen Finglas Reservoir before returning through Brig o' Turk. This trail gives you access to several vantage points with stunning views over the lower woodland area of Glen Finglas estate, Achray Forest and Ben Venue. A waterfall viewpoint is easily accessed from this path.

**Grade** Medium **Distance** 6km (3½ miles) **Time** 2 hours

**⑥ Brig o' Turk Loop**

This low level path loops around the attractive village of Brig o' Turk ("Bridge of the Wild Boar"). Head west on the path beside the main road then follow the boardwalk through the Mires, the old curling pond. As you leave the woodland and cross the road, follow the path along the river before returning via the pub and the tea room to the Visitor Gateway. This walk can be extended 30 minutes by including the Ruskin viewpoint overlooking the waterfalls on the River Turk.

**Grade** Easy **Distance** 3km (2 miles) **Time** 90 minutes