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The Great Glen

The Great Glen slices Scotland in two from Inverness to Fort William. Glaciers sheared along an underlying fault line 20,000 years ago, during the Ice Age, to carve out the U-shaped valley that today contains Loch Ness, Loch Oich, Loch Lochy and Loch Linnhe. The Great Glen formed an ancient travelling route across Scotland and the first visitors to this area probably came along the Glen. Today, people still travel along the Great Glen by boat on the Caledonian Canal, on foot or bicycle on the Great Glen way or by car on the A82.

Invergarry

On the old road to Skye, is the gateway to scenic Glengarry, the ancient stronghold of Clan Macdonnell. The area is steeped in history. The ruins of the castle, destroyed by Cumberland after 1745, are preserved by Historic Scotland. Deserted settlements tell the story of the Highland Clearances. The guided walk at nearby Daingean giving you an insight into how these people lived and worked. Invergarry village itself still reflects its Victorian heyday. You can walk along the track of the short lived Spean Bridge to Fort Augustus Railway or dig deeper into the history of the area at The Glengarry Heritage Centre, open Tuesday – Friday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. or by appointment. There are forest and riverside walks to suit all abilities and several Munros and white water rafting for the more adventurous. Driving west along the A87 you can see Loch Garry, spread out below you like the map of Scotland or see it up close from the old Telford Road to Kinloch Hourn.

The Great Glen Way

Opened April 2002, this 79mile/127km cross Scotland route links the Atlantic Ocean in the west with the North Sea in the east. Inverness and Fort William make good start and finish points. There are many interesting villages steeped in history along the Way, giving you a chance to learn about the history or even just stop for refreshments. There are a variety of walking surfaces - from level canal towpath, to loch-side woodland path and to steeper forest roads with glorious views. The Great Glen Way has it all. www.outdoorhighland.co.uk



Frequently asked questions

What shall I take?

Stout shoes or boots are best as some of the paths go over rough or wet ground. Take waterproofs just in case it rains. Take a snack and a drink too. It 's always a good excuse to stop for a rest and admire the view.

Can I take my dog?

Yes but please keep dogs under close control or on a lead if there are livestock

What else should I know?

Check your map and route before you go. If going alone, let someone know where you are going and your return time.

.....and the Country and Forest Code?

- Avoid all risk of fire
- Take all your litter with you
- Go carefully on country roads
- Please park considerately
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
- Follow advice about forestry operations
- Help keep all water sources clean
- Protect trees, plants and wildlife
- Leave things as you find them, take nothing away
- Keep dogs under proper control
- Avoid damage to buildings, fences, hedges, walls and paths
- Come prepared for likely extremes of weather
- Take notice of warning signs

Where are we?



Produced by Fort Augustus, Glenmoriston and Glengarry Business Initiative.

Paths Around Invergarry



ENJOY Loch Ness

1 Daingean

A fine example of a pre and post Highland Clearance village where the remains of buildings and other structures are clearly visible. Heading north on the A87 turn right 500m past the turn off to Kinloch Hourn to a forestry car park where there is an information board and leaflets explaining how people in the village lived.

The walk is well signposted and there are eight points of archaeological interest and two view points looking towards Ben Tee and Loch Garry.

Allow up to 45 mins - 0.7 km / 0.5 mile Easy

2 Glengarry Forest Walks - Waterfalls

Here you will find 2 way marked walks with a variety of terrain including riverside, the Caledonian Pine Forest and views over Glen Garry and the mountains. Access is from the A87 two miles west of Invergarry and then cross the bridge over the River Garry. More information available at www.scotland.forestry.gov.uk

3 Loch Oich Circuit

Park at the post office in Invergarry. From just beyond here (west) follow the sign posted path marked 'Tomdoun' on the left down over a suspension bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right, along the river bank through a kissing gate and then left up on the boundary of a field. At the top the path turns right through a gate onto a small road.

Turn left, cross the cattle grid, then right onto a forestry track which is now the Great Glen Way (GGW) alternative route. The track rises up with great views over Loch Oich. Follow the path down to the main road. Walk along the road over the swing bridge and turn left into the Great Glen Water Park. Just before the main Reception Building turn right again following the GGW. Explore the old Railway platform (7) where there is an information board. After this follow the GGW to Aberchalder Bridge for 4 miles on the old railway track through the native woodland of the Letterfair Nature Reserve. The ruins of Invergarry Castle can be viewed on the opposite shore. At Aberchalder, cross both the canal and road bridge, but also visit the historic Oich Bridge maintained by Historic Scotland which has no access on the other side. Once over the road bridge you will see more GGW markers leading up a path from the west of the car park. Follow these on an undulating winding path back to Invergarry. You will come down beside the hotel, then turn right back to the Post Office.

Allow up to 3.5 hours - 17 km / 10.7 mile Moderate

4 Loch Lundie

Park at the Glengarry Community Centre on the A87. Cross the main road and turn right. Turn left through a gate between two whitewashed cottages before crossing the bridge. The path is grassy and muddy in places climbing through the woodland with lovely silver birches. Keep going to a T junction then turn right (remember this junction for your return journey).

5 River Garry

Park at the Post Office in Invergarry. From just beyond here (west) follow the sign posted path marked 'Tomdoun' down over a suspension bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right, along the river bank through a kissing gate and then continue along the river-side crossing small streams as you go.

Go through several gates until you reach a post with wires leading across the water to a winding station. Walk around the edge of the field or go diagonally up the field to reach a gate in the far corner to join the road turning right. Cross the bridge past a small cottage and then turn right at the junction. At the next junction turn right onto a track which goes to a turning area. Follow the red way markers to the river bank. Turn left before you reach two bridges. Continue to White Bridge, cross the bridge here and turn right down the path heading downstream. The path is obvious and passes through the lovely pine forests.

Cross a small footbridge, pass the winding station and continue over another bridge. Before you reach the suspension bridge which you crossed at the beginning of your walk turn left up the track back to the Post Office.

Allow up to 2 hours - 5.5 km / 3.5 mile Moderate

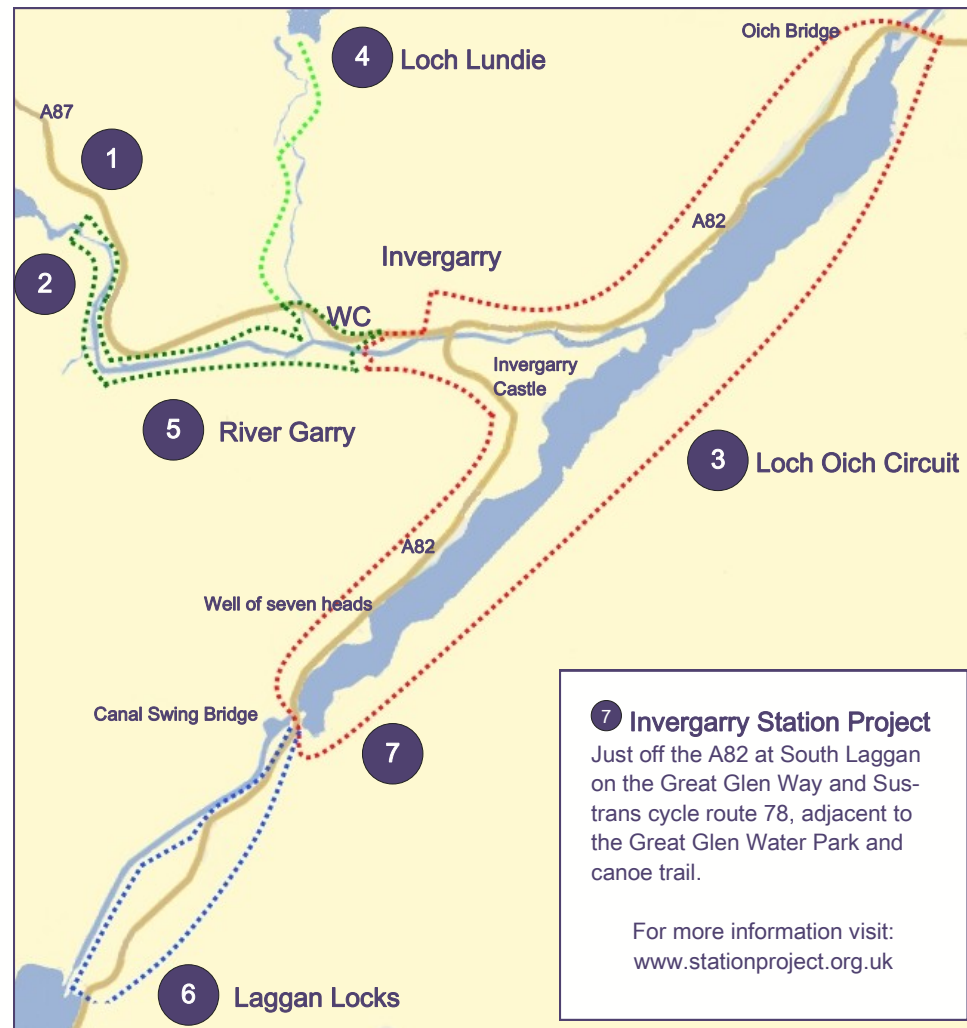
6 Laggan Locks

Park at Laggan Locks. At the locks turn right onto the Great Glen Way (GGW). Follow this into the forest. You will arrive at the A82 by a swing bridge. Cross the road into the Great Glen Water Park. Just before the main Reception Building turn right again following the GGW. Just before the old platform there is a track to the right which will take you on your return journey, but do take a few minutes to walk along the GGW to the information board about the old railway and then return to the track. Walk along the railway track for a few miles and then along a forestry road. When you are level with Laggan Locks and close to the main A82, you will see a house on the right by the road. There is a small path to the right which is easily missed. Take this down to the road. Walk a few metres right for a better view of the road and cross it with care. Walk down the small road back to the car park. Allow up to 1.5 hours - 6 km / 4 mile Easy

7 Invergarry Station Project

Just off the A82 at South Laggan on the Great Glen Way and Sus-trans cycle route 78, adjacent to the Great Glen Water Park and canoe trail.

For more information visit:
www.stationproject.org.uk



As the trees become less, you are rewarded with magnificent views back towards Ben Tee and you will come to a small area of Caledonian Pine at the southern tip of the Loch.

At Loch Lundie to the left there is a small boathouse with good views and Meall Dubh is ahead with wind turbines upon it.

Return by the same route but it is worth following the loch round for a while.

Allow up to 1.5 hours - 5 km / 3 mile - Moderate