

Dun Na Cuaiche Woodland Walk

Inveraray

4.75km (1-2 hours)



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The walk begins through the Castle car park, down the road between the two beech hedges and onwards, always following the blue arrows.

- 1) The first point of interest is the monument on the left. It was first erected in 1754 to commemorate the execution by the 1st Marquis of Atholl of 17 Campbells in 1685.
- 2) You will then reach a bridge, originally known as the Garden Bridge, a fine stone arch. Once over the bridge follow a narrow footpath through the wood - watch out for bluebells! Carry on through the field gate and turn right, before bearing left across the field until you come to the next gate, which you again pass through.
- 3) The area you now enter into is a collection of conifer trees, known as an old Pinetum. Britain only has three native conifers, Scots Pine, Yew and Juniper, and of these only the Pine could be classed as a timber tree.
- 4) The ruined buildings below are the remains of a lime kiln. The kiln is believed to have last been used in 1912. If you carry on up the track, you can enjoy further views over part of the Estate to the north until you reach the summit of Dun na Cuaiche - you are now at the top, approximately 813 feet high!
- 5) The tower at our last point was built in 1748. Built purely for decorative purposes, the tower was cleverly sited on the edge of the hill and not quite on top so it can be seen from the Castle and Town as it is silhouetted against the sky. A stunning view - don't forget your camera!

You return down to the Castle taking the same route.

*Don't
forget to
take some
water*

Enjoy your wee stroll!