

Uath Lochan and Far-leitire Crag Walk

This leaflet is provided as a guide only. Please make sure that you have a map, suitable clothing and the equipment appropriate to your planned route, particularly in poor weather conditions. Remember – the conditions in the can change quickly in the mountains.

Description

A 4.5 mile circular route in the Inshriach Forest that visits a high crag with magnificent views before descending to weave around the intriguing Uath Lochan – a series of glacial kettle holes with no obvious inlet or outlet. After your walk there are refreshment options at the Old Post Office café and gallery and at Loch Insh Watersports (both in Kincaig). Note that there are some parts of the walk where small children and dogs will need to be kept away from the cliff edge.

Allow 2 hours

Starting point

Park in the forest car park at the end of the track at **NH 835023**, accessed by driving up the minor road from the B970. The nearest postcode is PH21 1NH.

The walk

1. Head out of the car park on the opposite side from where the access road enters, passing the information signs and following the clear track to your left.
2. After a short distance turn right up the narrower path marked with a red marker post.
3. Follow the waymarked trail (red marker posts) around the hill, climbing higher into the forest until you reach a huge boulder at the highest point. The view over the pine forests to the north is magnificent and there is a bench to sit and admire the panoramic vista.
4. Continue along the red waymarked path, which passes a couple of outcrops where you can look down on the lochans and across to the distinctive Creag Mhigeachaidh and Sgór Gaoith beyond. Take care as the cliff edge is not marked or fenced.
5. Descend back into the forest on the red waymarked path until you join a larger track marked with the distinctive Speyside Way waymarkers. Turn left here.
6. Continue for a short distance until you see a white marker post – turn right on to the smaller path, heading downhill into the forest.
7. Follow the narrower path until you reach the large forest track and turn left.
8. Follow the forest road, passing a lovely bench with views across the loch, until you reach another white marker post.
9. Follow the waymarked trail back into the forest, soon skirting the eastern shore of the largest of the lochans.
10. The path leads along a boardwalk through forest of tall reeds where frogs and dragonflies can sometimes be seen.
11. Continue to follow the white waymarkers until you regain the larger path.
12. Turn right and walk the short distance back to the car park

Map

