



WALKS BETWEEN KINLOCHEIL AND GLENFINNAN

Drimisally & Gleann Dubh Lighe: 2 hours (3.5 miles)

A good one on a windy or wet day as you are quite sheltered in the forest. Turn left out of the park and continue past the end of Lochail towards Glenfinnan. It's a bit tricky to locate the start and it's easier found from the opposite direction. So, after about 9 miles, pass under a railway bridge. 200 yards or so afterwards there is an opportunity on the left to make your U-turn. Go back under the bridge and after about 300 yards you will see a forestry road on the left indicating walks (steep and not very good ones). Don't turn here but turn left virtually immediately afterwards, before crossing the river, into a rough tarmac track almost concealed by trees. There is just room to park before the forestry gate.

Go through the gate and keep right at any junctions. The walk is uphill keeping the river with its many pools and waterfalls immediately on the right. After about 1½ miles, at the junction at the top of the brae (slope in Gaelic), turn sharp right downhill and suddenly you are on a rickety, but safe, wooden bridge and looking down into a narrow gorge and waterfall. About ¼ mile further on you will arrive at an un-named bothy. A lovely location and well worth the effort of finding the start. Turn back here unless you wish to explore a little further along the track out of the forest and into the midst of deer and desolation.

Glenfinnan Viaduct (Harry Potter) and Glenfinnan Lodge: 2½ hours (5 miles)

A good walk on a wet day as you are on a private tarmac road all the way. Turn left out of the park and continue 10 miles until Glenfinnan. Bonnie Prince Charlie's monument is on the left and the visitor centre on the right, this is where you will park. Walk 2½ miles up this private road, it's quite permitted, passing under the railway viaduct (of Harry Potter Steam Train fame) until you reach the bridge. At this point, in the interests of privacy, do not turn left towards the Lodge but turn right and go a few 100 yards to Corryhully bothy. If you wish to explore further an excellent quad track continues for several miles. Return via the same route, hop into your car, cross the main road and follow the signs to Glenfinnan House Hotel. It's a splendid place set in a wonderful location. Excellent family bar meals are usually available whilst you enjoy a quiet drink and take in the view over Loch Shiel with the monument beyond and Ben Nevis in the distance. It might be best to call in before your walk and reserve a table. It's justifiably a popular place and a real taste of the Highlands.

Glenfinnan and Loch Shiel: As long or as short as you wish.

Turn left out of the park and continue 10 miles until Glenfinnan. Bonnie Prince Charlie's monument is on the left and the visitor centre on the right. Park in the visitor centre car park and cross the road towards the monument. Immediately turn left onto a board and continue on this, keeping right. Cross the river and keep on until you arrive at a forestry track. Turn right. The track follows Loch Shiel until it eventually reaches Strontian at the other end (20 miles or so). No need to go so far though. Turn back when you have had enough. The views are wonderful and you have real possibilities of spotting golden eagles.