Explore for a day
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

Pàirc Nàiseanta Loch Laomainn is nan Tròisichean
The National Park boasts some of the most stunning scenery in the world, from the breathtaking mountains and glens of the Trossachs to the vast tranquil beauty of Loch Lomond, Great Britain’s largest stretch of inland water. There’s always more to explore here and activities to suit everyone, all of which is only enhanced by having Scotland’s first National Park as your backdrop.

National Parks aren’t just for the rugged outdoor explorers, they’re for everyone. There are many paths for all abilities.

This leaflet provides you with some suggestions for great days out. Follow the itineraries which are based on car journeys, but provide public transport itineraries where possible.
1 Glenbranter
Gleann a’ Bhranndaidh
(meaning the glen of obstruction)

Leave the world behind at Glenbranter. One of the jewels of Argyll Forest Park, Glenbranter has trails from a short stroll among ancient oaks to a challenging all-day bike ride. The first trees of what was to become the Forest Park were planted here in the 1920s, after entertainer Harry Lauder leased the ground to the Forestry Commission. Later, Glenbranter village was built for forest workers who came here to work the forests of Cowal.

Information room open Monday – Friday 10am - 5pm

Grid Reference: NS111977
Tel: 0300 067 6600
www.forestry.gov.uk/argyllforestpark

2 Benmore Botanic Garden
Beinn Mhòr (meaning great mountain)

In a magnificent mountainside setting on the Cowal Peninsula lies Benmore, an enchanting garden steeped in history and surrounded by dramatic scenery. The mountainside setting covers approximately 120 acres and boasts over 300 species of rhododendron, Bhutanese and Chilean plantings. It also features one of the finest entrances to any botanic garden in the world: a spectacular avenue of giant redwoods. Other highlights include a Victorian fernery and a Chilean rainforest glade.

Admission charges
Open daily, March and October 10.00am - 5.00pm, April to September 10.00am - 6.00pm

Grid Reference: NS143854
Tel: 01369 706 261
www.rbge.org.uk

3 Puck’s Glen

Step into a world of mischievous nature sprites and magical beings in the fabulous Puck’s Glen, which is named after Puck from Shakespeare’s Midsummer Night’s Dream. The forest’s moist shady undergrowth and dark atmosphere is great fun to explore. There are two trails here: one winds through the enchanting gorge with its tumbling waterfalls; the other takes a longer route to great viewpoints and some of the finest rhododendron displays in the country.

Grid Reference: NS146839
Tel: 0300 067 6600
www.forestry.gov.uk/argyllforestpark

4 Kilmun Church & Argyll Mausoleum

A holy site for at least a thousand years, the present Victorian building with its 15th century tower has fine stained glass of original design and a unique organ driven by water. The fine churchyard includes examples of mort safes – iron coffin covers that protect the graves from body snatchers – and the grave of Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to qualify as a doctor in Britain. The Argyll Mausoleum, built in 1970, is adjacent to the church.

This is a working church and seasonal access is made possible by volunteers. Please check the website below for opening and tour times.

Grid Reference: NS165821
Tel: 07501 764 059
www.historickilmun.org

All facilities available.

5 Kilmun Village
Cill Mhunna (meaning Saint Munn’s church)

Kilmun is substantially older than its neighbouring villages. But like them, it became a retreat for Glasgow merchants after 1827 when the quay was built by the marine engineer David Napier. It remained a regular stop for the Clyde steamer services until its closure in 1971. Look out for six square Georgian houses nicknamed ‘tea caddies’ for their shape. The small heritage park at Graham’s Point includes a play area, a monk’s hut and a monument to James Duncan, a Glasgow businessman who in the 1870s established what is now the Benmore Botanic Garden.

Grid Reference: NS174812
All facilities available.

6 Ardentinny & Glenfinart Walled Garden
Àird an Teine (meaning the height of the fire)
Gleann Fhionnaird (meaning the glen of a place Fionnaird, possibly meaning white cape)

Ardentinny is home to Cowal’s longest stretch of sandy beach. The village became established to service traffic using a ferry which crossed Loch Long to Coulport on the opposite shore. The beach was used during the second world war by the commandos to train for the Normandy landings. There are a number of picnic sites situated along the beach. You can visit the Glenfinart Walled Garden, a community run project which is open to the public, or wander on the local forest paths.

Walled garden open Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Visitors are also very welcome any time the garden is open for working (email: info@glenfinartgarden.org).

Grid Reference: NS189872
All facilities available.
7 Falls of Falloch
Eas Faloch (meaning waterfall of the river Falach)

Part of the Scottish Scenic Routes project, Falls of Falloch is a beautiful waterfall and a popular beauty spot for picnics set in a peaceful glen. The falls are an abrupt 30 feet high step in the passage of the River Falloch. Cantilevering over the edge of the water, an artwork called “Woven Sound” provides a sheltered space allowing visitors to experience the thundering falls at closer range. Further up Glen Falloch, the most southerly remnants of ancient Caledonian pine forest are in view.

Grid Reference: NN334207
www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

8 ‘An Ceann Mòr’ at Inveruglas
An Ceann Mòr (meaning the big head)
Inbhir Dhubhglais (meaning the confluence of the black stream)

‘An Ceann Mòr’ viewpoint at Inveruglas on the banks of Loch Lomond is part of the Scottish Scenic Routes project. From the car park, follow the accessible path through the trees and then through the viewpoint structure where the panoramic view is then revealed. You can climb up to the top of the viewpoint and take in the stunning elevated views of Loch Lomond and the surrounding mountains.

Grid Reference: NN322099
www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

9 Inversnaid
Inbhir Snàthaid (meaning needle confluence)

Inversnaid is on the east shore of Loch Lomond, where oak woodland rises steeply from the loch and gives way to open moorland with spectacular views. In the summer months you might see pied flycatchers here, as well as buzzards and osprey, while in the colder months look out for bullfinches and woodpeckers. Keep your eyes peeled for the mammals too, including red deer and pine martens. There are three trails: the West Highland Way, the woodland nature trail and the Garrison Track. All routes are rocky and involve small climbs (not suitable for pushchair or wheelchair users)

Open all year round
Grid reference: NN337090
Tel: 0141 331 0993
www.rspb.org.uk

10 The Cobbler (Ben Arthur)
Suidhe Artair (meaning Arthur’s seat)

Located near the head of Loch Long, Ben Arthur mountain boasts a spectacular skyline and fabulous views and an unusual rocky top. Its distinctive large rocky summit features have been likened to a cobbler bending over his last. The Cobbler makes a fantastic short day out. Extremely popular, the path on the way up has been improved in recent years and once past the initial zig zags makes a pleasant ascent.

Strenuous summer hill walk on rough mountain path with some steep rocky sections particularly on the descent. Map reading skills essential. A serious undertaking in winter or bad weather.

7 miles/11km, 4-6 hours.
Grid reference: NN294049
www.walkhighlands.co.uk

11 Ben Lomond and Ardess Hidden History Trail
Àird Eas (meaning the waterfall height)

Rising from the east shore of Loch Lomond to a height of 3,193ft (974m), Ben Lomond, the most southerly munro, offers exhilarating walking and spectacular views across the National Park. The area has a rich cultural and archaeological heritage, which you can find out more about through a visit to Ardess Lodge and the Ardess Hidden History Trail (pick up a trail leaflet at the entrance to Ardess Lodge).

Ben Lomond is a strenuous summer hill walk on a rough mountain path; a serious undertaking in winter or in bad weather.

8 miles/13km, approximately 4-6 hours depending on fitness and pace.

Ardess Hidden History Trail is an easy/moderate walk on an unsurfaced path. 1 mile/1.5km, 40 minutes minimum.

Grid reference: NS359982
Tel: 0844 493 2217
www.nts.org.uk

12 Luss Village

Legend has it that the village takes its name from an adaptation of the French for the heraldic flower, the iris, or ‘Fleur de Lys’. A settlement has probably existed here since the 1300s. The heart of the village is the lovely cottages running down to the shore of Loch Lomond and Luss Pier, from where loch cruises and waterbus journeys can be taken in summer. Luss Church’s pretty interior and fascinating graveyard with Viking hogback stone are also worth exploring.

Grid reference: NS358931
All facilities available.
13 Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve

Take your pick of tranquil walks on the magical wooded isle of Inchcailloch, where a springtime carpet of wildflowers awaits, whilst insect-eating birds dart from tree to tree and fallow deer watch in silence. Alternatively explore the stunning mix of woodlands and wetlands on the lochshore by visiting the RSPB Loch Lomond reserve further south near Gartocharn.

Inchcailloch (Innis Chailleach – meaning island of nuns)

Passenger ferries to Inchcailloch are available from Balmaha (all year, weather permitting, www.balmahaboatyard.co.uk) and Luss (seasonal, www.cruiselochlomond.co.uk).

Grid reference: NS418907 (Inchcailloch access point)
For access information to Endrick Mouth see www.rspb.org.uk
Tel: 01389 722 100 (Inchcailloch)
Tel: 01389 830 670 (RSPB Loch Lomond)
www.nnr-scotland.org.uk

14 Balmaha
Baile MoChatha
(meaning the farm of Saint Catha)

Drop into the National Park Visitor Centre at Balmaha where you can enjoy an exhibition on the National Park, learn about geology and explore the Highland Boundary Fault. Admire views of the pretty island of Inchcailloch, walk the Millennium Forest Path, climb Conic Hill, visit the statue of Tom Weir, go canoeing or take the waterbus. There’s plenty to enjoy in Balmaha – why not take part in a Ranger guided walk to make the most of your visit!

National Park Centre open all year: November - March 9.30am - 4pm, Saturday and Sunday only; April, May, June, September and October 9.30am - 6pm daily; July and August 9.30am - 6pm daily.

Grid reference: NS421909
Tel: 01389 722 100
www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

All facilities available.

15 Falls of Dochart, Killin
Eas Dochart (meaning the waterfall of the river Dochart)

The River Dochart flows from Crianlarich to Killin. As the river widens on its approach to Killin it forms the spectacular Falls of Dochart. Inchbuie is an island in the middle of the falls which is a burial ground for the Clan MacNab, with nine Clan Chiefs buried there. It can be accessed from the Bridge of Dochart.

Grid Reference: NN571323
All facilities available.

16 Lochearnhead
Ceann Loch Eire (meaning the end of Loch Ireland)

Lochearnhead is situated at the western end of Loch Earn. The remains of a crannog, an ancient loch dwelling, can be seen at the south west corner of the Loch. This highlights that there has been a settlement here for the last two thousand years. Loch Earn is unusual in that it has its own ‘tidal system’, or ‘seiche’, caused by the action of the prevailing wind blowing along the loch. This wind pressure on the surface causes the water level to build up at one end of the loch.

Grid reference: NN588237
All facilities available.

17 Balquhidder: Rob Roy’s Grave & Loch Voil
Both Chuidir (meaning the hut of Cuidir)

Balquhidder village is at the foot of Loch Voil. Balquhidder Kirkyard is the resting place of Rob Roy MacGregor, a Scottish outlaw who later became a folk hero and who died in 1734. The Rob Roy Way passes nearby on its route from Drymen to Pitlochry. 4 miles / 6.4km further down the glen another stunning Scottish Scenic Route installation, the ‘LookOut’, can be enjoyed at Loch Voil.

Grid reference: NN536208 (Balquhidder)
Grid reference: NN475196 (LookOut at Loch Voil)
www.robroycountry.com

18 St Fillans
Am Port Mòr (meaning the big port)

St Fillans occupies one of the prettiest locations in Scotland, on the northern side of the eastern end of Loch Earn. Settlers appreciated the benefits of a location at this end of Loch Earn at least as far back as the Pictish era and therefore the village has a very rich cultural heritage. Important cultural sites and buildings include Dunfillan Hill - this hill at the eastern edge of the village is associated with the missionary Faolan, from whom the name St Fillans derives, and Dundurn Cemetery, the ancient burial place of the Stewarts of Ardvorlich. Look out for the mirrored statue in the Loch!

Grid reference: NN687246
All facilities available.
19 Strathyre
Srath Eadhair (meaning strath of the cornland)

Strathyre is a pretty Victorian village on the eastern shore of the River Balveg, near Loch Lubnaig. This settlement was established on the route of an old drove road but was largely developed after the arrival of the railway in the 1870’s. The village of Strathyre is surrounded by Strathyre forest. This stunning natural woodland is popular with walkers, climbers, cyclists, horse riders and wildlife enthusiasts. Nearby Loch Lubnaig is great for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and other watersports.

Grid Reference: NN560168
www.forestry.gov.uk/qefp
All facilities available.

20 Loch Lubnaig Beag
Loch Lùdnaig Beag (possibly meaning little crooked loch)

This Scottish Scenic Routes viewpoint nestles between the shrubs in a natural hollow in the landscape with stunning views across Loch Lubnaig to Ben Ledi. This site, named Sloc nan Sìtheanach, invites you to stop, sit and linger to take in the surroundings. ‘Sloc’ is Scots Gaelic for ‘grassy hollow’, and ‘Sìtheanach’ represents ‘faerie people’, who according to mythology reside at places of peace and tranquility.

Grid reference: NN585106
www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

21 Bracklinn Falls
A’ Bhreac-Linn (meaning the dappled pool)

Enjoy a walk to the idyllic Bracklinn Falls, a very popular local beauty spot just outside Callander. The roaring falls can clearly be heard as you approach through the woods. From Bracklinn Bridge you will enjoy a breathtaking elevated view up and down the rugged gorge. The wonder of this gorge is that the stones are continually on the move. The 20m bridge with its distinctive A-shaped roof boasts the best in Scottish timber and engineering.

Bracklinn Falls & return 1.3miles / 2km; Bracklinn Falls & Scout Pool Circuit 3.3miles / 5.3km; good waymarked path/track with some steps. Care should be taken at the Falls where there are steep drops and slippery stones.

Access road to Bracklinn Falls is signposted from the Callander main road. The car park is past the Forestry car park for the Callander Crags.

Grid reference: NN636083
www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

22 The Great Trossachs Forest National Nature Reserve
Na Tròisichean (Trossachs is of British origin and means the crossing place)

The Great Trossachs Forest is Scotland’s newest and largest NNR. Home to iconic wildlife and offering great opportunities for recreation, the Reserve is a ‘forest in the making’ where a mosaic of habitats are being restored. At Glen Finglas Visitor Gateway you can learn about the project. Take a stroll through ancient woodland to a viewpoint overlooking the Lendrick Hill or follow the circular walk around the wood, with a short extension down to a great spot to watch wildlife and birds (surfaced paths, but steep inclines).

Glen Finglas Visitor Gateway open April-October 10am - 4pm
Grid reference: NNS21108
Tel: 01877 376 340
www.nnr-scotland.gov.uk

23 The Lodge & Three Lochs Forest Drive

Whether you want to do a little or do a lot, The Lodge is made for you. Relax and enjoy the spectacular views over a coffee, stroll to the waterfall or visit the Red Squirrel Hide – the choice is yours. An ideal way to enjoy a forest adventure without having to walk very far is the Three Lochs Forest Drive which takes you past three picturesque lochs:

Lochan Reòidhte (meaning frozen small loch)
Loch Drunkie (Loch Drongaidh – meaning loch of the place called Drongaidh)
Loch Achray (Loch Àth a’ Chrathaidh – meaning loch of the ford of shaking)

Three Lochs Forest Drive: 7.5 miles/11.5 km one-way route on a quiet forest road, suitable for most vehicles; open to vehicles from Easter to October 9am-5pm. Facilities along the route.

Grid Reference: NNS20014 (The Lodge)
Grid Reference: NNS17036 (Three Lochs Drive)
Tel: 0300 067 6615 (The Lodge)
Tel: 0300 067 6600 (Three Lochs Forest Drive)
www.forestry.gov.uk/qefp
Inchmahome Priory
Innis MoCholmaig
(meaning the island of Saint Columba)
Take a scenic boat trip to the enchanting ruins of Inchmahome Priory which stand on an island in the Lake of Menteith. Founded in 1238, the priory was home to Augustinian canons for more than 300 years. It was visited by both Robert the Bruce and Mary Queen of Scots. The island is perfect for a short walk or waterside picnic and is also a haven for wildlife and nature - look out for the Spanish chestnuts and the boxwood bower supposedly planted by Mary herself.

Admission charges
The Island is reached by boat from Port of Menteith.
Open: 1st April – 31st October; outward sailings between 10am – 4.15pm (3.15pm in October).

Grid reference: NN 574005
Tel: 01877 385 294
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

Sculpture Trail at Loch Ard
Loch Árd (meaning loch of the high area)
The Great Forest of Loch Ard stretches between Aberfoyle and the foothills of Loch Lomond. Discover the beautiful loch at its heart and see where the famous River Forth begins its journey to the sea. The gently rolling tracks around the loch are made for exploring by bike, on foot or horseback. With sculpture trails and play features to find, they are great fun for all the family. Watch out for woodland and water-loving wildlife along the way too.

Open all year; Sculpture Trail 4.5 miles/6.7 km, allow 2hrs on foot.

Grid Reference: NN498010
Tel: 0300 067 6600
www.forestry.gov.uk/qefp
Itinerary 1

Discover Cowal Peninsula

Go off the beaten track for a day and discover the beautiful Cowal Peninsula. Benmore Botanic Garden makes a fantastic start to the day and will set the scene for what’s in store for you. In the heart of the Argyll Forest Park you can enjoy lovely woodland walks and find out about the local culture and history in the lively communities.

Benmore Botanic Garden (2)

Coming from Glasgow, take the ferry from Gourock to Dunoon. When leaving Dunoon ferry terminal turn right, signposted A815 Sandbank/Strachur. After 2miles/3.2km turn right onto the A815 in the Glasgow direction. Stay on the A815 for 4miles/6.5km and you will reach Benmore Botanic Garden.

From Tarbet (Loch Lomond) turn onto the A83, signposted Campbeltown. After 12.5miles/20km turn left onto the A815, signposted Dunoon. After 21miles/34km you will reach Benmore Botanic Garden.

Puck’s Glen (3)

Turn right on exiting the garden car park. Follow the A815 in the Dunoon direction for 1mile/1.6km and Puck’s Glen car park is on your left. You can walk from Benmore Garden to Puck’s Glen following the ‘Black Gates Trail’ (3.75miles/5km, allow 2hrs); a pleasant circular walk with great views. If you decide to take this walk you may not be able to cover all of the remaining itinerary.

Kilmun Church & Argyll Mausoleum (4)

From Puck’s Glen car park turn left and follow the A815 for 0.7miles/1.1km. Turn left onto the A880 signposted Kilmun. The Church & Argyll Mausoleum is on your left after 1.1miles/1.7km. There is a layby-style car park. Check ahead for opening times of Kilmun Church & Argyll Mausoleum.

Kilmun Village (5)

Continue on the A880 through Kilmun Village.

Ardentinny & Glenfinart Walled Garden (6)

With the coast on your right continue along the A880 (which becomes a minor road after Blairmore) to Ardentinny (6miles/9.5km). For the Walled Garden turn right at the Forestry Commission sign for Ardentinny picnic site. The Walled Garden is then signposted. From Ardentinny retrace your route back through Kilmun. When you reach the A815 turn left for Dunoon (and the ferry to Gourock) or right for Tarbet (Loch Lomond). Alternatively leave Ardentinny in the opposite direction and go over the single track road through Glen Finart to rejoin the A815 further north.

Public Transport Alternative

Combined ferry & rail tickets take you from Glasgow to Cowal for a day out. Gourock train station is situated at the ferry terminal. From Dunoon, West Coast Motors take you to Benmore Botanic Gardens (all inclusive ticket available). For the active, Glasgow to Benmore Botanic Garden also makes a great day out on the bike! National Cycle Route 75 takes you from Glasgow close to Benmore Gardens (41miles/66km). Don’t fancy cycling all the way? Take your bike on the train and ferry from Glasgow-Dunoon, one way or both.

Coming from Glasgow on public transport you can do Benmore Garden and Puck’s Glen if you are a happy walker (see above itinerary for information on Puck’s Glen walk from Benmore Garden). If you take a bike you should be able to take in Kilmun as well.
Itinerary 2

Explore Loch Lomond

Enjoy a day out around the shores of Loch Lomond, Britain’s largest inland stretch of water. Picturesque villages and mesmerising scenery await you as you travel through one of Scotland’s National Scenic Areas. Overlooked by the majestic Ben Lomond, this will provide you with endless photo opportunities while you discover the local history and amazing wildlife.

You can alter the itinerary below to take in Balloch instead of visiting Balmaha/Inchcailloch and Ardess. Balloch is a delightful stop at the very southern end of Loch Lomond with plenty on offer in terms of outdoor activities, eating places and shopping. Balloch Castle Country Park is well worth a visit.

‘An Ceann Mòr’ at Inveruglas (8)

Coming from Crianlarich take the A82 south in the Glasgow direction. After 12.5miles/20km you reach the amazing viewpoint at Inveruglas on your right.

Coming from Balloch (or Glasgow) take the A82 north signposted for Crianlarich. After 20miles/32km (or 45miles/72.5km) you reach Inveruglas viewpoint.

Luss Village (12)

Turn left on leaving the viewpoint car park and travel south on the A82 for 12 miles/19.3km. Turn left into the village of Luss. There is a car park on your left shortly after the turn off.

Balloch or Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve (13) and Balmaha (14)

Retrace your way back to the A82 junction, turn left and head south (signposted Glasgow). Stay on the A82 for 8miles/13km. At the roundabout, which features an impressive bird sculpture, turn left onto the A811 signposted for Stirling. You can either stop or go through the village of Balloch (see above for alternative itinerary suggestion!).

If you decide to head on, stay on this road for 7.5miles/12km at which point you reach a T-junction: turn left, staying on the A811 signposted for Stirling/Drymen. After just over half a mile/a little less than 1km, turn left onto the B858 where you enter Drymen. A little way into Drymen you will see the road signs for Balmaha. Turn left onto Balmaha Road (B837). Stay on this road and after 4miles/6.5km you will reach Balmaha. Park at the National Park Visitor Centre. From here you can explore Balmaha on foot and catch the boat to Inchcailloch, Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve. Staff at the National Park Centre (seasonal opening times) will be delighted to give directions and advice on things to do.

Ardess Hidden History Trail (11)

If time allows you can travel a further 6.5miles/10.5km north to Rowardennan to visit Ardess Hidden History Trail. Leave Balmaha travelling north (Loch Lomond to your left). Follow the minor road until you reach the Ben Lomond National Memorial Park car park. From here it’s about 10mins walk to the Hidden History Trail which starts at Ardess Lodge Ranger Station.

For your return journey travel back to Drymen from where all major destinations are signposted.

Public Transport Alternative

If you want to leave the car behind for the day there are fantastic opportunities to take a day out with Loch Lomond’s Waterbus Services. There are nine routes to explore. And you can even take your bike on the boat - allowing you to create round trips and/or add Loch Katrine to the mix. The waterbus operations are mainly seasonal with most running from end of March to end of October - please visit www.lochlomond-trossachs/waterbus for more details.
Itinerary 3

**Breadalbane**

This is a very relaxed day out, taking in the local villages, forest walks and some excellent views. Visit Rob Roy’s grave, travel along a tranquil glen off the beaten track and finish your day at the spectacular Dochart Falls. There are many opportunities to stop for tea and coffee or a bite to eat and watch the world go by in this beautiful north east corner of the Loch Lomond National Park.

**Loch Lubnaig (20)**

The first stop of your itinerary lies on the A84, just under 4miles/6.5km north of Callander. The National Park has developed two stopping places along the shores of Loch Lubnaig. The site at the southern tip of the loch has a scenic viewpoint, ‘Faerie Hollow’, and picnic area. One mile north a larger site has a kiosk selling local produce, camping and campervan pitches and a loch shore picnic area.

If you are approaching from the Crianlarich direction take the A85 to Lochearnhead. In Lochearnhead stay on the main road which becomes the A84 and follow signage for Stirling/Callander.

Loch Lubnaig is 10miles/16km south of Lochearnhead. The two sites are on your right on the banks of Loch Lubnaig. Look out for the ‘viewpoint’ and ‘parking’ signposts.

**Strathyre (19)**

From any of the Loch Lubnaig stops continue north on the A84 (with Loch Lubnaig to your left). Shortly after leaving Loch Lubnaig behind, you enter the village of Strathyre where you will find a car park on your left. From here take a stroll through the village or embark on the forest walk up through Scots pine and past waterfalls for fine views across to Ben Vane and the Braes of Balquhidder (1.75miles/3km; allow 1.5hrs; long steep slope for 400m; narrow earth and grass paths with muddy sections).

**Balquhidder: Rob Roy’s Grave & Loch Voil (17)**

Turn left on exiting Strathyre car park and follow the road through and out of the village, heading further north on the A84. After just over 2miles/3km the turn off for Kingshouse/Balquhidder is signposted (alongside brown tourist signage for Rob Roy’s Grave). The turn off for Balquhidder is on your right. Take the underpass and continue to follow the signs for Balquhidder.

You’ll reach Balquhidder village after 1.8miles/2.8km. The church and Rob Roy’s grave lie at the village entrance on your right. If you enjoyed Loch Lubnaig viewpoint, there is the opportunity to visit another Scenic Route installation further down the glen from Balquhidder: a mirrored cabin, wood-framed ‘lookout’ pavilion offers three mesmerizing views of the Loch Voil landscapes (about 15 minutes drive from Balquhidder, look out for the waymarkers on the roadside near the hotel).

**Falls of Dochart, Killin (15)**

Retrace your route back to the A84 junction and turn right (signposted Crianlarich). After 7.8miles/12.5km you will reach the turn-off for Killin/Falls of Dochart. Turn right onto the A827, follow the road for 2miles/3.2km and you will arrive in the picturesque village of Killin and at the Falls of Dochart.

After your visit retrace your route back to the A85 where you turn right for Crianlarich or left for Callander (signposted Stirling (A84)).
Itinerary 4

The Trossachs

The Trossachs offer an amazing day out in Queen Elizabeth Forest Park and the Great Trossachs Forest, both part of The Trossachs National Scenic Area. There are walks to enjoy for everyone and fantastic wildlife to see. Before you embark into the world of trees, however, a visit to Inchmahome Priory on Lake of Menteith starts your day off on a high note.

Inchmahome Priory (25)

If you are coming from Callander take the A81 signposted for Glasgow. Follow the A81 for 6.5miles/10.5km until you reach the signposted turn-off for Inchmahome Priory (on your left).

If you are travelling from the west follow the road signage for Aberfoyle. Just before you reach Aberfoyle on the A81 you will see Inchmahome Priory signposted at the roundabout. Follow the signage by exiting the roundabout to the right, staying on the A81. From here it’s about 3.4miles/5.5km until you reach the signposted turn-off for Inchmahome Priory (on your right).

The Lodge & Three Lochs Forest Drive (23)

Turn left on leaving Inchmahome Priory car park and head back up to the main road. Turn left onto the A81 signposted for Glasgow/Aberfoyle, and also for the 'Trossachs Trail'. When you come to a roundabout after 3.4miles/5.5km follow the 'Trossachs Trail', exiting the roundabout to the right onto the A821, and you will reach Aberfoyle. Shortly after you pass the Coop and Post Office the A821 takes a sharp corner to the right. Follow this change of direction and continue along the 'Trossachs Trail' up the hill. After just under a mile/a little more than 1km you will see the entrance to The Lodge car park on your right. The Lodge is a great base with plenty of activities to enjoy from here. Staff at The Lodge will be delighted to provide information and also directions to the start of the Three Lochs Drive should you be interested in taking that in.

The Great Trossachs Forest National Nature Reserve (22)

Leaving The Lodge (or Three Lochs Drive) turn right onto the A821 and drive over the Duke's Pass in the direction of Callander. After 7miles/11km on this very scenic road you will reach Brig O'Turk. The Woodland Trust Visitor Gateway (signposted from the roadside) is on your left after Brig o’ Turk on the A821 Callander road.

You can also stop over at the beautiful Loch Katrine on your way to Brig o’ Turk or (if time allows and if you are appropriately equipped) you can climb Ben A’an. A very steep path, rocky at times, with stunning views from the top (allow 2-4hrs; car park is off the A821 just after the turn-off for Loch Katrine). This mountain walk is for fit and experienced walkers.

The Great Trossachs Forest National Nature Reserve (22)
Other visitor information

There are many other places to discover in the area. Find out more at VisitScotland.com or visit a local iCentre or information centre:

**Aberfoyle** (all year) 01877 382352  
**Balloch** (all year) 01389 753533  
**Stirling** (all year) 01786 475019  
**National Park Visitor Centre - Balmaha** (all year) 01389 722100  
**The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre - Aberfoyle** (all year) 01877 382258  
**Callander Visitor Information & Business Centre** (Volunteer service) 01877 330342

Please note some of the above centres may have restricted opening hours during the winter.

**Travel** - Leave the car behind - many sites are accessible by public transport. For bus and train times please see [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com). There are many cycle routes with opportunities to hire bicycles. Waterbus services are available on Loch Lomond and Loch Katrine. Boat hire available from Balmaha and Luss. Miles of walking routes, including long distance routes, are waiting to be explored. For details see - [www.lochlomond-trossachs.org](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org)

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