

3 Miles (5 Km) The Heritage Path was **Time** developed in association with 1½ - 2½ hours the Killin Heritage Society. The Type of route route follows a circuit of the Easy/Moderate village and passes several (Slight rise but points of interest including the majority level) Breadalbane Folklore Centre, Possible users the Falls of Dochart, Finlaria Walkers Castle and Fingal's Stone.

There are many wonderful vantage points with extensive views of the village, the surrounding countryside and mountains.



You can begin or end the Heritage route at various points in the village.

At the south end of the Main Street a former tweed mill has been converted into the Breadalbane Folklore and Tourist Information Centre (Open April to October, closed Tuesdays). St Fillan is believed to have

founded a meal mill on this spot in the 7th century and the building is still home to the legendary healing stones of St Fillan. Close by are the spectacular Falls of Dochart, best viewed from the opposite side of the river or from the old stone bridge that crosses the River Dochart. The bridge also allows access onto Innis Bhuidhe, or Yellow Island, the clan burial ground of the McNabs (keys are available from the Folklore Centre).

It is easy to link both ends of the village with a walk up the Main Street. Look out for some fine examples of 19th century villas alongside tenements and older, single story cottages. For a circular route turn into Manse Road, opposite the phone box and the bakery. After a short steep incline, turn right into Stewart Road. Continue along Stewart Road and then turn



right into Fingal Road. At the end of Fingal Road, beside the pond, bear left and follow the path through a small gate. You should see Fingal's Stone just in front of you on the

left hand side. Legend has it that this stone marks the grave of Fingal, one of the legendary heroes of Celtic mythology. Continue along the path and leave Breadalbane Park through the main gates. Once back on Main Street turn left and follow the road down to the McLaren Hall

At the North end of Main Street, almost opposite the McLaren Hall, is located the Episcopal Church of St Fillan. The 7th Earl of Breadalbane originally constructed this small tin clad building in 1876 to act as a private chapel. Further along is the Parish Church of Killin and Ardeonaig, built in 1744 to replace the pre-reformation church which was sited in the old burial ground, set behind the Killin Hotel. The Parish Church has an unusual octagonal dome and houses a seven-sided 9th century font.

Close by is the Stuart Memorial stone which commemorates the Rev. James Stuart, the Minister of Killin from 1737 to 1789. He was the first person to translate the New Testament into Scottish Gaelic.

To continue on the route and to complete another loop head north along Main Street and turn right into Pier Road. (At this point it is possible to extend the walk with a visit to Moirlanich Longhouse. The Longhouse,

owned by the National Trust for Scotland, is a fine example of a cruck frame building with a "hanging lum". (Open May – September, Wed & Sun, 2 - 5pm.) To reach this building



continue along the Main Street and take the first left into Glen Lochay. A round trip will add a further two miles to the route.) Head down Pier Road, crossing over the River Lochay and continue along past Finlarig Castle. The castle was once home to the Campbell family but today it is an unsafe ruin. Just beyond the castle is a former branch line of the old Callander to Oban railway. Turn right along the old railway line, which was closed in 1965 and head back towards the village. At the Council car park leave the old railway line and bear right to head back up onto Main Street.

For a different perspective of Killin try a short loop heading up Craignavie Road and returning by Manse Road. This loop will add about one mile to the Heritage route and has a steady gentle incline to a high point on Manse Road offering panoramic views of Ben Lawers and Loch Tay.

Most of this route is suitable for wheelchair users, except for the optional circular route up Manse Road. Auchmore is on the south side of the River Dochart and to the east of the village of Killin. Most of this route passes through mixed woodland. It primarily follows a private estate road, which was part of the old Breadalbane Estate, and the public road on the south side of Loch Tay.

2¹/₂ Miles (4 Km) Time Type of route Moderate (Gentle slopes) Possible users: Walkers & cyclists

Parts of this walk offer superb views across Loch Tay to the Tarmachan Ridge, Beinn Ghlas and Ben

Lawers. Auchmore House was a home of the Earl of Breadalbane and was demolished in the 1960s. Queen Victoria visited Auchmore House during her tour of Scotland in 1842.



Head southwest along Main Street, cross over the Dochart Bridge and then turn left onto

the South Loch Tay road, signposted Ardeonaig. The entrance to Auchmore Estate is approximately 150 metres along this road, as it turns sharply right. Enter the estate road passing by the



lodge house and continue on this route until you meet the Auchmore Burn. Cross over the burn by the bridge and immediately take the right fork that heads slightly uphill. Follow

this track until you meet the South Loch Tay road. At this point turn sharp right and return to Killin by this minor road, which is also part of the National Cycle Route 7.

SRON A' CHLACHAIN

Distance

Time

2 Miles (3 Km)

1¹/2 - 2¹/2 hours

Type of route

Strenuous

Walkers

(Very steep)

Possible users:

ACHARN FOREST

Distance

Time

4 Miles (6 Km)

1¹/2 - 2¹/2 hours

Type of route

descent)

Moderate (Gentle

climb/ moderate

Possible users:

Walkers, cyclists

& horse riders.

A NATIONAL PARK Sron a' Chlachain, "the peak **FOR EVERYONE** that resembles a nose above the village", is situated on the west side of Killin. It's the nation's park. To discover, to explore,

This route is a hill path with an ascent of 400 metres (1300ft). Most of it is typical of an upland path as the

surrounding habitat is a mixture of rough grazing,

giving way to heath and moor at a higher altitude. Walkers are rewarded for their hard work with extensive panoramic views over Killin, Loch Tay, Glen Dochart and Glen Lochay.

Enter Breadalbane Park through the main gates just off the main street close to the Primary School. Follow the footpath through the Park and where the path splits take the right fork. Pass through the gate onto a short section of built path, which will lead you up the hill towards a large stile. Cross over the stile and follow the narrow but obvious path as it passes through a small area of oak woodland, under the power lines and continues steeply to the summit. The easiest return is by the same route.

Please take account of any advisory signs that you may encounter on this route. Upland farming takes place on this route and there are often cattle in the lower fields and sheep on the open hill. Please behave responsibly and leave your dog at home during the lambing season.

Acharn Forest is on the south west side of Killin. Most of the forest is a mixed conifer plantation with pockets of broadleaved woodland and open moorland. The route is based on National Cycle Route 7 and various forest access tracks. There are many possibilities for linking this path with other informal routes in the area to

> extend the walk over to Glen Ogle, 8 Miles (13 Km), or to Loch Breaclaich, 9 Miles (15 Km).



Killin Primary School has adopted the first section of this route, providing a interpretation leaflet and making habitat improvements, such as building and erecting bird nesting boxes and bat boxes. Please return their leaflet to one of the dispensers.

Head southwest along Main Street, cross over the Dochart Bridge and continue along the main road as if leaving Killin. Before you reach the War Memorial turn left onto a gravel path that passes in front of two bungalows (follow the National Route 7 cycle path signs). Go through the inset gate and turn right onto the old railway line. Follow this broad track until you reach a "cross road" of tracks. Turn left up a

moderate slope and continue along National Route 7 until the next junction where Route 7 heads right and up to Glen Ogle. Bear left here and continue on a loop back to Killin. From this point onwards there is a steady but gentle rise to the next junction. At this junction turn left (the right fork leads on to Loch Breaclaich). The circuit is completed with a moderate descent, returning to the old railway line and the inset gate.

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