

Linking west with east

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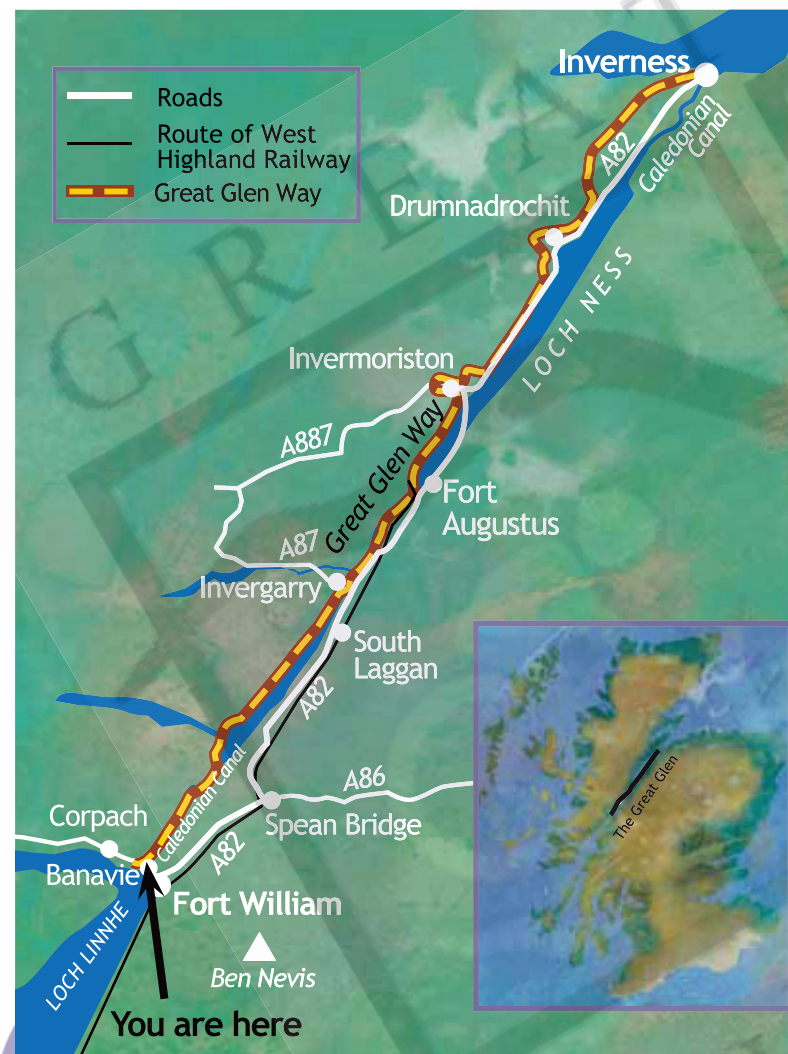
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The Great Glen Way Slighe a' Ghlinn Mhòir

Banavie Bainbhidh lies on the route of the Great Glen Way - a long distance route which links the west and east coasts of Scotland, offering spectacular scenery, amazing natural heritage and fascinating history.

The Great Glen Way (117 km, 73 miles) follows Scotland's longest glen. Along the Way you will find Scotland's largest inland volume of water (Loch Ness Loch Nis), Britain's highest mountain (Ben Nevis Beinn Nibheis), and some of the best views anywhere.

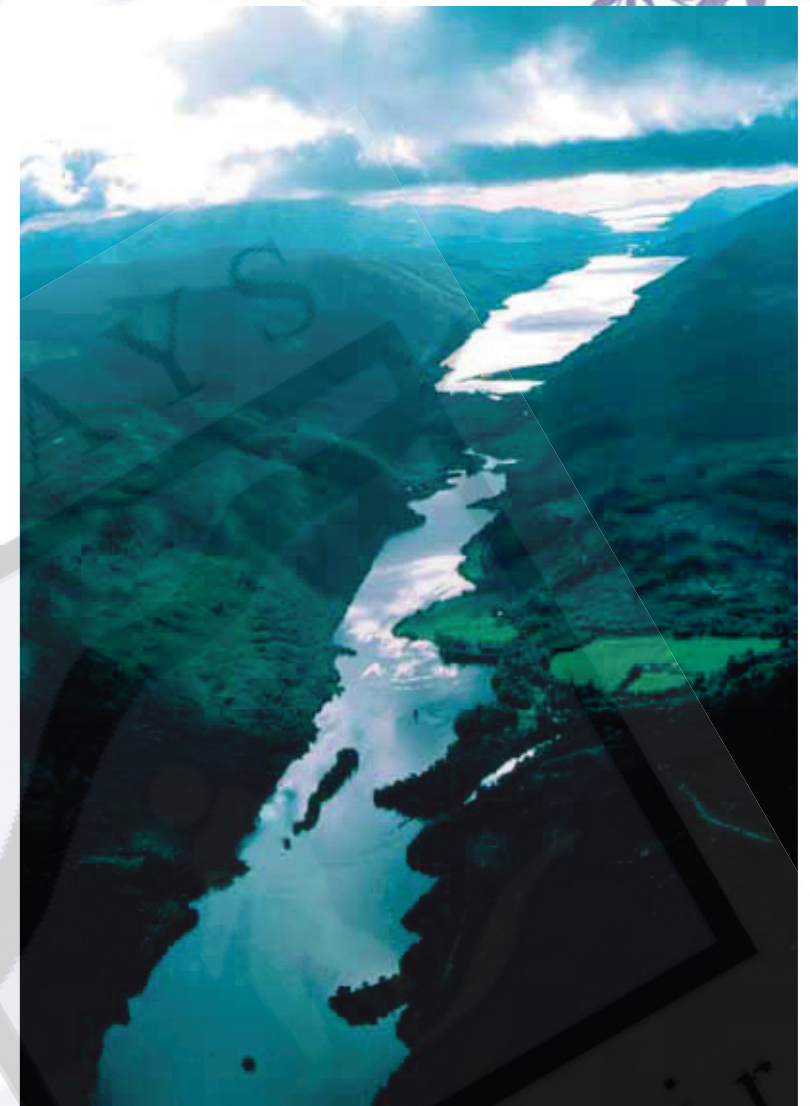
Whether you want to walk the whole of the route or just one short stretch, the Great Glen Way is here for you to explore and enjoy.



Did you know...?

The Great Glen has always been an important west-east route, but until the 1700s there were no proper roads, so journeys were slow and difficult. General Wade's military roads ròidean armailteach (built from 1725 onwards to allow government troops to control rebellious Highlanders) were the first improvements. Other new roads, bridges and the Caledonian Canal followed in the 1800s.

Attempts to build a railway between Fort William An Gearasdan and Inverness Inbhir Nis in the late 1800s failed due to rivalry between the railway companies of the time. Construction of the line was completed from Fort William as far as Fort Augustus, but was closed in 1946. The line passing through Banavie is the West Highland Railway, which links Glasgow, Fort William and Mallaig.



The Great Glen looking south over Loch Oich.



Promotional poster for the West Highland Railway.