Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly
Meal is thoir spèis do bhlàr a-muigh na h-Alba

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water provided they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (SOAC).

The key things to remember are:
- **Take responsibility for your own actions**
- **Respect the interests of other people**
- **Care for the environment**

Dog walkers please keep your dog under close control or on a lead especially if you encounter livestock.

Please remember to pick up your dogs mess on ALL paths and put in any bin.

Playing in the Ullapool River

Leave No Trace
Na Fàg Fianais

To leave no trace means exactly that.

- Carry out what you carry in
- Leave no trace of your visit and do not leave litter
- Refrain from lighting camp fires
- If going to a remote location make sure to pack your toilet kit and make sure you are well away from running water or footpaths
- Extinguish and dispose of cigarette ends responsibly

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LOCATION MAP

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ULLAPOOL GENERAL INFORMATION
www.ullapool.co.uk
www.ullapool.com
www.scotland.forestry.gov.uk/visit/lael-forest-garden
www.nts.org.uk/property/corrieshalloch-gorge

For further details on the Core Paths Plan and outdoor access see The Highland Council website.
www.highland.gov.uk/corepathplans
www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

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www.highland.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

The Highland Council Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

Suggested other Walks:

LAEL FOREST GARDEN - a small but fantastic arboretum with trees from around the world.
See Forestry Commission Scotland leaflet

CORRIESHALLOCH GORGE - a spectacular waterfall viewed from a bridge and viewing platform. A circular walk along the gorge. See National Trust for Scotland for information.

5 Leckmelm to Braes (see map overleaf)

Leac Mailm gu Na Bruthaichean

A great linear walk. A real journey through high moorland, lush birch woods and dense conifer plantations, with high views along Loch Broom

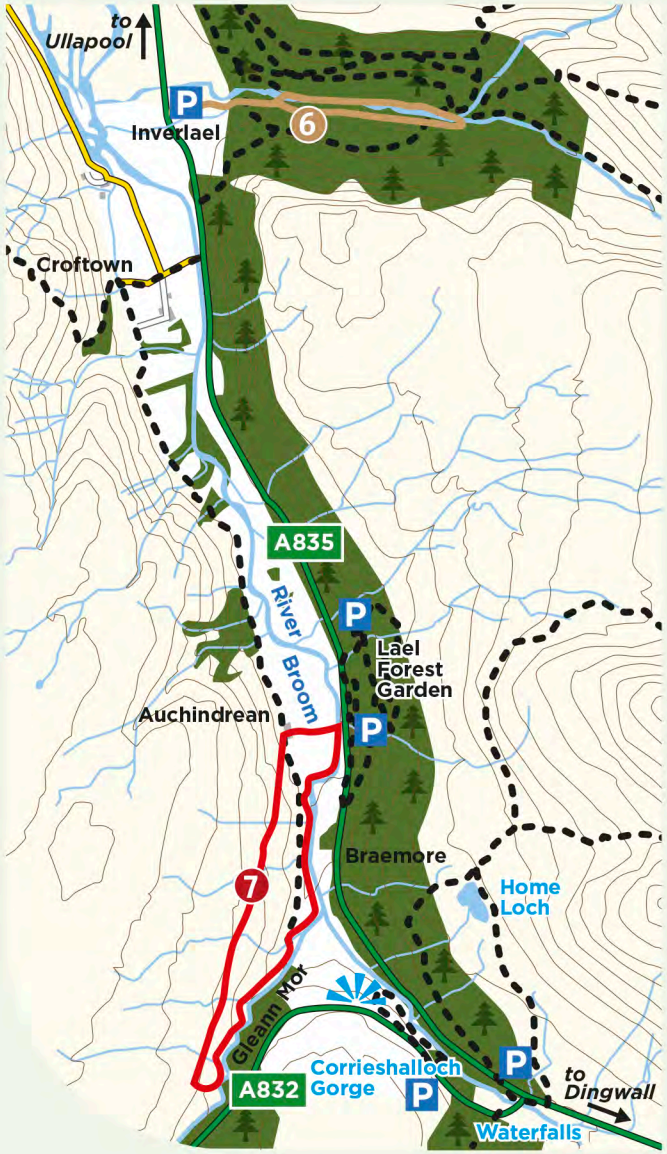
LENGTH: 3.5km one way

TIME: Allow 1 ½ -2 hours

GRADE: Mainly on rough paths and tracks, boggy in places. Eroded at burn crossings.

DIRECTIONS

It is easiest to catch bus to Leckmelm (check times) and start at signposts to Viewpoint. Once in the field, follow signs & track until the 2nd gate and turn left onto a narrow trail through the trees with eroded ditches. This leads to a boggy track but improves further on. Go downhill and straight on at some buildings, until you reach a house at what seems like the end, go left through a kissing gate. Now on a wide firm track, keep going straight on until through a gate onto the moorland. Follow the rough path until you reach a gate, then ignoring any turn offs to a gate next to a bridge. This is now a small road into Braes which you can follow uphill to Ullapool Hill (see Path 1) or down to the main road and along to Ullapool.



7 Auchindrean & Cuileig Gorge, Inverbroom

Creag Cuileig agus Achadh an Dreaghainn, Baile an Lòin

LENGTH: 7km return

TIME: Allow 1 ½ hours

GRADE: Due to be upgraded in 2014 by Inverbroom Estate. Currently on rough paths and no link at the south end, but soon to be good surfaced paths with link. Some steep gradients.

DIRECTIONS

Start from the forestry car park at the south end of Leal Forest Garden. Then cross the A835 to the Auchindrean bridge, immediately go through the gate on the left. Follow the track along the river and on the outside of the fence & wall. The path narrows in places close to the river and care is needed. At the open area near the junction of the rivers you can take either of the right hand paths to return to the car park via Auchindrean. For the full route, go down and then up some steps near a waterfall, and continue uphill through a gate beside a derelict bridge. Just beyond there is another right hand path to return, however keep going uphill. The route gets a bit steeper with glimpses of waterfalls as the gorge deepens. Eventually you will hear and see the spectacular Cuileig Falls with an old bridge across the gorge. Keep following the path to the left. The bridge has been recently re-decked but take care if you wish to cross. When the link has been constructed it will go uphill to join an old estate track which you can then follow downhill to Auchindrean farm getting great views of Strath Mor as you go. Follow the track through Auchindrean and return to the bridge and then the car park.

6 Inverlael, Loch Broom

Inbhir Lathail, Loch Bhraoin

A glen walk, rising through the forest towards the hills and following a dramatic river.

LENGTH: 5km return

TIME: Allow 1 ½ hours.

GRADE: Good surfaced track, gentle gradients.

DIRECTIONS

From the car park at Inverlael take the estate track. Go through the side gate and follow the track to a second gate at the water works. Continue uphill past a junction to the left, which is the return route. After about 1km take the left turn, signposted to 'Beinn Dearg', down to a vehicle bridge and then go left over a wooden footbridge. At the end of the bridge keep left which takes you down onto a wide constructed whindust footpath. There is a short uphill stretch before the remaining is mostly all downhill on an easy gradient. After 150m you re-join the forestry track and continue down to a junction. Turn left over the bridge and uphill to turn right onto the outward track, follow this back to the car park.

1 Ullapool Hill Path
Cnoc na Croiche & Meall Mòr

A great small hill for fantastic views of the area.

LENGTH: 3km, car park to summit
TIME: up to 1 1/2 hours to summit
GRADE: A good path but can be rough in places. Steep gradients

DIRECTIONS

The start of these paths is approx. 15 minutes walk from the main car park in the centre of Ullapool.

Walk from the car park along Latheron Lane past Tesco to reach Quay Street. Turn right and cross the street to Market Street. Walk to the end of Market Street and turn left. Continue this way until you see on the opposite side of the road the hill path sign pointing right towards the entrance gate.

The path starts with a long gentle rise to the first sharp bend after the path to right which descends to the Royal Hotel. At the next junction follow the right fork up a steeper section of path, the left fork takes a long curving traverse around the hill leading to Glen Achall and beyond. Above the steeper section the views open up and there is a Mountain Indicator Board naming the visible peaks. Continue up the path and the summit soon comes into view.

Ullapool from west

The pine trees seen here have been grown from seeds collected from one of the most North Westerly remnants of Caledonian Forest still growing by Loch Achall and around Rhidorroch House. Other local seeds such as Birch, Alder and Rowan were also collected to restore native woodland to Ullapool Hill.

As the path continues keep left at the next junction for the summit. The right fork (white marker post) heads to Braes for about 1 ½ km. A further 2km by road can take you back to Ullapool.

In short distance turn right at the next fork (red marker post) and the way quickly becomes steeper again with the path following the ridge line to the summit The Ullapool Hill summit (270 m) is reached and good views can be had in all directions.

The descent may be made following the description in reverse or a by a circular route. This entails turning right at the first fork you reach, follow this path passing the remains of a lime kiln on the right which is dated from the 1840s and around the hillside where the path meets the long curving traverse path mentioned earlier. Turn left here and continue back to start.

Ullapool River & hill

2 Morefield Riverside Path
Ceum Abhain A' Mhòr-choille

Lovely short woodland and riverside walk with the option of getting a great seascape.

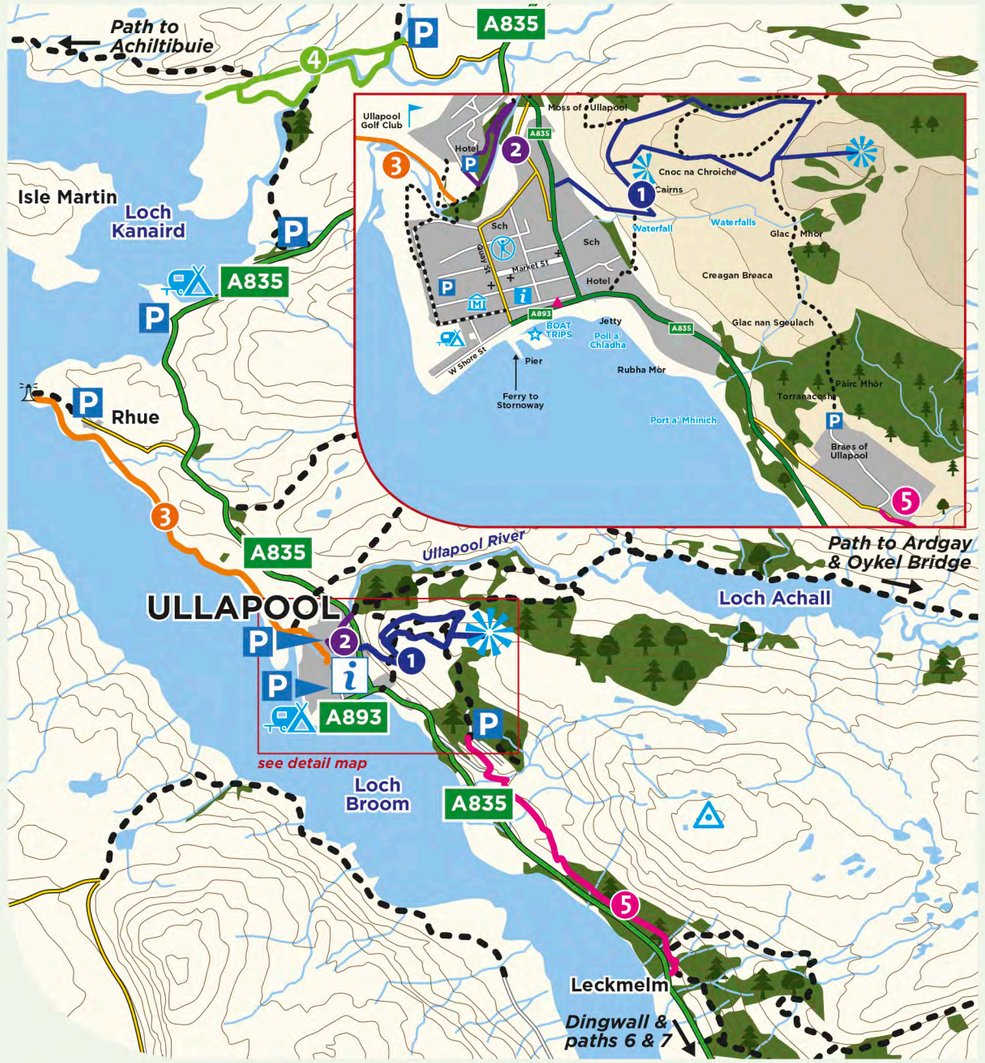
LENGTH: 1km circuit, and extra 1 km to village
GRADE: Good surfaced paths, easy gradients.

DIRECTIONS

Walk from the main car park along Latheron Lane past Tesco to reach Quay Street. Turn left here, then second left onto Castle Terrace. A short way along, on the right, you will find steps going down to the river and signposted for the "Riverside Walks". To avoid the steps go a little further to a sloped path down. Walk down the steps, cross the river by the long footbridge and then take the tarmac path on the right.

From play area car park head east past the interpretation board on a constructed whindust path. After a short distance the path goes downhill. Turn left through the woodland and then right to the river. Follow the riverside path until the surface becomes tarmac at the next junction go right uphill back to the car park or left to the village.

To village - continue along the river and then cross the long bridge. Then go up the steps (for Quay St and the direct route to the harbour) or continue a short distance to go up a slope to the Castle Terrace & West Terrace for good views of Loch Broom and Scoraig peninsula to the camp site and then into the village.



3 Rhue Lighthouse Taigh-solais an Rubha

An interesting but strenuous coastal walk with great sea views.

LENGTH: 5 ½ km to lighthouse.
TIME: 1hr 45mins
GRADE: A rough walk, with mixed surfaces. A number of fences to climb.

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After a short distance take the obvious grass track going towards a house by the river. Go through a small gate indicating "Rhue Walk", and the next gate. You will reach the foreshore path below the golf course. The route ahead is well marked by red posts please follow these to avoid disrupting play and beware of golf balls. Along this section of path you are also close to the estuary of the Ullapool River where various wading and other sea birds may be seen. The path beyond the final red post now runs close to the fence of the croft land. It takes you on past an old fishing boat, beached here many years previously.

Sunset over Rhue Lighthouse and Summer Isles

Further along, move away from the beach when you see a solitary fence post placed on the slope above. Here you will find the path again, still on the outside of the croft fences. Cross three fences, then on open hillside and a good but rough path. Round the headland, the view opens up with Rhue lighthouse now in the distance and the Summer Isles beyond.

The path descends and continues by the shore line on an easy grass path to the Allt an t-Strathain. Crossing this burn (easier on lower tides and in dry spells) the path again keeps to the outside of the croft land fences. There are a further two fences to cross to reach the final bay. Walking on, a short easy path leads you to Rhue lighthouse with a fantastic view of the Summer Isles, the Minch and often the Isle of Lewis.

Return the same way or along the public roads.

Dun Canna

4 Posties Path - Blughasary to Dun Canna
Ceum a' Phuist Blaoghasairigh gu Dùn Canna

The start of the old postal route to Achiltibuie to an ancient fort.

LENGTH: 2 ½ km to the dun
TIME: Allow two hours to return.
GRADE: Some rough path and steep sections but mostly easy.

DIRECTIONS

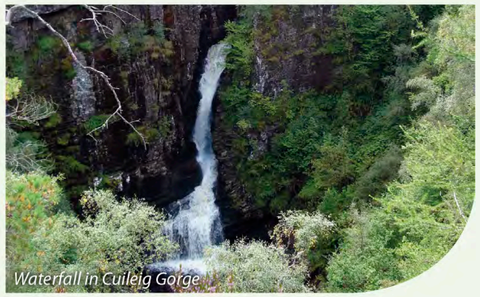
Start from the car park beyond the last house in Blughasary.

Go through the small gate and cross the bridge over the River Runie . In late summer there are often salmon to be seen here jumping the short waterfall below on their journey upstream to their spawning grounds. Turn left after the bridge and then right at the signpost on the uphill side of a deer fence.

The path can be quite rough and muddy in some places but a recent re-aligned section has a good surface and gives fine open views across the river and fields beyond. After walking about a 2km, just past a further signpost, go through a kissing gate to a track. Keep going towards the sea then turn right to go through another gate for Dun Canna.

The promontory on which the Fort stood is mostly surrounded by the sea with the remains of what could have been a considerable defensive wall remaining across a neck of land. Camus Beag and Camus Mor are pebble beaches to the north and south of the promontory which are easily accessed and good picnic areas.

Return by the same route or follow the longer vehicle track to and then along the river, through several gates and crossing two bridges (3 ¼ km).


Waterfall in Cuileig Gorge