

Heart of Scotland 100 Route Description

Dunkeld GR NO 025427 – Loch Ordie GR NO 028499

Explorer 379, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

The first checkpoint is outdoors with food and cold drinks only. Please ensure you start with sufficient water as supplies at CP1 will be limited.

From start point behind church hall follow minor road 120 yds to reach main road.

Turn L and continue forward on pavement for 460 yds to reach road junction.

Cross road with care, turn R and in 210 yds reach 2nd turning to your L with footpath signed to Kirkmichael.

(From this point the track is signed to Loch Ordie, mainly with low level small brown signs, but details are given as a guide)

Turn L and follow lane uphill through woodland for 510 yds to reach X tracks.

Pass between gateposts to continue ahead uphill for 175 yds, and ignoring green track to your R, reach track on your L and Cally Loch on your R.

On bearing 29° continue forward 400 yds through forestry and ignoring tracks to your R and L reach gate and signpost to Loch Ordie on your L.

Continue forward 545 yds to reach drive to Upper Hatton on your R.

Continue on track for 690 yds crossing cattle grid at start of forestry to reach bridge.

Cross bridge, bear R and follow track for 320 yds to reach track on your L signed to Birkenburn Farm and sign for Loch Ordie.

Continue for 0.64 miles to reach gate, with The Glack on your R.

Pass through gate and continue for 320 yds on track uphill, to reach green track to your R.

On bearing 2° continue ahead for 670 yds on main track with Mill Dam on your R to reach gate on your L and sign for Loch Ordie.

Bear R and continue on track for 500 yds to reach grass track to your L.

Continue forward on bearing 310° for 0.83 miles, passing Rotmell Loch and Dowally Loch on your L to reach gate with pedestrian gate to the L.

Pass through gate, bear R signed Loch Ordie and continue for 175 yds with Raor Lodge to your R to reach bridge on your L.

Do not cross bridge but continue forward on main track for 490 yds to reach gate.

Pass through gate and continue forward on track for 195 yds with wall on your L to reach Dowally Burn on your L.

Continue on track for 475 yds with Dowally Burn on your L to cross very small burn on bend in track.

Continue on track for 0.66 miles with forestry on your R, crossing bridge over burn just before reaching track on your L.

Continue for 560 yds on main track to reach Loch Ordie.

Checkpoint 1 (bucket drop)

Outdoor

6.12 miles

Cumulative total 6.12 miles

Ascent 1166 ft. Descent 376 ft.

Opens 11.15 Saturday

Closes 15.15 Saturday

Manned by Mavis and Dennis Allport and Northumbria Group

**Loch Ordie GR NO 028499 – Kirkmichael Village Hall GR NO 079599
Explorer 387, Landranger 52, Harvey Map**

Leave CP on bearing 20° for 740 yds with Loch Ordie on your R to reach track to your R over a bridge.

Ignore this and bear L 349° continuing on track for 795 yds with burn on your R and Creag Liath on your L to reach fork in track where keep R for 105 yds to reach gate with stile.

Pass through gate and in 265 yds reach bridge, after passing under power cables.

Cross bridge and in 105 yds reach minor track to your R.

Turn L on bearing 330° and continue on main track for 0.66 miles through sparse woodland to reach gate in wall.

Pass through gate and in 300 yds pass track coming from your L.

On bearing 10° continue on main track for 770 yds passing ruined building on your R to reach track emerging from your R at GR NO 028530.

Take L fork on bearing 280° and continue on track for 1.16 miles to reach Lochan Oisinneach Mor.

Bear L and with loch on your R continue for 790 yds to reach track to your L at end of loch.

Take R fork around end of loch and follow track for 0.87 miles to pass Lochan Oisinneach Beag on your R and reach wooden waymark post at GR NO 039559, just after small rockfall (80 yds before lochside trees).

Bear L up rough path (initial bearing 110°) bearing L after 25 yds (bearing 80°). Continue swinging slightly L past two further waymark posts to reach fence and wall coming in from R at GR NO 041561. Continue along rough path northwards with wall, then fence, on R (occasional waymarks) to pass 80 yds to R of larch trees and reach gate in wall ahead at GR NO 042566. *(Please pass trees quietly and quickly to avoid disturbance to nesting birds.)*

Pass through gate and, initially on bearing 358° and soon swinging round to 20°, head along newly cut and occasionally waymarked path through heather for 0.61 miles, gradually descending, to reach track coming in from the south from Pitcarmick Loch at GR NO 046574.

Turn L on track for 1.78 miles, bending round to the R to reach corner of forestry by wooden waymark post at GR NO 069583 opposite a prominent cairn on hillock to your R.

Leave track by waymark and go ahead on newly cut path on bearing 80° swinging round to the L to reach a new gate in deer fence into the forest. *[There may be occasional small black/yellow flags from here to the CATERAN TRAIL]*

Pass through gate and for 210 yds follow track downhill on bearing 20° to new gate in deer fence.

Go through gate and on initial bearing 80° follow wet sunken track downhill for approx 400 yds passing through birch wood to reach new gate in deer fence.

Go through gate and immediately turn R to follow fence on your R downhill for 120 yds to stile.

Cross stile and continue downhill with wall on your R for 60 yds to pass through gap, and continue downhill with wall and cottage on your L to enter grassy walled track.

Ahead on track and in 300 yds reach Balchoran Farm; go through large 6 bar iron gate (may be open), pass to R of farm buildings and bear R downhill on farm track for 100 yds to reach Cateran Trail (red heart on waymark signs) at GR NO 080590.

Turn L and for 0.67 miles follow track with Cateran Trail signs to reach Kirkmichael Village Hall on your L.

Checkpoint 2

9.38 miles

Ascent 925 ft. Descent 1200 ft.

Opens 13.15 Saturday

Manned by Beds, Bucks & Northants Group

Village Hall

Cumulative total 15.50 miles

Closes 17.15 Saturday

Kirkmichael Village Hall GR NO 079599 – Daldhu GR NO 025705

Explorer 387, Landranger 43, Harvey Map

From checkpoint turn L to reach junction.

Turn R downhill and in 35 yds reach finger post for Cateran Trail.

(Route now follows Cateran Trail to Enochdhu for 2.25 miles)

Turn L and follow Cateran Trail on bearing 270° for 530 yds to reach cross tracks.

On bearing 315° continue ahead on lane for 740 yds to reach Tullochcurran Cottage and fork R at grass triangle.

In 125 yds fork R (log cabin on your L) and in 400 yds reach Cateran Trail sign on your L (100 yds before white Loch Cottage).

Bear L and in 35 yds reach metal gate.

Pass through gate, enter woodland and for 0.72 miles follow undulating path to reach gate and stile at end of woodland.

Cross stile and continue, swinging R to bearing 30° after 50 yds, passing waymark post on your R and bearing L downhill to stile and gate.

Cross stile and in 50 yds reach gate and stile to track at Dalreoch.

Continue on track for 475 yds passing houses on your L to reach track and finger post and stone bridge over River Ardle.

Cross bridge, joining lane coming in from your R and in 230 yds reach lane on your L.

Turn L and in 160 yds bear R through Car Park to reach main road.

(Leave Cateran Trail)

Cross road with care and turn L along right hand side for 0.60 miles, to reach Tulloch B&B on the left on a blind corner **(CARE)**

Continue for 150yds to reach metal gate on your R to farm track.

Pass through gate and follow farm track, after 100 yds bear L (340°) by isolated tree and continue for 800 yds passing through gates in gap in a strip of forestry and a further gate to reach road.

On bearing 320° continue forward on road for 350 yds to reach gate posts and cattle grid.

Cross cattle grid and continue for 615 yds to reach cottage at bend in road.

Bear R with cottage on your L and continue for 280 yds round Glenfernate Lodge on your L, crossing farmyard to reach gate and cattle grid.

Pass through gate and continue for 720 yds on private road with fence and woodland on your R to reach gate and cattle grid.

Pass through gate, passing sheep pens on your L and continue on road for 1.33 miles with Allt Fearnach Burn on your L and passing Crannach Farm on your R to reach bridge over the main burn (GR NO 044674).

Cross bridge, bear R and follow road for 2.07 miles to reach bridge at GR NO 026701.

Cross bridge and in 300yds fork left on grassy track 320° for 100yds to reach check point at Daldhu.

Checkpoint 3

8.28 miles

Ascent 914 ft. Descent 383 ft.

Opens 15.15 Saturday

Manned by Essex and Herts Group

Tent

Cumulative total 23.78 miles

Closes 20.50 Saturday

Daldhu GR NO 025705 – Shinagag GR NN 953673
Explorer 387 and 394, Landranger 43, Harvey Map

The next checkpoint is remote. Please ensure water bottles are full when you leave Daldhu as supplies limited at Shinagag.

Leave CP through gate and continue forward on track (320°) for 530 yds with Allt Glen Loch (burn) on your L to reach gate.

Pass through gate and follow track for 1.14 miles to reach junction with minor grassy track at GR NO 008717.

Take main track to L for 0.82 miles on bearing 280° descending towards burn and crossing ford to reach path junction at GR NN 996718.

Continue on main track for 460 yds on bearing 260°, crossing burn to reach ruined buildings at Bothan Ruigh-chuilein (GR NN 993717).

Bear L between buildings and follow grassy track for 1.68 miles to reach highest point of track (*initially crossing ford, then climbing, before gently descending and passing Stac nam Bodach on your L and climbing to the highest point*)

400 yds after the highest point reach a junction (GR NN 971704) where the track swings R and a path forks L ahead (*track to right not shown on OS map*).

Fork L on path (270°) for 1.64 miles contouring beneath the steep-sided Sron na h-Innearach on your L and Allt Coire Lagain on your R, path bending round to bearing 190° and becoming indistinct around GR NN 957690, where bear left by a small cairn on bearing 175° to find broken footbridge in small ravine over Allt Loch Valigan at GR NN 957686.

Cross burn and continue on path (200°) which becomes clearer, with ravine initially on your R, and after 0.6 miles join track merging from your L just before gate in fence at GR NN 953677.

Pass through gate and follow track downhill for 475 yds to reach farm track.

Turn L through gateway and follow track for 170yds to checkpoint.

Checkpoint 4

6.63 miles

Ascent 1036 ft. Descent 1058 ft.

Opens 16.45 Saturday

Manned by West Yorkshire Group

Tent

Cumulative total 30.41 miles

Closes 23.50 Saturday

Shinagag GR NN 953673 – Blair Atholl Village Hall GR NN 872653 Explorer 394 and 386, Landranger 43, Harvey Map

Leave checkpoint retracing steps to gateway, and continue on farm track for 490 yds to reach bridge over Allt Girmaig (GR NN 949673).

Cross footbridge and continue on track in NW direction for 0.87 miles to join track coming in from R (GR NN 939682).

On bearing 285° continue on main track for 0.66 miles to reach gate (GR NN 929681).

Pass through gate and continue on track for 755 yds to reach small wooden hut on your R (GR NN 923678).

In further 775 yds reach cattle grid (GR NN 916676).

Cross cattle grid and continue for 0.69 miles to pass through gate to join tarmac road at GR NN 907671.

Follow road ahead with wood on L and in 175 yds reach cattle grid by car parking area.

Follow road for 1.77 miles, descending steep hill to road junction at Fenderbridge.

Continue ahead on bearing 256° signed 'Old Blair/Blair Atholl' for 600 yds to reach road junction at Old Bridge of Tilt.

Ignoring turn to R continue on road signed 'Blair Atholl' for 150 yds and go through gap in wall on your R (at GR NN 875662 opposite last house on the left) to join riverside path.

Follow path for 880 yds to steps and ascend to road (**beware of traffic**).

Cross road **with care**, turn R on pavement crossing bridge over river Tilt, and continue for 400 yds into Blair Atholl to reach checkpoint on your L in Village Hall.

Checkpoint 5

6.27 miles

Ascent 368 ft, Descent 1155 ft.

Opens 18.00 Saturday

Staffed by Westmorland & North Lancs Group

Village Hall

Cumulative total 36.68 miles

Closes 02.45 Sunday

Blair Atholl Church Hall GR NN 872653 –

Struan School, Calvine GR NN 802658

Explorer 386, Landranger 43, Harvey Map

Leave church hall, turn R on pavement and in 355 yds reach 'white horse' sign for Atholl Country Life Museum.

Cross road, turn R and drop down to path between fence and road and follow path for 210 yds around field on your L to reach footbridge.

Cross footbridge, turn R and continue on path through woodland for 845 yds, initially with unfenced mill race on your R (**beware steep drop**), then river, to pass three sets of wooden steps on your L, cross a wooden footbridge and pass through stone folly.

Continue for 25 yds to reach marker post on your L.

Turn sharp L and continue up slope to reach marker post on your L.

Continue ahead on bearing 260° for 140 yds to reach car park on your L.

Turn R to reach minor road with building opposite.

Turn L and continue on road for 265 yds to reach junction with track on your L.

Ignoring track, bear R uphill on tarmac road for 600 yds to reach X roads.

Turn L on bearing 200° and follow minor road for 545 yds passing between houses, under a footbridge and crossing a bridge to reach T junction.

Turn R and follow fenced track for 1.39 miles to reach 5 way track junction at GR NN 843660.

On bearing 25° turn sharp R uphill on track through forestry signed "Falls of Bruar" for 425 yds to reach track junction at GR 845663.

Continue L uphill on bearing 291° on main track for 150 yds to reach gate at GR NN 844663.

If gate is locked, go through gap in broken wall to L of gate then pass through pedestrian gate on your R to regain track.

Continue on track for 1.21 miles, passing wooden hut on your L to reach track junction at GR NN 825665 (100 yds after gate posts).

Take L fork on bearing 230° and continue downhill for 600 yds (ignore track to R) to reach hairpin bend in track with seat on R overlooking gorge.

SELF CLIP GR NN 820666

BEWARE UNPROTECTED GORGE IN FRONT AND TO YOUR RIGHT FOR NEXT 200 YDS.

Do not continue round hairpin bend, but pass between rock bollards, turn L (bearing 230°) in front of seat and follow narrow footpath with stone chipping surface steeply downhill with steep gorge on your R (**take care**), for 315 yds to reach footbridge.

Cross footbridge and follow path to L for 335 yds, signed A9 Bruar, and with gorge on your L descend to reach faint path to R at GR NN 820661, 35 yds before railway tunnel.

Turn R over broken wall and take narrow path (bearing 250°) for 175 yds, dipping down over small burn and bear R uphill to reach cross tracks.

Go straight ahead on bearing 278° for 335 yds and ignoring track to L continue uphill to reach gate at edge of forestry at GR NN 816661.

Pass through gate and continue on track (bearing 300°) for 1090 yds to pass through gate and reach track junction.

Turn L on bearing 180° and continue for 245 yds with forestry on your L.

On S bend, 10 yds before end of forestry at new drainage culvert across track, turn R on narrow path, bearing 200°, and in 30 yds reach plank footbridge and fingerpost 'Calvine'.

Cross bridge and follow indistinct path close to fence on your L. At fence swing L downhill between fences on slippery uneven path to reach large pipe (**Mind Head**) which forms underpass beneath A9.

Go through underpass to hard standing behind housing.

Turn L for 20 yds and turn R round houses to reach road in Calvine.

Turn R and follow road uphill for 160 yds to reach check point in school on R.

Checkpoint 6

6.59 miles

Ascent 892 ft. descent 678 ft.

Opens 19.15 Saturday

Manned by Staffordshire Group

School

Cumulative total 43.27 miles

Closes 05.40 Sunday

Struan School, Calvine GR NN 802658 – Dalnacardoch GR NN 726701
Explorer 386, Landranger 42, 43, Harvey Map

The next two checkpoints are tents. Please ensure water bottles are full when you leave Calvine as supplies limited at Dalnacardoch and Loch Errochty

Leave school, turn R up road and in 90 yds join cycle track to L of road.

The route now follows the cycle track for 5.8 miles to the next checkpoint and no other instructions are really necessary. The cycle track is along the old A9 which lies between the river and the present A9.

The checkpoint will be near the junction of the cycle track with the road to Trinafour.

Checkpoint 7

5.88 miles

Ascent 501 ft. Descent 165 ft.

Opens 21.45 Saturday

Manned by Marches Group

Tent

Total 49.15 miles

Closes 08.25 Sunday

Dalnacardoch GR NN 726701 – Loch Errochty Dam GR NN 713654

Explorer 386, Landranger 42, Harvey Map

The route now follows a minor road with no side turnings for 1.75 miles to reach 2nd cattle grid and forestry on your L (GR NN 728681).

Cross cattle grid and continue on road for 1.3 miles to end of forestry on L (GR NN727661).

Continue downhill on road for 500yds passing Maud Loch on your R to reach track on R at GR NN 725656.

Please note next part differs from that shown on free map.

Turn R on track past barrier and through ford, and in 30yds bear L 240° on faint path to fence corner on R of mast.

Continue with fence on your left to next corner (20yds) and then ahead downhill on quad bike track (240°) to reach farm track at GR NN 723656.

Turn R on farm track with fence on L, and in 300yds forestry on L.

Continue on track for further 300yds, passing end of forestry and crossing bridge over small burn at GR NN 719659.

Continue for 260yds to reach large (1yd. square) smooth stone, 6ft from track on your L (GR NN 716661).

Turn L on bearing 225° and in 20 yds follow vehicle track down hillside for 200yds.

As track swings R, turn L on bearing approximately 180° over rough ground (heading for Dam) for 100yds to reach twin power poles and access road to Dam at GR NN 715658.

Ignore track signed to Sron and follow tarmac road through gate to cross Dam wall and reach CP.

Checkpoint 8

4.48 miles

Ascent 617 ft. Descent 560 ft.

Opens 22.30 Saturday

Manned by Ken and Isobel Falconer and friends

Tent

Total 53.63 miles

Closes 10.25 Sunday

Loch Errochty Dam GR NN 713654 – Kinloch Rannoch GR NN 662587
Explorer 386, Landranger 42, Harvey Map

The next section is difficult and remote. Please ensure you are carrying all the required equipment and that you are fit enough to reach Kinloch Rannoch. There will be a kit check and you will be retired if you are not carrying all emergency equipment. This is for your safety.

Leave CP for 175 yds uphill (bearing 170°) to reach ladder stile in fence.

Cross ladder stile, turn R on bearing 320° and take track through forestry with fence on R initially for 0.96 miles to GR NN 700651.

Ignore faint track straight ahead (not shown on OS map) and bend to L to cross wooden bridge and in 210 yards at end of forestry meet gate with stile to R of gate.

Cross unusual stile and continue on track on bearing 250° for 0.83 miles with Loch Errochty on your R, later with low earth bank on your R, finally swinging R to drop down to reach fenced enclosures on your R, and old chuck wagon on your L, to reach wooden bridge.

Cross bridge and continue on track for 740 yds with loch on your R to reach broken wall at GR NN 680648.

Pass through wall and follow track alongside loch for 0.82 miles (track becomes grassy) to reach small burn near ruined buildings at Ruighe nan Saorach at GR NN 667645.

Cross burn and continue on grassy track for 635 yds.

When track drops down to burn after end of loch and 20 yds before burn, TL to leave track and cross rough boggy ground to reach footbridge on your R at GR NN 662642.

Do not cross footbridge but continue for 0.64 miles alongside burn on your R, on intermittent paths, sometimes over rough ground, to reach flat open area and small side burn coming in on your L which joins main burn at a small stony beach at GR NN 655636. *(Do not be mid-led by an earlier stony beach that is only 400 yds from the footbridge).*

Continue on bearing 200° for 160 yds to reach a large stone sheepfold at GR NN 654635.

From sheepfold continue over rough level ground for 740 yds, initially with burn on your R *(the direct bearing from the sheepfold is 235° but the going is easiest just below the sill at the edge of the flood plain)* to reach fence at edge of sparse woodland. (Note: Fence is not shown on OS map, and the fence corner is 200 yds inland from the burn.)

SELF CLIP GR NN 647630

Turn L and continue uphill for approximately 0.73 miles with fence on your R to reach right-angled corner in fence, passing ladder stile on your R and start of wall on your L.

Turn R along fence on bearing 190° and continue near fence for approximately 0.6 miles to reach ladder stile on your R at GR NN 653614.

Continue along fence for 250 yds to reach gate and ladder stile at bend in fence at GR NN 653612.

Turn L uphill on bearing 100° for 350 yds to L hand col and reach gap/old gateway in wall *(wall not in view until col is reached)* at GR NN 656612.

Pass through wall and descend on faint path for 0.75 miles on initial bearing 140°, later bending round to 175°, to reach track beside the main burn (track not shown on OS map) and cairn at GR NN 661604.

Turn L on track for 160 yds, then cross burn heading for large cairn on opposite side.

With burn now on your L, after 230 yds pass through gap in prominent broken wall near its lowest point.

Descend on track for 720 yds, passing a small cairn then a very large cairn on your R, to reach gate and stile at GR NN 661594.

Cross stile and join track which zig-zags steeply downhill for 0.61 miles through silver birch wood to reach kissing gate.

Pass through gate and ahead on track to reach road in Kinloch Rannoch.

Cross road and enter road opposite with '20s Plenty' signs to reach hall/school.

Checkpoint 9a

Manned by Cleveland Group

Checkpoint 9b

Manned by East Lancs Group

8.06 miles

Ascent 1372 ft. Descent 1756 ft.

Opens 00.30 Sunday

Baggage – Village Hall

Breakfast – School

Cumulative total 61.69 miles

Closes 14.05 Sunday

Kinloch Rannoch GR NN 662587 – Pheiginn Bothy GR NN 739518
Explorer 386/378, Landranger 42/52, Harvey Map

Please ensure water bottles are full when leaving Kinloch Rannoch as limited supplies available at Pheiginn Bothy. This is a remote section and difficult between Tempar and Pheiginn Bothies. Please ensure that you are fit enough to continue.

Leave CP, turn L on road and continue for 210 yds to road junction.

Turn L over bridge over River Tummel on bearing 143° and continue on road for 210 yds to reach road junction.

Bear L (sign to 'Schiehallion') and continue on road for 900 yds to reach T junction.

Turn L and on bearing 98° continue on road for 690 yds to reach bridge over Innerhadden Burn.

Cross bridge and bear L along road for 1.05 miles to reach bridge with drive to East Tempar ahead at GR NN 690575.

Cross bridge and turn sharp R through metal gate onto track, bearing 220°.

Initially with fenced enclosure and burn on your R follow track for 425 yds as it winds uphill passing ruined building and small wood on your L to reach gate.

Pass through gate and on initial bearing 165° continue for 450 yds uphill on winding track to reach further gate.

Pass through gate and continue on track on bearing 145° for 1.70 miles ascending open hillside to reach and cross flat grassy area to Tempar Bothy at end of track (*the bothy is on your left and concealed from the direction of approach*).

Leave Tempar Bothy, crossing burn, on bearing 149° on a narrow path through heather and follow for approximately 0.66 miles, contouring under Schiehallion on your L to reach the third small cleft (and burn) in the hillside around a large grassy area which extends down to the valley on your R containing the main burn, Allt a' Choire Glais.

Do not cross this cleft but descend the R hand bank on bearing 211° down a grassy strip to the valley and main burn. (*Note that the exact point at which you descend to the valley bottom does not matter, but look for a way where the ground is easiest.*)

Turn L and with burn on your R continue for approximately 320 yds to reach old shielings at GR NN 707535 (30 yds to L of burn).

Continue for approximately 335 yds beside burn to reach point where two main burns meet in open flat area with stony shore and broken deer fence on opposite bank. (*The meeting point of the burns is just behind a small but prominent hillock.*)

Alteration to route. 28/2/2010

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change the route from this point through to Fortingall. Unfortunately this adds over three miles to the route. We have searched for an alternative to Fortingall for a checkpoint but nothing is available and we considered it preferable to retain one of our few village halls.

Please note: *The remainder of this section is not as shown on Harvey Map.*

Cross burns (no bridge) and bear L (130°) for 100 yds to gate in broken fence.

Pass through gate and turn left to follow fence with main stream just beyond.

After 800 yds cross side burn next to 10ft long iron grid.

In a further 350 yds reach a point where the fence turns sharp left (through an angle of 60°) with a steep bank on right (NN718532).

(From here you are aiming to reach bulldozed track which is easily visible in clear conditions on the hillside ahead).

Bear right uphill on 120° and in 350 yds reach stream in steep-sided gully.

Cross stream and ascend opposite bank to fence.

Step carefully over fence and continue diagonally uphill (130°) to reach obvious bulldozed track in 400 yds (NN724527).

Turn L on track and follow track for 1.3 miles over col to reach checkpoint at Pheiginn Bothy.

Checkpoint 10

8.16 miles

Ascent 2,048 ft. Descent 826 ft.

Opens 02.30 Sunday

Manned by

Small Bothy

Cumulative total 69.85 miles

Closes 17.50 Sunday

Pheiginn Bothy GR NN 739518 – Fortingall Village Hall GR NN 737470

Explorer 386/378, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

Alteration to route 28/2/10. Not as shown on Harvey Map

Leave bothy and continue along track, ignoring turning to R and in 1.33 miles reach track junction at GR NN 750507.

Continue ahead on track and with wall on your L continue for 950 yds to reach gate.

Pass through gate and continue downhill on good track for 1.62 miles to reach the road in Keltneyburn at GR NN 773491.

Turn R and continue along road for 2.81 miles passing through Fortingall village to reach the village hall, the last building on the R.

Checkpoint 11

6.27 miles

Ascent 213 ft. Descent 1680 ft.

Opens 04.15 Sunday

Manned by Kent and South Pennine Groups

Village Hall

Cumulative total 76.12 miles

Closes 20.40 Sunday

Fortingall Village Hall GR NN 737470 – Tay Forest Car Park
GR NN 788478

Explorer 378, 379, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

Next checkpoint is outdoor. Please ensure your water bottles are full as limited supply at Tay Forest.

Leave checkpoint, turn L and continue along road for 0.63 miles to reach sign for Balnacraig Farm on your L.

Continue for further 40 yds to reach pedestrian metal gate on your R.

Pass through gate and follow path to reach footbridge.

Cross bridge and continue for 370 yds around field edge to reach gate on your R into farm track.

Pass through gate and turn L up track for 335 yds to reach road.

Turn L and follow road for approximately 530 yds to reach large barn on your R.

Just after the barn cross stile on your R and on bearing 75° head to L of pylon to reach farm track in front of farm buildings.

Turn sharp R and follow grassy track ahead for 25 yds, bearing L round tree to go through gate/sheep pens.

Follow track as it bears L on grass track behind farm and in 250 yds swing R to reach footpath sign by forestry.

Enter forestry and continue uphill for 110 yds on path to reach forest track at GR NN 759469.

Turn L on bearing 50° and follow forest track uphill for 285 yds to reach track coming from R at GR NN 761471.

Continue on bearing 90°, still climbing, for 565 yds to pass track coming in from R and level out at turning point and a main forest track at GR NN 765472.

Turn L on bearing 9° and follow track (initially downhill and after 300 yds close to edge of the forest) for 1.96 miles to reach track junction at GR NN 786478.

Continue downhill (initial bearing 85°) on zig-zag track, and ignoring track to R reach gate.

Continue ahead to checkpoint on your R in small car park.

Checkpoint 12

4.36 miles

Ascent 853 ft. Descent 897 ft.

Opens 04.45 Sunday

Manned by The Irregulars

Tent

Cumulative total 80.48 miles

Closes 23.00 Sunday

Tay Forest Car Park NN 788478 – Aberfeldy Scout Hall GR NN 852491
Explorer 379, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

Leave checkpoint and follow track to road.

Turn L and continue along road with care for 0.83 miles to cross bridge just after a turn to your L signed ‘Duneaves’ and reach main road.

Turn R and follow road for 65 yds to reach footpath sign on your R.

(The route now follows a newly created riverside path not shown on OS maps)

Turn R and follow path for 425 yds to reach gate.

Follow path beside river for 350 yds to reach further gate.

Follow path through woodland for 390 yds to reach gate at confluence of rivers Lyon and Tay.

Continue on riverside path for 0.81 miles passing fisherman’s lodge with picnic tables on your R to reach point where track turns to your L into woodland (GR NN 805480).

Ignore track and continue on path alongside river for 1.05 miles, crossing footbridges and passing through gates to reach footpath fingerpost to House of Menzies.

Continue on riverside path (signed Aberfeldy 1.5k) for 0.95 miles to gate.

Pass through gate, turn L and then R to follow along field edge and in 670 yds through pedestrian gate onto road with Wade’s Bridge on your R.

Turn R and **with Care** follow road for 160 yds crossing Wade’s Bridge to reach cross roads.

Continue forward for 105 yds passing putting green on your R to reach first turning on your R signed to Health Centre.

Turn R and follow road for 125 yds to reach checkpoint on your L.

Checkpoint 13

5.77 miles

Ascent 172 ft. Descent 264 ft.

Opens 06.00 Sunday

Manned by Cornwall and Devon Group

Scout Hall

Total 86.25 miles

Closes 01.15 Monday

Aberfeldy Scout Hall GR NN 852491 – Track Junction GR NN 897457
Explorer 379, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

Aberfeldy is the last indoor checkpoint. Please ensure your water bottles are filled before leaving as there is limited supply in forestry.

Leave checkpoint, turn R for 125 yds to reach main road.

Turn L on road for 105 yds to reach cross roads.

Turn R on Tay Bridge Terrace and follow for 635 yds passing Golf Club House and Bowling Club on your L to cross bridge and reach T junction with 'Fishers' ahead.

Turn R and in 230 yds reach junction with main road.

Turn L along pavement and in 350 yds reach entrance to Caravan Park on your L.

Continue along pavement and in 0.86 miles, passing distillery on your R, reach end of pavement.

Cross road with care and walk along grass verge for 160 yds to reach turning to your R.

Take track uphill (bearing 110°) for 175 yds to reach drive to Cultullich on your R.

Continue uphill for 600 yds on bearing 140° passing between houses to reach gate into forestry with signboard for Cycle Route on your R.

(For next 12 miles to the road at Ballinlick the route follows the main (green) forest cycle route, waymarked by yellow arrows on green disc on waymark posts.)

Pass through gate posts and follow track on bearing 130° for 1.19 miles to reach large stone building on your L.

Continue on track for 530 yds passing open area on your R, with extensive views over the Tay valley and Schiehallion, to reach Cycle Route information board on your R at GR NN 894485.

Ignoring track to your L (No Entry waymark) continue 170° on R-hand track for 1.24 miles to reach track to your L at hairpin bend (Dead End waymark) at GR NN 901469.

Continue on main track for 650 yds, ignoring track on L and passing building on your R to reach junction of tracks at Loch Kennard with Cycle Route Board on your L and small faded sign for Loch Kennard Loop.

Turn R on bearing 220° and continue for 0.67 miles to reach track junction and checkpoint.

Checkpoint 14

Tent

6.3 miles

Cumulative total 92.55 miles

Ascent 1,423 ft. Descent 245 ft.

Opens 07.15 Sunday

Closes 04.05 Monday

Manned by Thames Valley Group

Track Junction GR NN 897457 – Pitleoch GR NN 954436

Explorer 379, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

Leave checkpoint on bearing 140° swinging to 120° and continue for 2.29 miles following signs for Dunkeld and Loch Kennard Loop, finally climbing to reach track junction with Cycle Route Map on your L at GR 928457.

Turn R leaving Loch Kennard Loop on bearing 170° and continue on main track for 1.34 miles to reach end of forestry on your R at GR NN 940440.

Continue on track for 0.72 miles to reach start of forestry on your R at GR NN 948432.

Continue on track for 930 yds to reach checkpoint on your R.

Checkpoint 15

Tent

4.86 miles

Cumulative total 97.41 miles

Ascent 258 ft. Descent 673 ft.

Opens 08.15 Sunday

Closes 06.15 Monday

Staffed by Chris Baines-Holmes, Keith Bailey and Malcolm Hunt

Pitleoch GR NN 954436 – Rumbling Bridge GR NN 997413

Explorer 379, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

Leave checkpoint and follow track downhill (ignoring track to L) crossing Pitleoch Burn and passing through wooden gate posts in fence at GR NN 955438.

Continue on main track for 1.5 miles, ignoring minor track to your L and later passing stone sheepfold on your R to reach track on your L and waymarks opposite on your R (GR NN 974427).

Continue ahead on main track on initial bearing 180° for 0.69 miles to reach large open area and wall coming in from your R with waymark on your R (GR NN 977417).

Pass R through broken wall and descend 440 yds on grassy track on bearing 180° to reach metal barrier and gate at end of forestry.

Pass through gate and with house (Outfields of Logie) on your L, continue for 0.65 miles downhill on track and passing through pedestrian gate with Ballinlick to your R to reach minor road.

Turn L and follow road for 1.1 miles passing Lagganallachie and small graveyard on your R to reach sharp bend in road to the R by fingerpost and checkpoint.

Checkpoint 16

4.34 miles

Ascent 301 ft. Descent 873 ft.

Opens 09.15 Sunday

Manned by Julian and Jo and miscellaneous others as available

Car/Camper Van

Total 101.75 miles

Closes 08.20 Monday

Well done, you have done over 100 miles, but don't give up. Just another 2.69 miles to go!

Rumbling Bridge – Finish in Drill Hall at Dunkeld GR NO 025426 Explorer 379, Landranger 52, Harvey Map

Pass through gate and follow track for 350 yds with fence on your L to reach gate.

Pass through gate, cross footbridge and continue forward 50 yds to reach path to your R signed The Hermitage and Ossian's Cave.

Turn R on footpath for 440 yds descending to reach cross path and marker post on your R with a green band.

Continue forward downhill for 250 yds to reach cave on your L.

Pass cave on your L and continue for 440 yds with River Braan on your R to reach track junction.

Bear R at seat and continue 125 yds to reach Ossian's Hall on your R.

Route change

There has been a landslip after Ossian's Hall. The route from here differs from that shown on the Harvey Map)

At Ossian's Hall, instead of crossing the small bridge, take main path ahead, signed Hermitage Car Park (70°) for 600 yds to go under railway and cross to far right corner of car park to exit road.

Ahead to A9 and turn R on pavement alongside A9 for 120yds.

Turn R and continue on path to reach Inver Village.

Continue through village passing telephone box to reach turning on your left just before entrance to Caravan Park at Inver Mill Farm.

Turn L.

Now back on route as shown on Harvey Map

In 25 yds pass between stone gate posts to your L with Forestry Enterprise sign on your L.

Continue forward on path for 250 yds with Forestry Enterprise depot on your R to reach metal gate posts.

Continue on path through woodland for 475 yds with River Braan on your R to reach wooden bridge.

Cross bridge and follow path to pass beneath A9 and reach double sign on your L 'Birnam Walk'.

Ignore path to your L and continue forward for 195 yds, passing tennis courts on your L to reach junction.

Turn R along lane for 210 yds, passing Craigvinean Surgery on your L, to reach junction with main road and sign on your L 'Birnam Walk'.

Turn L along pavement for 175 yds, passing Bruce Gdns on your L to reach bridge over River Tay.

Follow road over bridge for 300 yds to reach road junction on your L, passing Davidson's Chemist on your L.

Turn L into High Street and continue for 125 yds to finish at Drill Hall on your L.

2.69 miles

Cumulative total 104.44 miles

Ascent 166 ft. Descent 471 ft.

Closes 10.00 Monday

The Finish – Congratulations!