



MAP 1: Fort William To Gairloch 17.04km



	General Information / Walkers	Bicycles	Horses	Wheelchairs
Path				
Surface type	Unbound gravel paths and tracks, tarmac paths, pavement beside roads, towpath	10mph speed limit on canal tow paths		
Gradient	Mostly level			
Ascent/descent	25m			
Structures				
Bridges	3 timber pedestrian bridges at Inverlochy (NN119753) (NN113749) (NN119755)	Dismount at Soldiers Bridge (NN119755)	Inverlochy pedestrian bridges are 80cm wide. Soldiers Bridge long and narrow - unsuitable for horses.	Ramp on and off Soldiers Bridge (NN119755)
Seats	Yes			
Shelters	No			
Gates	Kissing gate for livestock management at Inverlochy. Vehicle gates on the tow path between FW and Gairloch. Pedestrian kissing gates on canal towpath.			
Toilets	Public toilets at Fort William (NN100737) & Caol village shopping centre (NN106761). Canal toilet key available on request from lock keepers. You can purchase a key for the British Waterways facilities from www.scottishcanals.co.uk or by ringing 01463 725500			
Water supply	No public water taps			
Accommodation				
Type/style	All types available	SEE ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS FOR STORAGE DETAILS		
Services	Buy lunch/food/snacks/drinks before you leave Fort William. Allow for no shops on Map 2.			
OS maps				
	Landranger 41			
Interesting features				
	Information panels. Aquaduct. Neptune's Staircase (NN113769). Moy swing bridge (NN162826). Mallaig steam train.			
Caution points				
	At high tide and/or during flooding the area north of Nevis Bridge and south of Soldiers Bridge (NN119755) may be inundated by flood and tidal waters. Alternative route shown on the ground. Crossing of the busy Road to the Isles A830 (NN112768). Mobile phone coverage is patchy and varies according to network.			

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MAP 2: Gairloch to Laggan Locks 20.7km



	General Information / Walkers	Bicycles	Horses	Wheelchairs
Path				
Surface type	Unbound gravel paths and tracks, tarmac paths. Forest roads and some minor road walking on B8005 (NN117844)	15mph speed limit on forest roads	Do not use the lock gates for crossing the canal	Decent from B8005 (NN179846) may require assistance. Beach at Loch Lochyside.
Gradient	Mostly level			
Ascent/descent	150m			
Structures				
Bridges	On forest roads and minor roads. Timber bridges on the Loch Lochy shore path are narrow with anti-slip decking.	Dismount for crossing the lock gates (NN285963)	Do not use the lock gates. Use the Invergarry Link (NN282964) which will bring you to the A82 just north of Laggan Swing Bridge for crossing the canal. When at narrow bridges, either ford the burn or find alternative route.	
Seats	Yes			
Shelters	1			
Gates	Forestry Commission vehicle gates locked. However all have pedestrian access adjacent.			
Toilets	Toilet key available on request from lock keepers. You can purchase a key for the British Waterways facilities from www.scottishcanals.co.uk or by ringing 01463 725500			
Water supply	No public water taps			
Accommodation				
Type/style	All types available	SEE ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS FOR STORAGE DETAILS		
Services	Purchase food supplies from Spean Bridge or ask your B&B for a lunch pack if available (see Accommodation Listings)			
OS maps	Landranger 41 & Landranger 34			
Interesting features	Information panels. Clan Cameron Museum (NN175877) & Chia-aig Falls (NN175870) in a 5mile circuit off the route. Clunes Forest School (NN202886) open on Mondays with the Great Glen Way Rangers.			
Caution points	Take due care on the minor roads with blind corners and blind summits. Take care crossing the B8005 at Gairloch (NN117844) and Loch Lochy side (NN299981). Mobile phone coverage is patchy and varies according to network.			

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MAP 3: Laggan Locks to Fort Augustus 19.5km



Path	General Information / Walkers	Bicycles	Horses	Wheelchairs
Surface type	Unbound gravel paths and tracks, forest roads and some minor road walking on Balmaglaister Road. Canal towpath and grassy farm track which can be muddy and wet.	15mph speed limit on forest roads	No access over canal, keep to north side and use the weir (NH337033) between Aberchalder and Cullochly lock gates.	Beach gravel at top of loch Oich (NH338035) may be difficult to move in/wheel in.
Gradient	Mostly level			
Ascent/descent	50m			
Other	Invergarry link (NN282964) allows the route from South Laggan to Aberchalder Swing Bridge (NH338035), through the forest including Invergarry village		Recommended route is the Invergarry Link (NN282964).	Not recommended for the Invergarry link.
Structures				
Bridges	On forest roads and minor roads. Timber bridges on the Loch Oich side with anti-slip decking (NH320006) (NH321007).	Dismount for crossing the lock gates	Do not use the lock gates - Keep to north side of canal tow path between Aberchalder and Fort Augustus.	GGW not suitable between Aberchalder Swing Bridge to old rail bridge on Aberchalder estate.
			GGW not suitable for horses and wheelchairs at the old Rail bridge Aberchalder Estate. Use the farm track.	
Seats	Yes			
Shelters	No			
Gates	Forestry Commission vehicle gates locked, however all have pedestrian access adjacent. Self-closing gate at boundary of Aberchalder estate and FCS land (NN315999).			
Toilets	Toilet key available on request from lock keepers. You can purchase a key for the British Waterways facilities from www.scottishcanals.co.uk or by ringing 01463 725500			
Water supply	No public water taps			
Accommodation				
Type/style	All types available	SEE ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS FOR STORAGE DETAILS		
Services	Purchase food supplies from Spean Bridge or ask your B&B for a lunch pack if available - see Accom Listings. Shop at Well of 7 Heads (NN305991).			
OS maps	Landranger 34			
Interesting features	Information panels. Old Invergarry Castle (NH314006). Wade Military Road. Well of the Seven Heads (NN305991).			
Caution points	Take due care crossing the A82 at Laggan Swing Bridge (NN299983) and again the A82 at Aberchalder Swing Bridge (NH338035). Livestock may be in Aberchalder Estate. Mobile phone coverage is patchy and varies according to network.			

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MAP 4: Fort Augustus to Alltsigh 14.8km



	General Information / Walkers	Bicycles	Horses	Wheelchairs
Path				
Surface type	Unbound gravel paths and tracks, forest roads and some minor road walking. Tarmac roadside path in villages.	15mph speed limit on forest roads	Roadside walking at Invermoriston for short section of route 200m along A82 in 40mph area (NH419164).	Steep rise on tarmac footpath out of Fort Augustus (NH379094). Steep rise up to forest road at Inchnacardoch (NH380101).
Gradient	Undulating with one steep climb			
Ascent/descent	500m			At Invermoriston end of the forest track, continue on the track for 1 mile and turn onto Dalcataig Road. Very steep rise from Invermoriston on the Achnaconeran road (NH419168).
Other				Start at Allt na Criche to miss the 2 steep sections noted above.
Structures				
Bridges	On forest roads and minor roads without rails	Steep ascent/descent on the Achnaconeran Road (NH419168), dismount recommended.	Narrow wooden bridge at Inchnacardoch. Ford nearby.	
Seats	Yes			
Shelters	No			
Gates	Forestry Commission vehicle gates locked, however all have pedestrian access adjacent.			
Toilets	Public toilets available in Fort Augustus (NH378093) and at Millennium Hall in Invermoriston (NH420166).			
Water supply	Public water taps available as above.			
Accommodation				
Type/style	All types available	SEE ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS FOR STORAGE DETAILS		
Services	Purchase food supplies from Fort Augustus or ask your B&B for a lunch pack if available. See Accom. Listings for details. Shop in Invermoriston.			
OS maps	Landranger 34			
Interesting features	Information panels. Big trees. Views along Loch Ness. Cherry Island (NH385102) and the Stone Cave at Alltsigh. Thomas Telford's old bridge (NH419165). Stone seat, above Invermoriston on the north side, is a good lunch spot.			
Caution points	Forest roads may have logging trucks using them. Steep ascent/descent on the Achnaconeran Road (NH419168). Mobile phone coverage is patchy and varies according to network.			

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MAP 5: Altsigh to Drumnadrochit 23km



	General Information / Walkers	Bicycles	Horses	Wheelchairs
Path				
Surface type	Unbound gravel paths and tracks, forest roads and minor road walking. Tarmac roadside paths in villages. Farm track. Shared route in places with residential and business driveways	15mph speed limit on forest roads	Roadside walking on tarmac path from Lewiston to Drumnadrochit (NH512291): route is 200m along A82 in 40mph area.	Narrow rocky path on the Alltsigh link.
Gradient	Undulating with one steep climb			Long climb from Altsigh
Ascent/descent	300m			
Other		Option to use the minor road to climb the hill if going south from Drumnadrochit (NH511289).	Part of the route on this map is a well-used bridal way for local business. Expect horses riding in groups.	
Structures				
Bridges	On forest roads and minor roads without rails. Anti-slip decking on wooden bridge (NH420172).			
Seats	Yes (NH455191)			
Shelters	No			
Gates	Forestry Commission vehicle gates locked, however all have pedestrian access adjacent. Horse handles on most gates.			
Toilets	Public toilets available in Drumnadrochit (NH508298)			
Water supply	Tap in Drumnadrochit near toilets. (NH508298)			
Accommodation				
Type/style	All types available	SEE ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS FOR STORAGE DETAILS		
Services	Purchase food supplies from Invermoriston or ask your B&B for a lunch pack if available – see Accom. Listings for details. No shops on this map			
OS maps	Landranger 34 & Landranger 26			
Interesting features	Information panels. Big trees. Views along Loch Ness. View point above Alltsigh with seating and great views (NH455191). Hill fort at Grottaig.			
Caution points	Forest roads may have logging trucks using them. Steep ascent/descent between Altsigh and Bunloit Road end (NH511289). Take care on sections that are shared with residential and businesses for driveways. Mobile phone coverage is patchy and varies according to network.			

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MAP 6: Drumnadrochit to Abriachan 12.54km



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Path				
Surface type	Unbound gravel paths and tracks, forest roads. Tarmac roadside paths in villages. Farm track. Shared route in places with residential and business driveways.	15mph speed limit on forest roads. Steep climb at Tychat (NH531300).	Roadside walking on tarmac path from Drumnadrochit (NH508301) to Tychat (NH529300): route 1km along A82 in 40mph and 60mph area.	Steep climb out of Drumnadrochit in several places.
Gradient	Mainly climbing and then undulating			
Ascent/descent	340m			
Other				Option to use the right of way from Wester Achtuie (NH519314) (Drumbuie Road) to Achpopuli (NH536344).
Structures				
Bridges	On forest roads and minor roads without rails. Anti-slip decking on wooden bridge.			
Seats	Yes			
Shelters	No			
Gates	Forestry Commission vehicle gates locked, however all have pedestrian access adjacent. Kissing gates for stock management at farming properties. Diversions at Tychat for lambing.			
Toilets	Public toilets available in Drumnadrochit (NH508299) and Abriachan (NH540353)			
Water supply	1 public water tap at Wester Laide (NH540353)			
Accommodation				
Type/style	All types available	SEE ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS FOR STORAGE DETAILS		
Services	Purchase food supplies from Drumnadrochit or ask your B&B for a lunch pack if available - see Accom. Listings for details. No shops on this map after leaving Drumnadrochit.			
OS maps	Landranger 26			
Interesting features	Information panels. Views along Loch Ness. Abriachan Woodland Trust. Highest point of route. Remains of logging machinery from Newfies.			
Caution points	Forest roads may have logging trucks using them. Steep ascent/descent. Take particular care on sections that are shared with residential and businesses for driveways. Mobile phone coverage is patchy and varies according to network.			

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MAP 7: Abriachan to Inverness 19.46km



	General Information / Walkers	Bicycles	Horses	Wheelchairs
Path				
Surface type	Unbound gravel paths and tracks, forest roads. Tarmac roadside paths in Inverness. Farm track. Shared route in places with residential and business driveways.	15mph speed limit on forest roads	Roadside walking on tarmac path through Inverness with 30mph area (NH655437).	Steep descent from Reservoir on NHS Trust property (NH628439) to SNH building.
Gradient	Undulating then mainly downhill			
Ascent/descent	45m			Not recommended for this section. Going from Abriachan to Inverness may be an option for an experienced terrain buggy.
Other			Horse access not recommended for Castle grounds (NH666450).	
Structures				
Bridges	On forest roads and minor roads without rails.			
Seats	Yes			
Shelters	No			
Gates	Some vehicle gates locked, however all have pedestrian access adjacent. Kissing gates for stock management at farming properties. York 2 in 1s installed on drove road.			
Toilets	Public toilets available in Abriachan (NH540353) and Inverness.			
Water supply	1 public water tap at Wester Laide (NH540353).			
Accommodation				
Type/style	All types available	SEE ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS FOR STORAGE DETAILS		
Services	Purchase food supplies from Drumnadrochit or ask your B&B for a lunch pack if available - see Accom. Listings for details. No shops on this map.			
OS maps	Landranger 26			
Interesting features	Information panels. Views over to the Beauly Firth, Monoliths, Starth Farr Wind Farm. Views over southern edges of Moray Firth toward Airport. Abriachan Woodland Trust. Drove road. Chambered cairn.			
Caution points	Farm machinery may be working on farm tracks and forest roads may have logging trucks using them. Steep ascent/descent. Crossing the A82 at Tomnahurich Swing Bridge (NH654438). Mobile phone coverage is patchy and varies according to network.			

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