

Glen Finglas



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Glen Finglas is located north of Brig O' Turk and stretching over more than 4 ha. It has the largest upland wood pasture in Britain. Once covered with alder, birch, oak hazel, rowan and willow, the ancient woodland has been reduced over the centuries. Now Woodland Trust Scotland is restoring this ancient woodland.

Glen Finglas is the perfect place for a walk no matter is long distance or a short walk. From the car park next to Glen Finglas it is easy to get up to a waterfall.

With some luck you can spot a golden eagle on the Glen while around Loch Venachar you can find osprey. Beside Loch Vneachar there are some other lochs nearbe Glen Finglas. Just next to the Glen you can get to Glen Finglas Reservoir and Loch Achray or a bit further you will find Loch Katrine.

The Glenn Finglas Reservoir is a great place for angling. You can book a boat for a modest price and fish for rainbow trout and traditional wild brown. The reservoir offers give you a remote feeling and the fishing club makes sure that the quality of the fishing experince stays as it is.



The Mell - Walking and Cycling Trail

Distance: 15 miles

Time: 7 hours

This walking and cycling trail around Glen Finglas leads you through beautiful landscapes. It starts at the path to Drippan which you follow. The path goes around Lendrick Hill and joins a private road.

On your path you get woodlands with ancient trees. You will get to the higher part of Glen Finglas. If you prefer not to walk or cycle the whole route you can follow the route for a while, enjoy the views on the reservoir and walk the same route back again.

Another option for cyclists is to start in Briig O' Turk and follow the route to Glen Finglas.



Mountain Bike Route

Distance: About 15 miles

Challenging

This challenging route is only suitable for mountain bikes. It starts at the Glen Finglas car park or alternatively you can start from Brig o' Turk on the A821 for a harder ride. The standard route is 15 miles long and the alternative route 17 miles.

From the car park you take the steeping road up the hill. When you arrive at the top you will get rewarded with some fantastic views of the dam and the loch on the left side. Take the left direction at every fork until you reach the northern end of the loch. You will reach a long climb which steepens for a while until you reach a high point of about 1900 feet. Here you can take a break and enjoy the panoramas.



Now the route is becoming a bit rougher before you rejoin the original track at the lochside. Following the original track you will get back to your starting point.

Alternative start point

If you choose the alternative route you start your ride east of Brig O' Turk at the Glenfinglas car park. Cross the bridge and after passing through a gate, turn left and get off to push your bike up the steep gravel track. Then the track becomes rideable and you will have some views over Loch Achray to Ben Venue, Loch Venachar and to the Menteith Hills. Now the ride becomes easier because you join the main Glenfinglas road after passing a gate. After reaching the public car park below the dam follow the public road A821 and turn left. After another half mile you will get to the alternative start point.

