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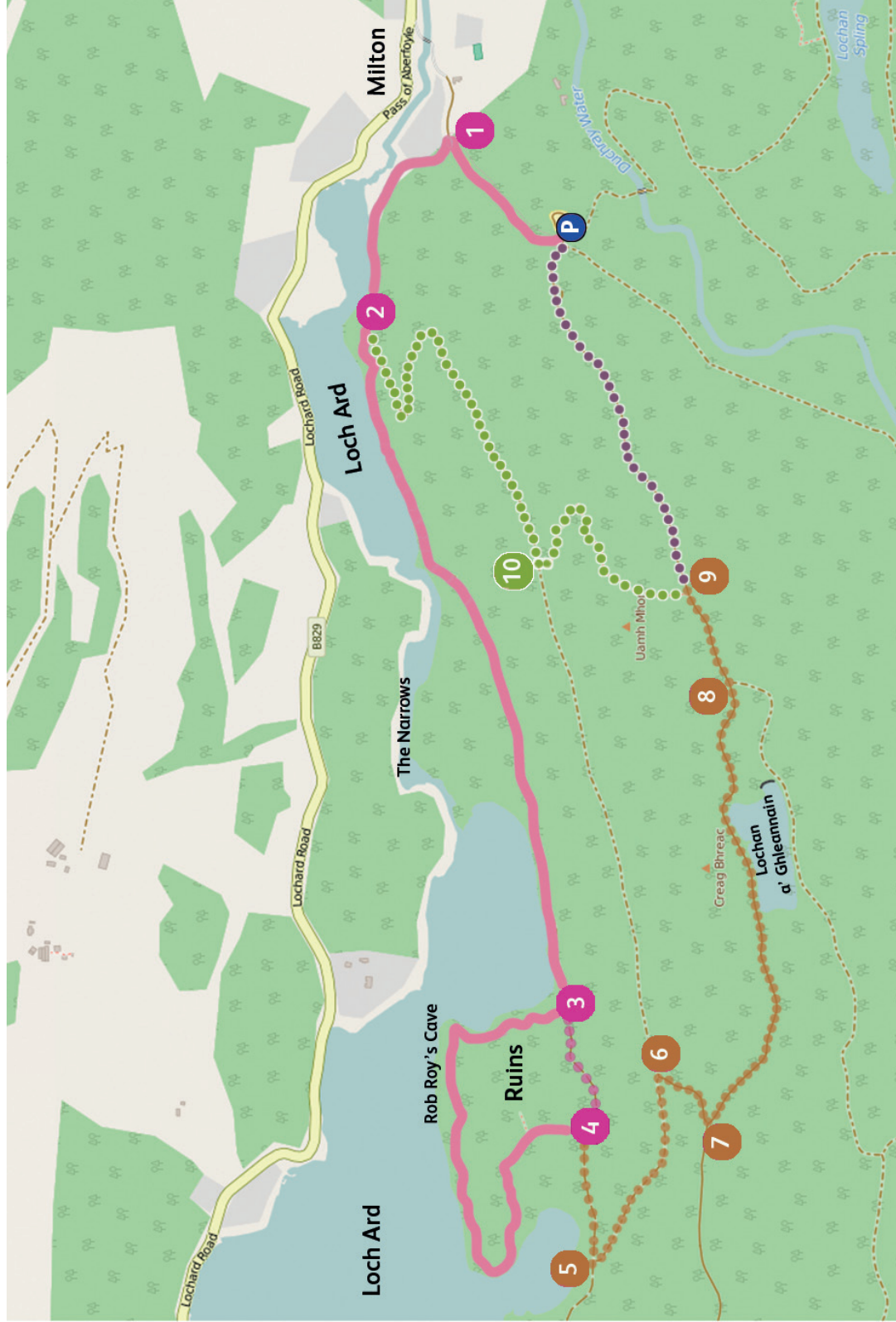
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1 - See attached instructions for details of points



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This is on tracks through varied forestry, with fine views of Loch Ard and also some sculptures.

Start Point - Forestry Commission car park at Milton.

From Tigh Mor, cross over the Dukes Pass to Aberfoyle. In the village turn right at the T junction at the foot of the hill (by the bank), and onto the **B829** signposted to **Inversnaid**. In approx 1½ miles take a left fork signposted 'Loch Ard Forest' and follow signs to the car park in a further ½ mile at **NN499011**. (Note that although cars are often parked in it, the pull-in on the left at the end of the tarmac is not the car park!) This is on the left in another 200m and has an information board. The route described is the 'red' one & you will follow red wayposts all the way round.

WALK INSTRUCTIONS

- Turn right out of the car park, following the blue/red/black wayposts signposted 'Loch Ard/The Crannog'. This is the track on which you have just driven in.
- In 200 – 300m (3-4 mins) you will reach **Point 1 (NN501013)** - a junction beside a house called 'Woodlinn'. Turn left here (signed 'Loch Ard') & continue to follow the blue/red/black wayposts.
- Pass a wooden gate, Lochend Cottage and a metal gate to arrive at **Point 2 (NN497015)**, another junction, approx 500m (8 mins) from the previous one. **Ignore** the blue wayposted track which goes uphill to your left past a metal barrier & carry straight on following the red/black wayposts past another metal barrier & along by the loch shore.
- In another 500m (8 mins) there is a good view along the **Narrows** – the stretch of water connecting the two parts of **Loch Ard** and shortly after this the first sculpture can be spotted in the woods on your left.
- Pass two more sculptures and in approx 1Km (15 mins) reach **Point 3 (NN482011)**, a junction on your right with a wooden barrier and two red/black wayposts. Turn right here to follow the shore line, Tigh Mor Walk Pack v3.0, December 2015. Contains Ordnance Survey data. Crown copyright and database right 2015 then up a slight hill to some wooden fencing – about 500m (8 mins) from the junction. One of **Rob Roy's** many hiding caves is below you – **but unfortunately is not safely accessible**.
- Continue along the path, down a steepish section and round a small headland from which you can see the full length of the loch. The path now bends to the east & eventually joins a wider track, about 700m (10 mins after the fence).
- In a further 200m (3 mins) there is a small path to your left. Follow this for 30m or so to look down on the ruins of the crafting township of Blar an Rois.
- Return to the wider track, turn left and in approx 200m (2 mins) rejoin the main lochshore track at **Point 4 (NN479011)** where there are the remains of another wooden barrier and two more red/black wayposts.

Shorter Walk – 7a.

- Turn left & return to car park along the lochshore track. Slightly more than 2Km (about ½ hour).

Longer Walk – 7b.

- Turn right. In 300m (4 mins) you come to **Point 5 (NN477011)** a junction with some squirrel sculptures. Turn sharp left uphill following red wayposts and signed 'Milton Car Park 1¾ miles'. Climb steadily through the forest & in 500m (8 mins) turn right at **Point 6 (NN480009)**, a junction at the brow of a hill. In 150m (2 mins) you will reach **Point 7 (NN479008)** a metal barrier at a T junction. Turn left to follow the red/black wayposts, now signposted 'Milton car park 1½ miles'.
- In about 300, (4-5 mins) there is an ideal spot to pause where a wooden bench overlooks the attractive **Loch an Gleannan** snuggling in the woods. Continue downhill, past the lochan, and in approx 750m (10 mins) from the seat you come to another junction at **Point 8 (NN489008)**. **Ignore** the track on the right & carry straight on. In 300m (4 mins) at **Point 9 (NN491008)** a path on the left leads to a viewpoint (blue waypoints).

Either:

- **●●● a)** (Note - as at Dec 2016, this path currently closed for upgrade work). Turn left here & follow the track uphill to the viewpoint. Then carry on down the other side of the hill to **Point 10 (NN491012)** a T junction at which turn right and continue to follow the blue wayposts down to **Point 2** - 1½ Km (25mins). Now turn right and follow the blue/red/black wayposts back to the car park in 700m (10 mins).
- **●●● b)** carry on downhill following the blue/red/black wayposts back to the car park in 800m (12 mins).

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