






Lochan Spling

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-  - walk a
-  - walk b
-  - A829 / Lochard Road
-  - See attached instructions for details of points

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Walk 8

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Lochan Spling is a secluded lochan nestling in a hollow in Loch Ard Forest and surrounded by birch woodland. The circuit described is an easy walk on level ground and passes a selection of locally produced 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.

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WALK INSTRUCTIONS

- Leave the car park by the small path with green wayposts, signposted 'Loch Ard Cycle Route' (on your left as you face the information boards).
- Follow it downhill and in about 200m (3 mins) cross the bridge over the **Duchray Water**.
- The path now follows the river downstream before bending to the right through some cleared plantation and, in a further 400m (6 mins), leads to a T junction at **Point 1** ([NN5000078](#)).
- Turn left here, signed 'Aberfoyle'. After walking through plantation for approx 300m (5 mins) you reach the banks of **Lochan Spling**.
- In a further 150m (2-3 mins), at **Point 2** ([NN503005](#)) a small path rises on your left.
- Either:
 - **a)** Ignore this and continue along the shore to the end of the lochan in 300-400m (5 mins). At a right hand bend in a further 100m (1-2mins) the small path rejoins from the left.
 - **b)** Take the small path which leads uphill to a small viewpoint which gives pleasant views to the south. Continue along the path which drops to rejoin the main track just beyond the eastern end of the lochan (500m – (13-14 mins).
Note that this path can be slippery when wet.
- In a further 100m (1-2 mins) pass a metal barrier to join a forest road at a crossroads - **Point 3** ([NN507004](#)).
- Turn right here, signed 'Kinlochard', and follow the forest road along the southern shore of the lochan (there may be an occasional vehicle) for about 1 Km (15 mins) to a T junction just beyond the western end of the lochan at [NN498003](#).
- Turn right, signed 'Milton Car Park', pass a metal barrier and in about 800m (12 mins) you will have returned to the junction at **Point 1**.
- Continue straight on to retrace your steps to the car park in just over 1 Km (15 mins).

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