

Oak Coppice Trail

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 - walk

 - A821

 - B829

 - See attached instructions for details of points

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Walk 17

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A circular walk from the David Marshall Lodge through some lovely oak woodland.

Start Point - The Lodge
(Forestry Commission visitor centre – previously known as the David Marshall Lodge).

- Turn right out of **Tigh Mor** and follow the A821 towards Aberfoyle. The lodge is on your left, about ½ mile short of Aberfoyle as you descend towards the village. [NN517015](#).
- Pay & Display parking. Toilets, cafe & gift shop at the lodge.

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WALK INSTRUCTIONS

- Start at the front door of the lodge. Keep left to pass along two sides of the lodge and with the verandah on your left, follow the path straight in front of you which zig zags downhill.

- In about 150m (2 mins) you will come to a path with a white/green/blue/red waypost. Cross this (it is a staggered junction so you actually turn right & then immediately left) & in another 150m (2 mins) cross a tarmac cycle path (NCN 7) signposted in one direction to Callander & in the other to Aberfoyle.
- Cross this as well (another staggered junction, this time left & then immediately right) to follow a path with green wayposts.
- In about 50m (½ min) at a T junction, take the path on your left signposted 'Oak Coppice Trail.
- In another 50m (½ min) at another T junction turn right, still following green wayposts. Ignore the numerous faint paths on both sides, but continue to follow the main path as it meanders through the woodland.
- In about 200m (3 mins), at a small burn the path goes left, uphill & through a missing gate into a fenced enclosure.
- In approx ½ min turn right at a T junction past another green waypost (straight on is a shortcut). The path gradually leads round to the left, down some shallow stone steps and in 200m (3 min), from the junction you will see the wooden huts of the Dounans Outdoor centre across the burn on your right.
- In another 100m (1½ min) the shortcut rejoins on the left and you pass out of the fenced enclosure through another missing gate.
- The path now ascends steadily with the burn on your right. In 400m (6 min) ignore the path with the red waypost on your right leading to a bridge. Keep straight on following the green/red wayposts (signed to the lodge).
- At the fork in 200m (3 min) keep right to follow the burn and the white/green/blue waypost to reach the bridge at the foot of the waterfall. **Do not** cross the bridge, but follow the path to, and then past the waterfall.
- At the fork, about 20m after you leave the waterfall, ignore the white/green/blue/red waypost which leads straight ahead over a board walk. Instead keep right, uphill following the blue wayposts (as for **Walk 10**).
- In about 300m (4 mins) at a small stone bridge, ignore the path on the right with blue wayposts and carry straight on to the car park in about 150m (2 mins).

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