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Two pleasant walks from Callander with the option of a refreshment stop at the Lade Inn.

Start Point - The Riverside car park in Callander (if coming from Tigh Mor it is on the right virtually opposite the **Dreadnaught Hotel**).
NN626080

WALK INSTRUCTIONS

- Leave at the N end of the car park (i.e. furthest from the bridge) following signs for cycle route 7. At an old level crossing sign keep R, then in a few yards turn left at the T junction (signposted Route 7 – Strathyre 9). This is only 150 m or so and will only take you a couple of minutes. This is **Point 1 (NN623080)**
- Carry on along this path (the old railway line) and in another couple of minutes you will cross the River Teith by a metal bridge, then in a further couple of minutes you will cross a small burn on a wooden bridge. Shortly after this some distinct ridges in the field to your right are the remains of a Roman fort.
- In a further 300-400 m (6 minutes) or so you cross a farm track (where there are gates & cattle grids), then in about the same distance again you will reach a stone bridge crossing the path*.

• Shorter Walk 13a

- Turn right onto the road at this bridge and follow the road to the Lade Inn in approx 300 m.
- Either return to Callander by the same route, or turn right on leaving the Lade Inn and follow the road past the **Kilmahog Woollen Mill** back to the car park. There is a pavement beside the main road.

• Longer Walk 13b

- Fork left uphill on narrow path immediately after bridge, this takes you onto the old road. Turn right when you reach it and follow it to cross the present road up a track (signed FC Bochastle). In a few metres turn left (signed with a white arrow and a bootprint) to go through a gate marked '**Woodland Trust – Milton**'. **Point 2 (NN608081)** – 2 or 3 mins from the bridge.
- Follow this path and in about 1 Km (15mins) pass through a gate & cross a bridge. In a further 200 - 300m (3 mins) a narrow path with a white waypost doubles back uphill on the right. This marks the start of an optional detour to either the iron-age fort of Dunmore and/or the glacial erratic boulder known locally as **Samson's Putting Stone**. (If you take either of these two detours, return to this point).
- In about 300m (4 mins) pass through a gate at **Point 3 (NN603074)**, cross the main road & follow the minor road signposted '**Invertrossachs**'. There are also warning signs of a Weak bridge with a 13 T weight limit in 300 yds.

- In about 300m (4 mins) cross the bridge & turn left (signed Route 7 Callander 2). In a further 300m (4 mins) , pass the entrance to the **Trossachs Tryst cycling centre** & just after this take the track on the right signed '**FC Coilhalla Wood**' (**Point 4 (NN608072)**). Carry straight on past a metal barrier.
- Continue steadily uphill through forestry plantation. There are no obvious landmarks for a while but eventually the track levels off before starting to drop and the plantation thins out to offer some views.
- At **Point 5 (NN623072)** - after about 2 Km (30 mins), the track ends at some boulders and a minor path leads uphill to the right. Follow this minor path for about 50m to reach a T junction.
- Turn left here (signposted 'Callander ¼ mile') and follow the path downhill for about 400m (5 mins) to the main road.
- Turn left (there is a pavement on the other side of the road), keep right at the roundabout then cross the bridge over the river in about 400m (6 mins).
- Just after a graveyard on the left, turn left along an alley which leads back to the car park in about 300m (4 mins).*

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