

Explore the Portmoak Paths Network



1 Michael Bruce Way (MBW)

Distance: 5km

A fine circular walk connecting the villages of Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell including woodland trails through Kilmagadwood and Portmoak Moss, one of the few surviving raised peat bogs in central Scotland. The hill section offers superb views across Loch Leven to Benarty Hill and the Ochil Hills. MBW leaflet is available at Kinnesswood Shop and Garage or www.portmoak.co.uk

2 Captain Carbon goes to the Fairy Steps



Distance: 1km

A lovely short route for children to enjoy above the village of Kinnesswood passing underneath the Fairy Steps – tiny footprints cut into the rock carved many years ago by quarrymen who may have believed in fairies. The route continues along the MBW crossing the small stream and down to the gate and return by the network of trails in Stephen's field – a great place to play hide and seek. Follow more of Captain Carbon's adventures in Portmoak Moss at www.portmoakcw.org.uk

3 Dryside Road Path

Distance: 4.5km

This Right of Way is part of an ancient route linking the monastic community at Scotlandwell to St Andrews. The path follows the pavement to Easter Balgedie then is signposted through the hamlet and along the old path with lovely views over Loch Leven and to Bishop Hill above. The route joins the Glenlomond Road at Springfield Farm and returns via Wester Balgedie and the off-road path and pavement along the A911 back to Kinnesswood.

4 Loch Leven's Larder Circuit

Distance: 8km

A lovely circular walk following the Grahamstone farm track to join the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Loch Leven is Scotland's largest lowland freshwater loch and is a haven for wildlife. This National Nature Reserve attracts the largest concentration of ducks found anywhere in the UK with many thousands of migratory ducks, geese and swans every autumn and winter. Loch Leven's Larder café serves food and drink all day in a beautiful setting with spectacular views of the loch. Optional return routes include the Dryside Road Path or along the off-road section and pavement on the A911. Loch Leven Heritage Trail leaflet is available at Loch Leven's Larder or www.pkc.org/loch-leven-heritage-trail

5 Lochend Farm and Scottish Gliding Centre

Distance: 9km

This route also joins the Loch Leven Heritage Trail at Grahamstone but goes in the opposite direction from Loch Leven's Larder, passing through birchwoods and signposted left off the Heritage Trail at Lochend. The path leads up an access track towards the edge of the Scottish Gliding Centre and crosses the Well Burn to join the B920 road. Both Lochend Farm Shop and the Scottish Gliding Centre have cafés open all day. Return by the same route to avoid the busy B920 road.

6 Bishop Hill and Glenvale

Distance: 10km

This is a hill walk and requires suitable footwear, clothing and navigational aids. The walk starts with a steep climb up from Esme's Gate to the summit of White Craigs (456m). There is a good path, with many variants, across the extensive plateau to reach the prominent cairn of Bishop Hill (461m). Descend north along the edge following the old wall and enjoying superb views of Loch Leven, south to Edinburgh and the Firth of Forth and north to the Perthshire hills. When the waymarker above Glenvale is reached, go through the gate and follow the signposts to Glenlomond. The route works its way back towards Springfield Farm, starting above the fields then following a well-defined farm track through fields to join the Glenlomond road. Return by the Dryside Road Path.

7 White Craigs and Kilmagadwood

Distance: 4km

This is a hill walk and requires suitable clothing, footwear and navigational aids. The walk starts by joining the MBW either at the top of the Cobbles or at Esme's Gate. Follow the path along the top of the golf course to Kilmagadwood and branch left at the entrance to the woods. A good path climbs gently up to reach a gate at the top of the woods. There are great views over Loch Leven all the way from here to the summit of White Craigs (456m) which is one of the finest viewpoints in Central Scotland. The giant white ball on adjoining Munduff Hill is one of four 'rain radar stations' operated by the Met Office in Scotland. Descend directly and steeply to Esme's Gate or return the same way. This is especially good as an evening walk to enjoy the sunset over Loch Leven.

Use the local path network to explore this beautiful area taking in woodlands, farmlands, peatlands, hills and the stunning Loch Leven. Enjoy the scenery, the fresh air and exercise and meeting other people on the paths. There's something for everyone including Captain Carbon's special route for children. All routes are waymarked and follow well-defined footpaths - apart from the two hill walks.

All routes start and finish here at the Car Park in Kinnesswood.

For more information contact www.portmoak.co.uk

