

Glen Goinean Intake Dam

Distance: 3½ miles (5½ km)
Time: Allow 1½ hours
Grade: Easy
Colour Code: Green

A lovely stroll through quiet countryside, skirting farmland and through light broadleaf woodland. Starting beside the River Earn and then across St Fillans Golf Course with views of the old Dundurn Chapel and Hill Fort site. Look out for Roe & Red Deer, Dippers & Kingfishers by the river and Osprey over the Loch.

A low level walk, starting on even paths and roads, then easy tracks over the golf course and beside farmland, with a slight climb to the hydro intake where a good location for picnics can be found. There are a few farm gates to pass through and a deer fence stile to negotiate.

Start at the Village Information Point by the footbridge, near the Village Store and opposite the Arran Brewery Hotel.

Cross the footbridge spanning the River Earn and immediately turn right past the Village War Memorial. Follow the path a short way around the end of Loch Earn to the South Loch Road and there, turn left. Walk along the road for about ½ mile, past the weir on your left and St Fillans Golf Club on your right.

Just before the road bends left (over the old Dundurn Bridge), take the track to the right, over the golf course. Look both ways and take care crossing two fairways. (Please give way to golfers playing across the track.) Having crossed the golf course, fork left.

Keep to this track, which then skirts the golf course and turns right, passing Wester Dundurn farmhouse and outbuildings on your right.

Keep straight forward on the track for about 100 metres (i.e. forking left) and climb over the deer fence by a four bar high stile, to the right of the locked vehicle gate. The track turns eastwards, under trees and beside a wall, for about 200 metres, then through a gate out into an open field. Follow the track right, along the edge of the field, weaving its way to the corner and yet another gate. Go through this gate, following the path as it climbs gently through a wooded area with lovely mature beech trees. After a short while a small dam comes into view, set in beautiful surroundings. (Please remember to close gates behind you. Thanks.)

The Allt Ghoinean burn is claimed to be the Gonan or Monan of Sir Walter Scott's poem, 'The Lady of the Lake'.

The stag at eve had drunk his fill, where danced the moon on Monan's rill.

Return to the village by retracing your steps.