

## ST FILLANS WALKS

### HYDRO-POWER STATION SURGE SHAFT

DISTANCE: 3.5 MILES (5.5 KM) – THERE AND BACK

TIME: 2 HOURS – THERE AND BACK

ACCENT: 350 METRES

START/FINISH: ST FILLANS INFORMATION POINT AND FOOTBRIDGE

**A fairly strenuous walk on good paths, climbing from the Lochside to a rewarding viewpoint on the hills behind St Fillans.**

From the start point in the centre of the village, walk West along the Main Road for about 700 metres to The Four Seasons Hotel. Just beyond the hotel, fork right up a tarmac track that leads past the St Fillans Hydro-Electric Power Station. From here, follow this on for about another 200 metres, gently climbing all the time, until you reach a house on the left called 'The Sheiling'. Just beyond, take the track that turns sharp right, signposted Wester Glentarken via Glen Tarken. Continue climbing and you will shortly pass over the disused railway line and then to the side of a track gate.

Continue uphill on the track for another 300 metres and follow it round a sharp left bend, ignoring a wooden gate on the right. After a further 350 metres, keep straight on following the sign for Wester Glentarken, ignoring a metal gated track going off to the right. After another 450 metres (bending right and then left), at a junction, turn right and go through a metal deer gate. In a short while, climbing more gently, go through a second metal deer gate. As the ground levels off, keep to the main track that turns sharp left up the hill. (For a slight detour, if you continue forward at this point for about 100 metres, you will find the end of a tunnel, tucked away on the left; this leads all the way to Glen Lednock! The flat area to the right is the 'spoil heap' from this construction.) Follow the main track up hill to the Hydro-Electric Power Station Surge Shaft and a bench with a view overlooking Loch Earn.

Please retrace your steps to the start-point at the centre of St Fillans.

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However, as an alternative on your decent, you can take the track on the left, halfway down the hill, through the metal gate (or wooden pedestrian gate to the side). This track gently rises for about 200 metres to a picnic bench but then descends all the way back into St Fillans at the top of Station Road. Follow this road straight down to the Main Road, turn right and after a short distance back to the start point.