



Surge Shaft and Spoil Heap Walk

Distance: 3½ miles (5½ km)

Time: 2 hours

A strenuous walk starting at the Information Point by the footbridge - climbing to about 1150ft (350m) on a good path with the reward of fine views at the top.

From the footbridge and Information Point, walk west along the main road for about 400 metres to The Four Seasons Hotel. Just beyond the hotel, fork right, up a 'tarmac' track that leads past the Hydro-Electric Power Station. Follow this west for about 200 metres, climbing all the time, until you reach a house on the left called The Sheiling. Just beyond, take the track that turns sharp right, continues climbing and shortly passes over the disused railway line.

Go through the gate and continue uphill steeply on the Peat Road to the fort at the top of St Fillans Park. Turn right and keep going through a big gate to emerge on to flat areas of the spoil heap at the end of the tunnel from Lednock.

A zig-zag track winds up the hill to the well fenced-off surge shaft of St Fillans Power Station, which collects and delivers the head of water to drive the turbines below. Most of the water comes by tunnel from Loch Lednock.

Return to the Information Point by the same route.