

WALK 3: SAWMILL WOOD WALK

Distance: 3.3km

Time: 50 minutes

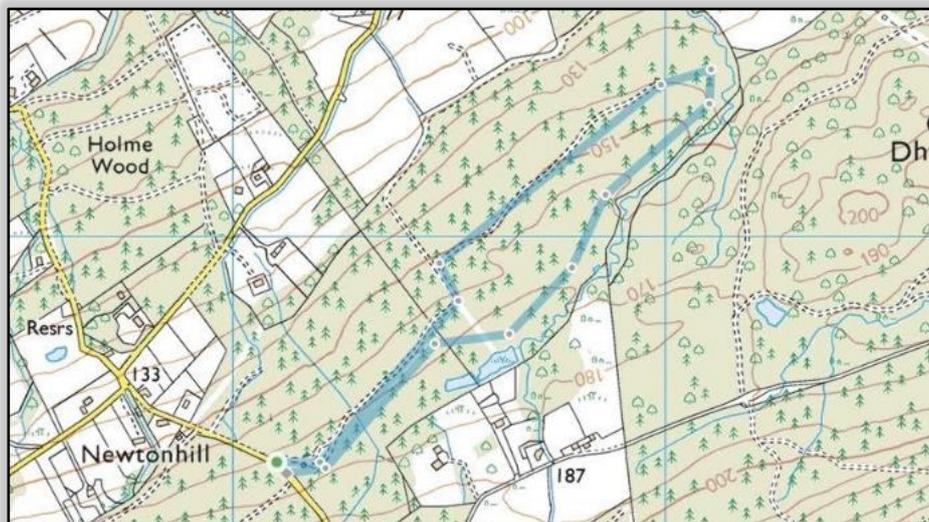
Ascent: 60m

Map: OS Explorer 416

Terrain: Forest paths and tracks

Start Point: Newtonhill, close to Mam Mor - 439575

A fantastic and easy walk offering some of the best views in the Aird, combined with a visit to a peaceful Lochan, makes this one of the best short walks in the area



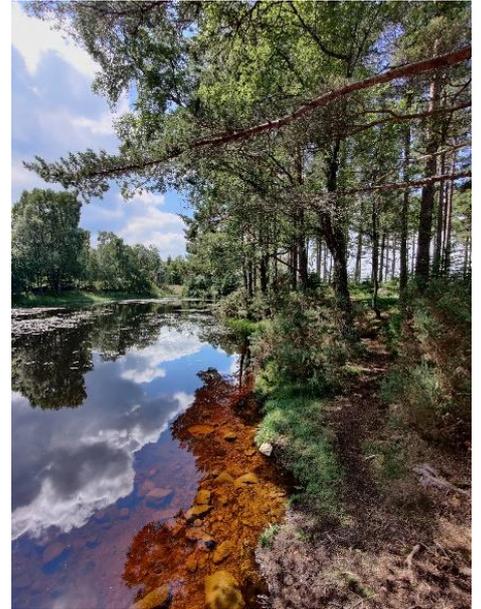
STEP 1

To get to the start of the walk, turn off the A862 at the old church in Inchmore, following signs for Drumchardine and Newtonhill. Follow the single-track road as it climbs steeply for around 2km. Look out for a wooden gate on the left side, where there is parking for approximately 2 cars. There is also ample more parking space at the road end, around 200 metres further up the hill on the right-hand side. To begin the walk, head through the wooden gate onto a large open track as it traverses cleared forestry land, enjoying far reaching views.



STEP 2

After around 500 metres, turn right onto another track that heads into the pine forest. The track soon reaches a small lochan, where there is a wooden gate providing access to the shore. After the lochan the track narrows to a footpath, continue to follow as it meanders through the pleasant pine forest. The path eventually leads out through a clearing, offering some incredible views of Ben Wyvis.



STEP 3

Continue following the path as it starts to run along a deer fence and finally re-joins a larger track. The section before the track can get very muddy. Turn left onto the track and follow for approximately 1km as it starts to traverse the hillside back to the start, continually offering great views to the north. Go back through the wooden gate and back to the start.

