



WALK 12: BLACK BRIDGE

Distance: 5km

Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

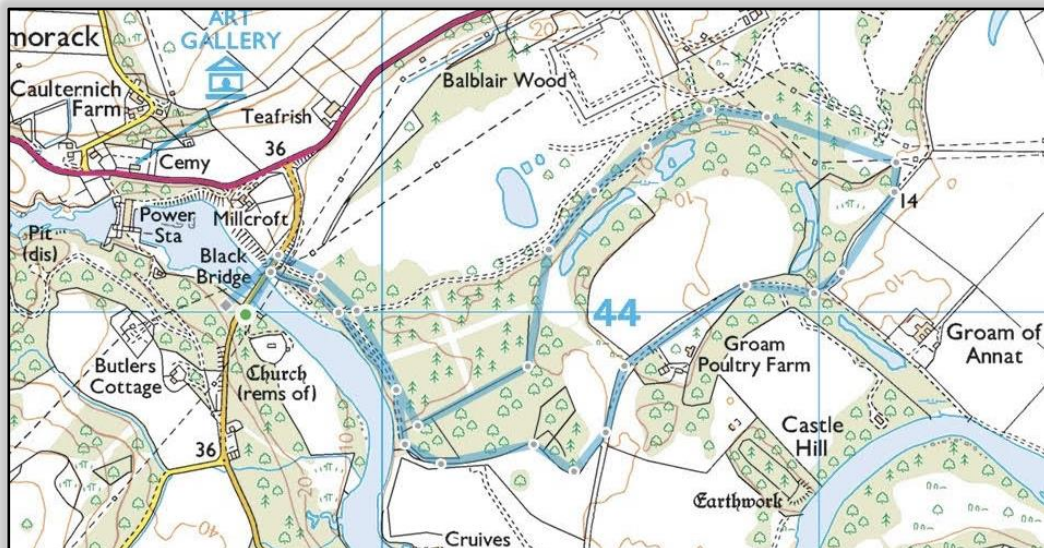
Ascent: 41m

Map: OS Explorer 431

Terrain: Majority of this walk is on woodland footpaths, with a smaller section on a minor tarred road

Start Point: Black Bridge - 448491

A great alternative to the more popular River Beauly loop. This walk offers pleasant woodland and views of the River Beauly.



STEP 1

There is a small parking area on the south side of the Black Bridge, with room for approximately 5 cars. To start the walk, cross over the road and follow the footpath over the Black Bridge to the north side. Immediately after crossing the bridge, turn right onto a small path leading around a metal gate. Continue onto a track, 100 metres later at the first fork, turn right to avoid the quarry work. Continue on this track for approximately 400 metres.



STEP 2

Look out for a small path on the left, going through a wooden gate just before reaching a metal gate. Take this and follow as it meanders its way through the pleasant pine forest, looking out for a glimpse of red squirrels. Ignore further paths on the right and keep left. The path soon reaches the boundary of the quarry, which was expanded in early 2021 and now unfortunately causes a slight eye sore. Thankfully, the path soon leaves the quarry behind and joins another path, turn right onto this. The path shortly goes under some powerlines and telephones masts and eventually skirts round the boundary of an old and disused quarry, before going through a metal gate and eventually joining a tarred minor road.



STEP 3

Turn right at the minor road and follow for approximately 1km. After 1km, carefully look out for a small path on the right leading between two fields. Take this and follow as it enters the forest once more. Eventually the path passes a metal gate on the left, where it re-joins the outward path. Retrace your steps back to the start, enjoying the pleasant views of the River Beaulieu to the left.

