



WALK 2: BADGER WOODS

Distance: 9.2km

Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

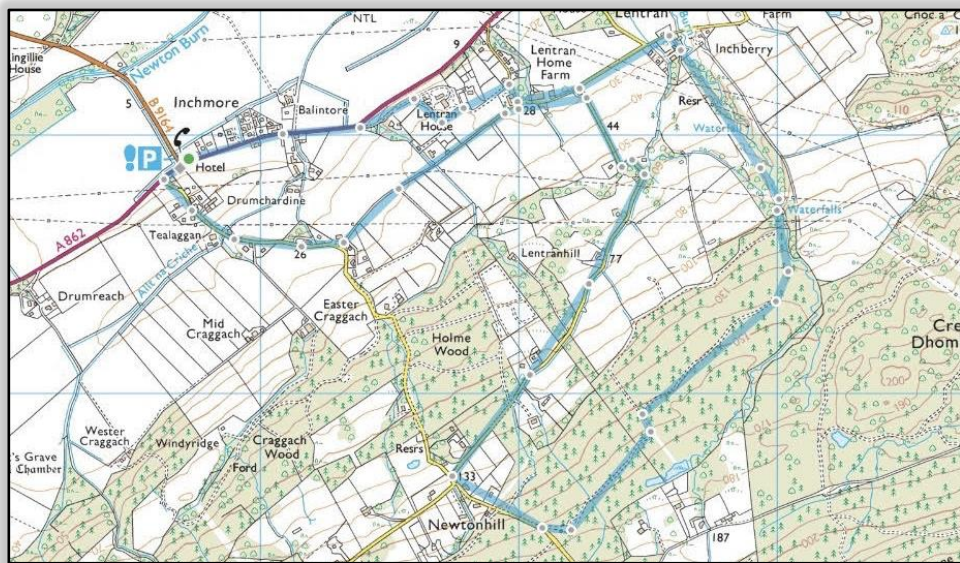
Ascent: 184m

Map: OS Explorer 416

Terrain: A mix of quiet tarred roads, forest paths and tracks

Start Point: Old North Inn - 447568

This hilly walk offers a variety of terrain and scenery, from pleasant woodland, to open hillside and peaceful country lanes



STEP 1

Start from the Old North Inn carpark and follow the pavement along the A862 in the Inverness direction. As you come to a small bridge opposite a football pitch, cross the road and continue along the pavement out of Inchmore.



STEP 2

When the pavement ends after approximately 200 metres, follow a small lane on the right going uphill signposted for 'Lentrán House'. The lane begins to level off after 100 metres and at the top look out for a small track on the right, signposted by a red core paths sign. Follow the track as it runs along the perimeter of a field and passes several houses. Once the track reaches another tarred road turn right and soon after at the next junction turn left, signposted for 'Courtyard Cottages'.



STEP 3

Continue along the road as it passes by an old WW2 filling station and goes through Lentrán Farm. Ignore a lane going uphill just after the farm, and instead continue straight ahead, walking between two large fields. At the next bend in the road, bear right, entering a collection of houses. Carefully look out for a small footpath on the right-hand side, immediately after passing a white cottage on the left named 'Bhruggie Cottage'.



STEP 4

Follow the footpath for 1km as it gently climbs parallel to a river through the pleasant pine wood, looking out for Red Squirrels and other wildlife. Pass through a wooden gate and continue to follow the track uphill, keeping the deer fence on your left. After a short distance the track joins another and turn right at the junction. Follow this track for around 1km as it begins to traverse the hillside over open ground, offering fantastic views to the north, with the prominent Ben Wyvis clearly visible and the hills to the west towards Glen Strathfarrar in view as well.



STEP 5

Pass through another wooden gate and turn right at the tarred road to head steeply downhill. Follow for 400 metres and turn right again at first opportunity, following signs for Lentrán. Follow this road as it gradually descends towards Lentrán, still catching glimpses of Ben Wyvis to the north and eventually passing by an old abandoned croft house on the left. At the bottom of the downhill, turn left heading back through Lentrán Farm. Continue past the old filling station, ignoring the outward journey road to the right and instead continue past the junction, passing by a row of old farm cottages.



STEP 6

Follow the track leading past the cottages for just under 1km, still enjoying great views towards Kirkhill and Ben Wyvis beyond. At the junction at the end of the track, turn right onto a tarred road and follow as it gradually descends back down to Inchmore. Turn right at the main road onto the pavement, walking past the old church, and cross the road back to the start.