

Recommended Walks from the Loch Achray Hotel

Circular Walk Around Loch Achray by Brig o'Turk

- Distance: 6.4km / 4 miles
 - Time: 2 – 3 hours
 - Sturdy footwear recommended
 - Terrain: way-marked path, can be muddy in places.
 - Some of this walk is on the road so beware of traffic
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STAGE 1

Turn right at the end of the hotel drive and walk along the main road. Follow the road until passing a house. Then look for a well-marked walking and cycle path on the left-hand side. Follow the walking and cycle path through the woodlands and onto the Forest Drive.

STAGE 2

At the junction with the drive turn left and continue along the loch-side. When you come arrive at the farm, climb over the stile and continue through the farmyard. Continue walking along Achray Water before arriving at a bridge.

STAGE 3

Cross the bridge and proceed to the Byre Inn. The inn is generally open all day so it may be a welcome sight! From here, turn left and return by road to the Loch Achray Hotel. Beware of the traffic on this section as there is no separate footpath.

Circular Walk to the Loch Katrine Sluices

- Distance: 4.8km / 3 miles
 - Time: 1.5 hours
 - Good footwear recommended
 - Terrain: after wet weather this route can be very muddy
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STAGE 1

Turn left on to the road at the end of the hotel drive. Continue on the road for half a mile before turning left at the junction towards Loch Katrine.

STAGE 2

Continue along this road until you reach houses on the right. Pass the houses, turn left and cross the sluices of the Loch Katrine Dam. The construction of the dam is extremely interesting and it is well worth spending some time to explore the area.

STAGE 3

Once you have crossed the sluices you will come to a metal gate leading to steps over a rocky outcrop. Continue down to meet a footpath which runs parallel with a small stream. Turn left here and follow the path until you reach a forest road. Continue along this path until you reach the Loch Achray Hotel again.

To the Summit of Ben A'an

- Distance: 6.4km / 4 miles
 - Time: 3-4 hours
 - Ascent: 340m
 - Good footwear essential
 - Terrain: excellent path and has recently been rebuilt but the route is still steep.
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STAGE 1

At the end of the hotel drive turn left. After half a mile turn right at the T junction and continue to the well-used path to the summit on your left. A sign indicates the start of a path which immediately climbs steeply close to the edge of the woods. The climb continues as the path heads deeper into the forest, close beside a tumbling stream.

STAGE 2

The stream is crossed on a wooden footbridge as you continue the ascent. At one point a rocky knoll to the left of the path has a bench and a good view back down to Loch Achray. Continue up the path which again crosses the now small stream. Further on the denser part of the forest is left behind and there is an excellent view of the steep and pointed summit of Ben A'an ahead.

STAGE 3

The climb relents briefly and there is a great view of the pyramidal peak. The next section is steep and rocky as the last trees are left behind. Here there are good views across to Ben Venue. Stay on the main path as it continues to ascend around the back of the summit. The path leads fairly easily up to the summit area with just one last rocky section.

STAGE 4

From the summit the full length of Loch Katrine is in view with Ben Venue towering above. Looking the other way is Loch Achray, part of Loch Venachar and a great view of Ben Lomond. Return to the hotel on the same path.