



Kilfinan and Otter Ferry



1 Auchalick Woods walk

Take the forest track opposite Loch Meldalloch for a pleasant stroll through woods and open country. Wildlife abounds on this walk. Keep curving to the left at the path junctions to return to the quiet road
Grade: easy Distance: 4.5 miles 2.5 hours

2. Walk to Black Harbour

Park on the B8000 at the Melldalloch turning. Walk down the quiet lane and onto the Ardmarnock track. Make a short detour to an iron age fort off on the left. Turn right at the farm, left at the white boulder and almost immediately right along a grassy track to the shore at Black Harbour. Return the same way. Grade Easy. Tarmac, gravel and grass down to the shore. No gates. 5 miles 3 hours (Return)

3 Auchalick Bay Walk

Park on the B8000 at the Melldalloch turning
A delightful stroll down through woods to lagoons and then on to the beach. Return by the same way. Gravel track/grass path and beach.
Grade easy. Distance: 3 miles 1.5 hours (return), although you may wish to linger on the beach.

4. Powder Dams & Kilfinan Community Forest

Parking at the top of the track, just off the Millhouse to Kilfinan road, or in Tighnabruaich A good gravel track/forestry road all the way from the Powder dams to the Kilfinan Community forest
Grade Easy 3 miles. 1.5 hours

5 Acharossan

Park on the B8000 at the Melldalloch turning. Walk along the good track to Acharossan. Turn right along the field edge just past the buildings, and pick up the track to Kilfinan. Gravel track and grass. Field edge may be wet.
Grade Easy 4.5 miles. 2.5 hours



Auchalick Woods Track

Powder Dams

Acharossan



Introduction to Kilfinan and Otter Ferry

“Argyll’s Secret Coast” has a network of lovely walking routes from short easy strolls to more adventurous hill routes, and the long distance Cowal Way. Exploring on foot is the best way to see and appreciate the wildlife and remarkable views.



Kilfinan and Otter Ferry feel very remote, accessed only by single track roads. But there are welcoming pubs, a medieval church and lapidarium, and interesting walks through countryside and coast.

Visit the powder dams, where you could try your hand at fishing. Climb up to a monument to Clan Ewen of Otter, or wander through woodland alive with birdsong and filled with wild flowers, particularly in the spring, and down to the shore.



Area covered by this leaflet.

Enjoy Scotland’s outdoors responsibly

- Take responsibility for your own actions.
- Respect the environment and other people.
- Keep dogs under control, especially around livestock.
- Make use of stiles and leave gates as you find them.
- Take your litter home



6. Otter Estate. Park in Kilfinan. Gravel path and Grass. Walk a few yards towards Millhouse and turn right through Otter Estate gates. A Lovely walk through woods to a sheltered beach. Turn left at the shore Return via open fields.

7. Otter Estate Park in Kilfinan as above. A delightful easy walk down to a quiet sheltered beach. Turn right at the shore and back beside a delightful burn, with plenty of wildlife. A short stretch on a quiet country road to finish. Grade Easy. Gravel track, grass and road. 2.2 miles, 1.5 hours to dawdle along. 1 stream to cross. (care when in spate)

8. MacEwen Monument Park in Kilfinan. Walk towards Otter Ferry. Turn left on track at Fearnoch and cross fields, round the shore and up to the monument to the MacEwen clan. Return across the hill to pick up the track at Fearnoch. Grade Moderate. 4 streams to cross – can be difficult in wet weather. 3.7 miles. 2 hours,

9. Strone Path Leave from the Otter Ferry to Glendaruel road, Signed Strone Path, to the ruined farm of Strone. Continue On the path climbing gradually, to re-join the road at the top of the pass. turn left down the road. Mainly good track and quiet road through open country Grade Moderate (300m of climbing) Distance 6.5 miles. Time 3.5 hours

10. Otter Ferry. Enjoy a stroll around the shoreline from the Oystercatcher (restaurant/pub). Return the same way. Grade Easy road and track. 1 to 2 miles return. 1 hour



Kilfinan Bay



Strone Farm



Loch Meldalloch



Otter Estate