



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.

In **Tighnabruaich and Kames North** you can explore stunning coastline, discover spectacular viewpoints and adventure through the woods. Visit a picturesque natural harbour, lighthouse and lily pond in Caladh Estate, get a giant's eye-view of the Kyles of Bute on the Big Chair path, and look out for woodland birds, minibeasts and deer in Kilfinan Community Forest. Experience an elevated view of the village from Tighnabruaich Back Roads and stroll the shore road spotting wildlife such as otters, seals, porpoises, herons and gannets. See sailing boats in the bay, visit a local hotel or café for refreshments or browse the local shops before deciding which path should become the next part of your Secret Coast experience.



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- 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.

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Argyll's Secret Coast Trails

Tighnabruaich and Kames North



1 Caladh Estate



Caladh Estate offers a variety of walks and wildlife – look out for red squirrels, deer, birds, wildflowers, mosses and lichens. Wander along the Cowal Way to Caladh Harbour. Look for wood ant nests amongst the towering trees of Caladh Woods and visit the tranquil Lily Pond. Follow the Hill Cottage path to the main road and return to the boat yard via the Bealach a' Chaisteil path.



Cowal Way ••• Boat yard to Caladh harbour. Gravel track. 1¼ miles / 2.8 km. Allow 1 hour.



Caladh Woods — Rough grass, can be boggy. ½ mile / 0.9 km. Allow ¾ hour.



Lily Pond — Rough grass, can be boggy. ½ mile / 0.9 km. Allow ¾ hour.



Hill Cottage — Gravel track turns rough with stile on to road. ½ mile / 0.6 km. Allow ½ hour

2 Radio mast viewpoint

An easy walk to appreciate stunning views. Return by same route.



Gravel track. 350 m (each way). Allow 10 mins (each way).

3 NTS* viewpoint

Panoramic views over the Kyles of Bute. Return by same route.



Steep climb. Rough grass. 50 m (each way). Allow 5 mins (each way).
* National Trust for Scotland

4 Bealach a' Chaisteil

A lovely path, with wonderful views, that winds downhill leading you back towards the boat yard in Tighnabruaich.



Narrow path on rough grass, sometimes wet. Includes stiles and footbridges. ½ mile / 0.6 km (one way). Allow ½ hour (one way).

5 Tighnabruaich Back Roads



Explore Tighnabruaich Back Roads, past mature gardens, woodland, and old farm buildings.

Descend to the Shore Road or continue to the main road (A8003). Several steep paths join the Back Road and Shore Road meaning you can vary the length of your walk.



Gravel or tarmac roads, a bit uneven in places. 1 – 2 ½ miles / 1.5 – 4 km (circular). Allow ½ – 1 ½ hours



6 The Big Chair

Discover a seat fit for a giant and spectacular views over the Kyles of Bute. Continue to the cairn for stunning views over Tighnabruaich and divert to a small cemetery on the return journey for a moment of peaceful reflection.



Steep climb on rough grass and open hillside. Includes a gate and a short flight of steps. Return by same route. ¾ mile / 0.4 km (each way). Allow ¾ hour (each way).

7 Kilfinan Community Forest



Follow the main forest track past the forest offices and up to the old Tighnabruaich Reservoir.



Main forest track is gravel. 1 mile / 1.5 km (one way). Allow ½ hour (one way).

A variety of short paths wander through the lower forest alongside the Allt Mor burn, with views of the Victoria Falls, and up to wildlife ponds. A separate leaflet and map of the Kilfinan Forest Paths is available from the Forest Office.

8 Kames to Kilfinan Forest

Walk from Kames to Kilfinan Forest by linking two paths. Go from Kames to Poltalloch road through fields and woodland. Follow the road to the start of a lovely woodland path up to the school, and a further path on to Kilfinan Forest.



Uneven or rough grass. Kames to Poltalloch road section can be wet. ¾ mile / 1.1 km (total). Allow ¾ hour (total).

The Cowal Way

A 57-mile route passing through Argyll's Secret Coast, from Portavadie in the south, to Inveruglas (Loch Lomond) in the north.

Paths for All grading symbols



easy

moderate

strenuous

