

Recommended Walks from the Inversnaid Hotel

RSPB Nature Trail

- Distance: 2.5km / 1.5 miles
 - Time: 1 – 1.5 hours
 - Ascent: 145m
 - Good footwear essential
 - Terrain: clear but steep paths
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STAGE 1

The walk begins by following the West Highland Way north from the hotel. A sign soon indicates the beginning of the Inversnaid Nature Reserve, owned and maintained by the RSPB. Continue along the West Highland Way, reaching and passing behind an old corrugated iron boat house on the loch shores. From here you will get a great view of the hydro-electric power station at Inveruglas.

STAGE 2

Just before a little wooden bridge a sign indicates the start of the nature trail, turning off to the right uphill into the woods. The climb is steep but short, with old ruins beneath the canopy of trees being all that remains of the old settlement of Cladachbeag. Eventually the path reaches a clearing with a bench and a fine view back down Loch Lomond with views of the Arrochar Alps.

STAGE 3

From the bench the path begins to descend back through the woods, crossing a wooden footbridge over a stream. Once back down to the loch shores you will join the West Highland Way again and follow this south back to the hotel.

Rob Roy's Cave – on the West Highland Way

- Distance: 3.2 km / 2 miles
 - Time: 1 – 1.5 hours
 - Good footwear essential
 - Terrain: clear path but scrambling in and around cave.
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STAGE 1

The walk begins by following the West Highland Way north from the hotel (turn left from the hotel). Continue along the West Highland Way, reaching and passing behind an old corrugated iron boat house on the loch shores. From here you will get a great view of the hydro-electric power station at Inveruglas.

STAGE 2

After passing the boathouse the path narrows and becomes a little rougher under foot. Ahead is a steep crag on the right-hand side of the path with steps.

STAGE 3

Continue on the path until you see the sign for Rob Roy's Cave. Those who are sure-footed can visit the cleft amongst broken rocks that is the old hideout of famous Rob Roy. Retract your steps back to the hotel.

The Old Settlement Path

- Distance: 3km / 2 miles
 - Time: 1 – 1.5 hours
 - Good footwear essential
 - Terrain: clear but steep paths
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STAGE 1

Follow the Aberfoyle road from the hotel up the hill for approximately half a mile then cross the bridge over the Snaid burn to the right.

STAGE 2

Continue to the car park then turn right and cross the fence. Follow the marked path always keeping to the left.

STAGE 3

After half a mile, you will reach a viewpoint with great views. The path then continues down towards Loch Lomond and continues to the hotel.

Lottery Path to Rob Roy's View

- Distance: 2.4km / 1.5 miles
 - Time: 0.5 - 1 hours
 - Good footwear essential
 - Terrain: clear and gentle slopes
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STAGE 1

From the hotel cross the Arklet Falls by way of two bridges. At the end of the second bridge follow the West Highland Way down to the loch-side.

STAGE 2

The road forks and follow the lottery path to the left. Quite soon you approach a very well-constructed footpath. A short way down this footpath you will see good views of Loch Lomond and the Arrochar Alps.

STAGE 3

The path meanders uphill to the Car Park. Cross the bridge over the Snaid Burn to the main road and then turn left. Continue downhill to return to Inversnaid

West Highland Way to Inverarnan

- Distance: 11.2km / 7 miles
 - Time: 4 – 5 hours
 - Ascent: 387m
 - Good footwear essential
 - Terrain: clear but steep rough path
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STAGE 1

Follow the West Highland Way north and after passing Rob Roy's Cave. The path continues to twist along the lochside, passing a small beach with a good view of Island I Vow. After the end of the Inversnaid Reserve a bridge leads to another short rough section with a high flight of wooden steps that need care in wet weather and then heads over easier grassy terrain. The path descends to the bothy at Doune.

STAGE 2

After another footbridge and stile, a short detour to the left takes you to the jetty at Ardluish. Here an orange ball can be hoisted to summon the ferry to Ardlui if you would like to stop here for some lunch before returning to your hotel. If not then continue on the West Highland Way.

STAGE 3

The next section has lovely views to the mountains in the north. Leaving the north end of the Loch behind pass the ruins at Blarstainge and cross the burn to reach Beinglas Farm. Pass through the farm and onto the main road to The Drovers Inn at Inverarnan for some well-deserved refreshment before beginning the return stretch to the hotel. Alternatively, bus times are displayed at reception and you can take note of the hotel ferry times before you leave to return by the populated western shore of Loch Lomond.

The terrain is rough though well marked. Following heavy rain it can be very muddy so proper walking boots are essential.