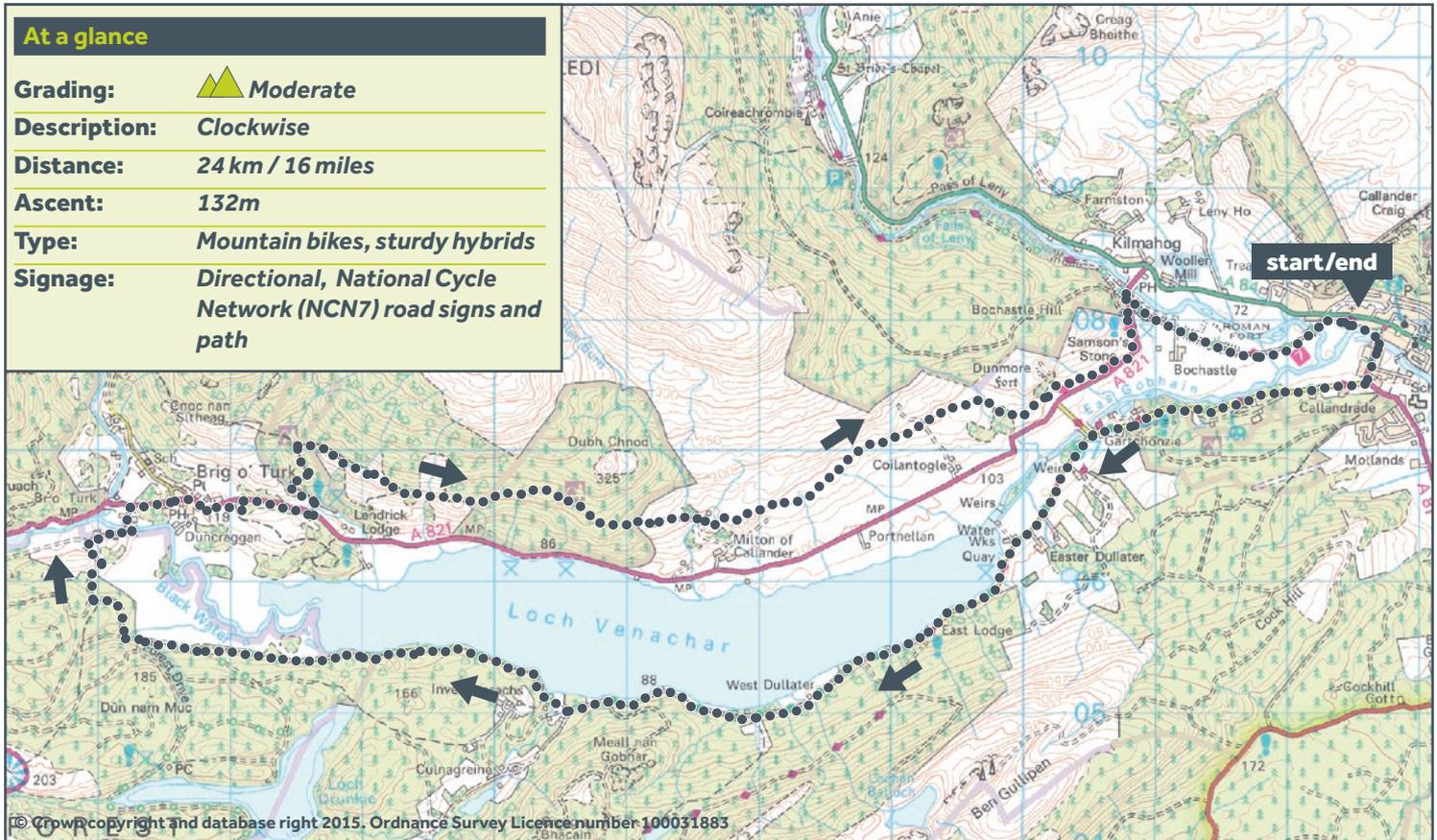


Loch Venachar Circuit

At a glance

Grading:	 Moderate
Description:	Clockwise
Distance:	24 km / 16 miles
Ascent:	132m
Type:	Mountain bikes, sturdy hybrids
Signage:	Directional, National Cycle Network (NCN7) road signs and path



Route Description

A challenging circuit of contrasting halves centred around the picturesque Loch Venachar. The first part follows the quiet Invertrossachs Road (NCN7) along the loch shore, followed by the more challenging Great Trossachs Path contouring through the landscape high above the loch.

At the eastern end of Callander Meadows car park, find the NCN7 marker post and pass St. Kessog's Mound. Turn right onto the A81, over the River Teith and up to a small roundabout. Turn right on Invertrossachs Road, the next 7.2km follows the quiet rural road shared with NCN7. At the obvious metal gate (blue Sustrans sign) turn right and follow the loch side path with distant views of the pyramidal Ben A'an (461m).

Follow the Great Trossachs Path / Forest way markers on the white gravel road, until a right turn at Achray Farm. After the farm, cross Black Water via a stone bridge, past the Byre Inn and into Brig O' Turk. Follow the A821 (an alternative path is available south of the highway) for 1km to an obvious wooden gate on the left marked Brig O' Turk Mires SSSI / Glen Finglas Visitor Centre – follow the track to the centre .

After the centre turn left, through the wooden gate and steeply uphill following the Great Trossachs Path waymarkers for c.500m until a right turn takes you onto the main path. Follow this for approx. 6km through the undulating hillside with views across Loch Venachar to the Menteith Hills. Caution - the path features many sweeping bends and is used by walkers, horses etc. After the Bocastle car park turn left on the A821, and after 100m turn right at the NCN7 marker - follow the restored railway path for 1.8km back to Callander Meadows car park.

Points of Interest

Loch Venachar

Glen Finglas and Glen Finglas visitor gateway

Views of Menteith hills

Callander attractions, paths, picnic sites

Rob Roy Way - Long Distance Route and Great Trossachs Forest Path

Facilities

Quality local refreshments are available at Brig O' Turk. Callander is well served with supermarkets, cafes, restaurants and accommodation.

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