

Glen Finglas & The Meall

At a glance

Grading:	 Difficult
Description:	Anti-clockwise
Distance:	24km / 15 miles
Ascent:	500m
Type:	Off road mountain bike circuit
Signage:	None

Route Description

This circuit is a well-renowned and tough ride for experienced mountain bikers with plenty of stamina 'in the bank'.

Although the route might be considered 'short' by some, it still contains over 500m of climbing to the 600m contour. Riders need to be fully aware of the following - parts of this loop are remote, exposed and without mobile phone reception, please ensure you (and your bike) are in good condition before setting off.

Start in Brig o' Turk (O.S Grid Ref. NN 535 066) between Callander and Loch Katrine. From the Brig o' Turk Tearoom follow the road north for 1km to a fork - go right (A) and follow the undulating farm track for 4.1km to another fork - go right (B).

The next 4.3km follows the Allt Gleanne nam Meann into the atmospheric upper reaches of the valley - keep spinning up the 2.8km climb to a high point (cairn) and spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. The following 5.5km descent is easily worth the admission price of all the climbing with steep ramps (max 26%!), sweeping bends and blistering speed down to the Finglas Water ford - enjoy. The next 2.4km section follows the undulating 4x4 track along Glen Finglas to the fork (B) - turn right and head back into Brig o' Turk for well-earned refreshments.

Points of Interest

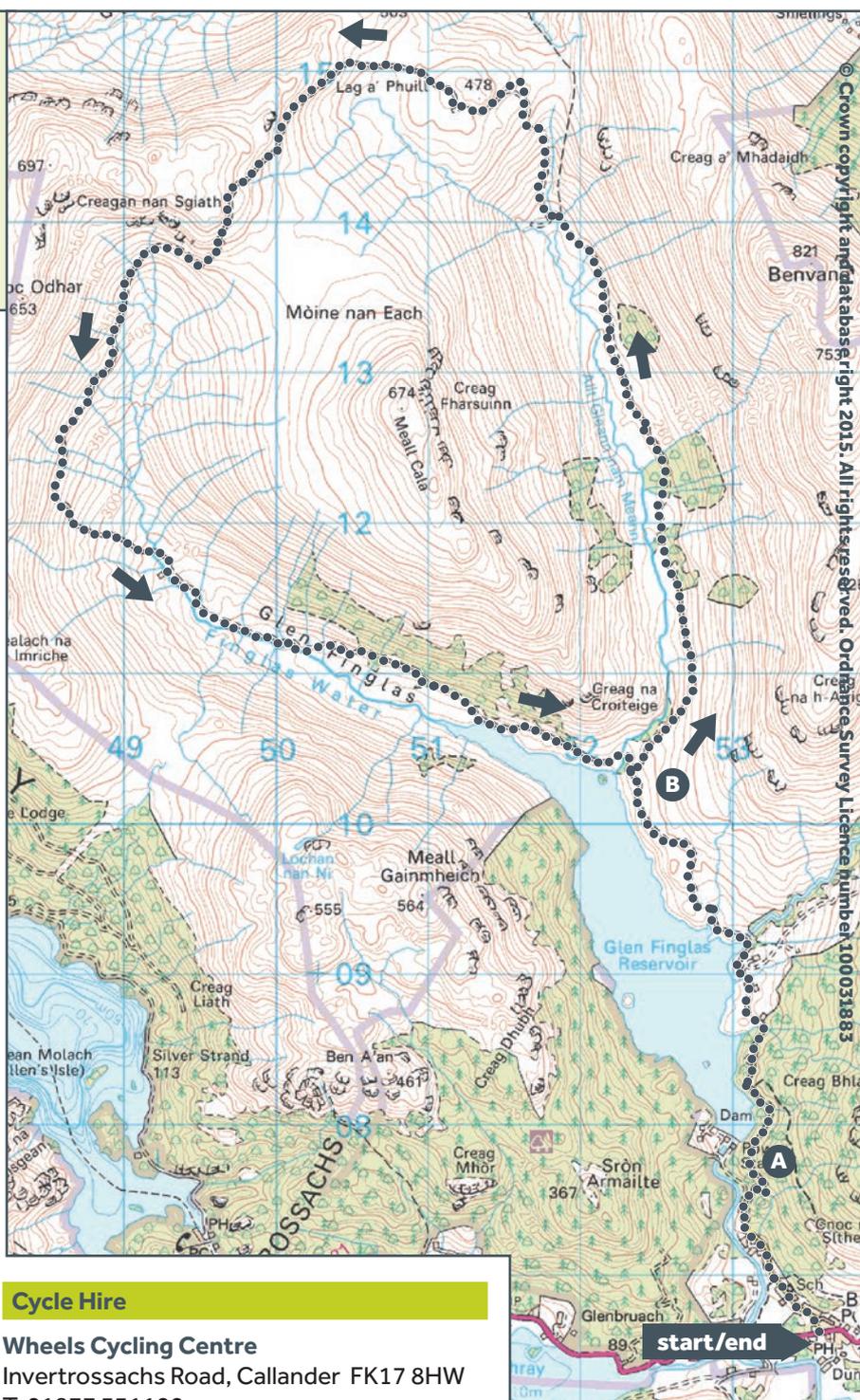
Waterbus and boat cruises on Loch Katrine

Glen Finglas Visitor Centre and local walks

Glen Finglas reservoir, spectacular views towards Glen Meann

Glen Finglas former hunting grounds and some of the finest ancient wood pasture remaining in Britain

Hill walking and climbing opportunities on the pyramidal Ben A'an (461m), longer hill walking challenges on Ben Ledi (879m) and Ben Venue (727m)



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Facilities

Callander, Aberfoyle, Brig o' Turk and Loch Katrine Pier are well served with cafes, restaurants, accommodation and supermarkets. Cycle racks are also available.