

Scenic Routes in the National Park

Too often when we travel, we forget to stop along the way, take a breath, greet the day, and take in the many fantastic views that Scotland has to offer.

These artworks are part of the Scottish Scenic Routes Initiative, created in partnership with:



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Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park is proud to nurture bright, young design talent to bring you a fresh viewpoint on some of the Park's most breathtaking locations.

Scotland's roads are not only designed to get you to your destination as quickly as possible, some of the roads through the National Park are now beautiful drives with that little bit extra. The National Park has made it even easier for you to enjoy your journey by installing uniquely designed viewpoints within the Park's stunning landscape.

> Hidden gems you'll never forget

If you're looking for something a bit out of the ordinary these hidden gems are within easy reach. Three stunning new artworks offer you an opportunity for some breathing space when travelling through the National Park. Funded by the Scottish Government, these brand new vistas launch a national Scenic Routes initiative to create picturesque stopping points to break up a road trip, allowing travellers to enjoy the best vantage points near our road network.

Each of these bespoke designs complements the surrounding landscape, offering magical viewpoints created by the very best of Scotland's architecture talent, all of whom competed to design projects for Scotland's Scenic Routes initiative.

Sloc nan Sitheanach
Faerie Hollow by
Ruairidh Campbell Moir

Faerie Hollow is situated beside the small picnic site by Loch Lubnaig, between Callander and Strathyre on A84 about 5 miles before Balquhider

> Scenic Route Loch Lubnaig beag A84 Callander to Strathyre

The viewpoint nestles between the shrubs in a natural hollow in the landscape with stunning views across Loch Lubnaig to Ben Ledi.

This site, overlooking Loch Lubnaig, called for a place to stop, sit and linger to take in the surroundings. A natural hollow in the ground provided the solution. 'Sloc' is Gaelic for 'grassy hollow', and 'Sitheanach' represents 'faerie people', who according to our mythology reside at places of peace and tranquility. The specialist metalwork at your feet in the hollow, features a verse by local bard Alexander Campbell. 'Now Winter's wind sweeps' depicts man's place in natural cycles, and encourages one to appreciate what is around them. This is the perfect place to do just that.

> Did you know?

The 3 mile (5km) long Loch Lubnaig (*Gaelic for crooked loch*) lies between the pretty bustling town of Callander and Strathyre.

> See & Do

Once you have crossed the Highland Boundary Fault from Callander to Strathyre you will experience a truly highland landscape. More photo opportunities!

Beyond Kilmahog the road twists and undulates through the Pass of Leny above waterfalls and rapids in the gorge below. You can see an abundance of woodland plants in the dappled shade beneath the surrounding trees. The steep, craggy mountainsides of Ben Ledi and Ardnardave Hill dominate the view from Lubnaig beag.



Along the loch shore there are native woodlands and conifer forests, home to red squirrels and pine martens that climb the slopes above. Salmon and the rare Arctic charr lurk in the loch as well as pike. Great views can be seen as you go north of Strathyre, down the length of Balquhider Glen where the southerly ridge of Stob Binnien may hold steep snow fields into the early summer.

Two new National Park visitor sites on the shores of the Loch Lubnaig are now open. At the larger of the two sites, you can make use of new barbecue stands, picnic benches and toilets. Visitors can also buy fishing permits and a new camping area can be booked in advance.

Food and drink is available in Kilmahog, Lubnaig, Strathyre, Kingshouse, Balquhider and Lochearnhead. There is also high quality local food available at the cabin at the Loch Lubnaig site.



Why not walk or cycle (CycleRoute 7) from Callander, taking in a brand new stretch from Strathyre to Kingshouse.

> Scenic Route Inveruglas A82 Tarbet to Crianlarich

An Ceann Mòr (translated as large headland) at Inveruglas on the banks of Loch Lomond is a stunning eight metre high structure made from sustainable timber which has been designed to the highest standards.

The journey to the view point starts in the visitor centre car park, following a new accessible path through the trees and then through a tunnel in the wooden structure where the panoramic view of Loch Lomond is revealed. Visitors can then climb up 31 steps to the top of the viewpoint and sit and take in the spectacular elevated views of the Arrochar Alps in the west, across Loch Lomond to Ben Lomond in the middle distance.



An Ceann Mòr by BTE Architects

An Ceann Mòr is at Inveruglas, on the shores of Loch Lomond on the A82 opposite Loch Sloy power station

> Did you know?

Inveruglas, translates into Gaelic as *Inbhir Dhùbhghlais (inivur GHOOlish)* – 'mouth of the dark stream'.

Loch Sloy hydro-electric Power Station is the largest of its kind in the UK and provides the National Park with a sustainable source of electricity. It's an unmistakable sight on the shores of Loch Lomond. hydro-electric power can be used when there's a sudden demand for electricity. Water is stored in Loch Sloy until extra power is needed. Then valves are opened and the water rushes down a 3 km tunnel through Ben Vorlich, turning the turbines and generating electricity. It was 'switched on' for the first time in 1950.



> See & Do

The car park at Inveruglas has a visitor centre and café and is also a popular starting point for walking in the Arrochar Alps especially Ben Vane. Follow the road up past the power station to make the ascent. It is also a good starting point for Ben Vorlich. In the Summer it's possible to take the ferry from here across Loch Lomond to Inversnaid. The ferry service is run by the Inversnaid Hotel and crossings should be arranged by contacting the hotel.

Slow down and enjoy life.

It is not only the scenery you miss

by going too fast. You also miss the sense

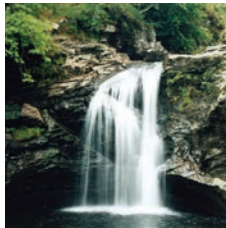
of where you are going and why...

Woven Sound by John Kennedy

Woven Sound is at Falls of Falloch, along the A82, about a mile north of The Drovers Inn, and about 3 miles south of Crianlarich

> Scenic Route Falls of Falloch A82 Tarbet to Crianlarich

John Kennedy designed 'Woven Sound' to provide a sheltered space that allows visitors to experience the Falls of Falloch at closer range – providing a brand new viewpoint to take in the thundering Falls. Cantilevering over the edge of the water, the shelter takes the form of a long trellis of intricately woven-together steel rods that weaves its way between existing trees to avoid damaging the natural beauty of the site creating a sculptural, subtle form. This robust, inexpensive material allows the shelter to have a very discrete presence, which doesn't detract from the Falls themselves. A diary entry from Dorothy Wordsworth recalling the numerous Romantic writers and painters who visited the Falls in the early 19th century is etched into the dappled steel at the viewpoint.



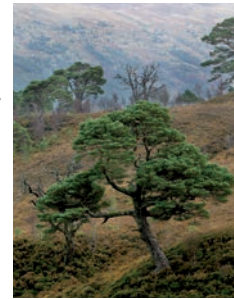
> Did you know?

Falls of Falloch is a beautiful waterfall and a popular beauty spot for picnics. Standing at 30 feet high, the falls are an abrupt step in the passage of the River Falloch as it makes its way down Glen Falloch towards Loch Lomond at Ardlui. Falls of Falloch is a truly entrancing site set in a peaceful glen. Further north is an ancient boundary stone, Clach nam Breatann, the stone of the Britons. It is said to mark the defeat of the Britons of Strathclyde by the Scotii of Dalriada in AD 717. It may have acted as a boundary stone between the two cultures and the Picts.

> See & Do

Photo opportunities are abundant! Travelling towards the head of Loch Lomond on the A82 from Arrochar you will see, across the water, a wide swathe of ancient oak woodland draped on the steep mountainsides that rise from the loch. Rich in mosses and ferns like a temperate rain forest, in the summer you'll see a carpet of bluebells and woodland flowers stretching away beneath the trees along the road side

Further up Glen Falloch, the oldest southerly remnants of ancient Caledonian pinewood forest are in view. Along the way you may glimpse golden eagles and red deer. In Loch Lomond the indigenous Powan (a fish also known as fresh water herring) lurks in the deep and dark waters of the loch.



Food and drink are available at Tarbet, Inveruglas, Ardlui, Inverarnan and Crianlarich and picnic areas can be found in Tarbet, Inveruglas and Crianlarich.

Why not walk a section of West Highland Way from Inverarnan to Crianlarich – 6 1/2 miles (10.5 km) to see stunning views of Falls of Falloch.
<http://tiny.cc/wovensoundwhw>

> Scenic Route Loch Voil A84 - Callander to Lochearnhead

This mirrored cabin, wood-framed 'lookout' pavilion has benches built into it framing three mesmerizing views of the landscape whilst reflecting the surrounding vistas on its mirrored surfaces. Mirrored stainless steel was applied to birch ply sheets then fixed to the lookout's exterior surfaces, creating shifting reflections that help the structure blend in with its surroundings.

> Did you know?

The 18th century Scottish folk hero and outlaw Rob Roy MacGregor lived and died in Balquhider and is buried in local church graveyard. The tranquil glen is overlooked by the dramatic mountain terrain of the Braes of Balquhider, at the head of Loch Voil. At its western end the mountainous country north of Loch Katrine was the inspiration of Sir Walter Scott's legendary 'Lady of the Lake' poem.

LookOut Designed and built by Angus Ritchie and Daniel Tyler

LookOut is opposite Monachyle Mhor, on the land where the shores of Loch Voil meet Loch Doine, past Balquhider, up the glen off A84.

> See & Do

Approaching Balquhider the north/south glen of Strathyre suddenly changes direction to the west/east glen that holds Loch Voil. During winter Loch Lubnaig and Loch Voil sometimes flood to become one large loch, 'Loch Occasional'. Balquhider Glen is also popular for fishing, nature watching and walking on the surrounding mountains.

Food and drink stops and picnic sites can be found in Kilmahog, Lubnaig, Strathyre, Kingshouse, Balquhider and Lochearnhead.



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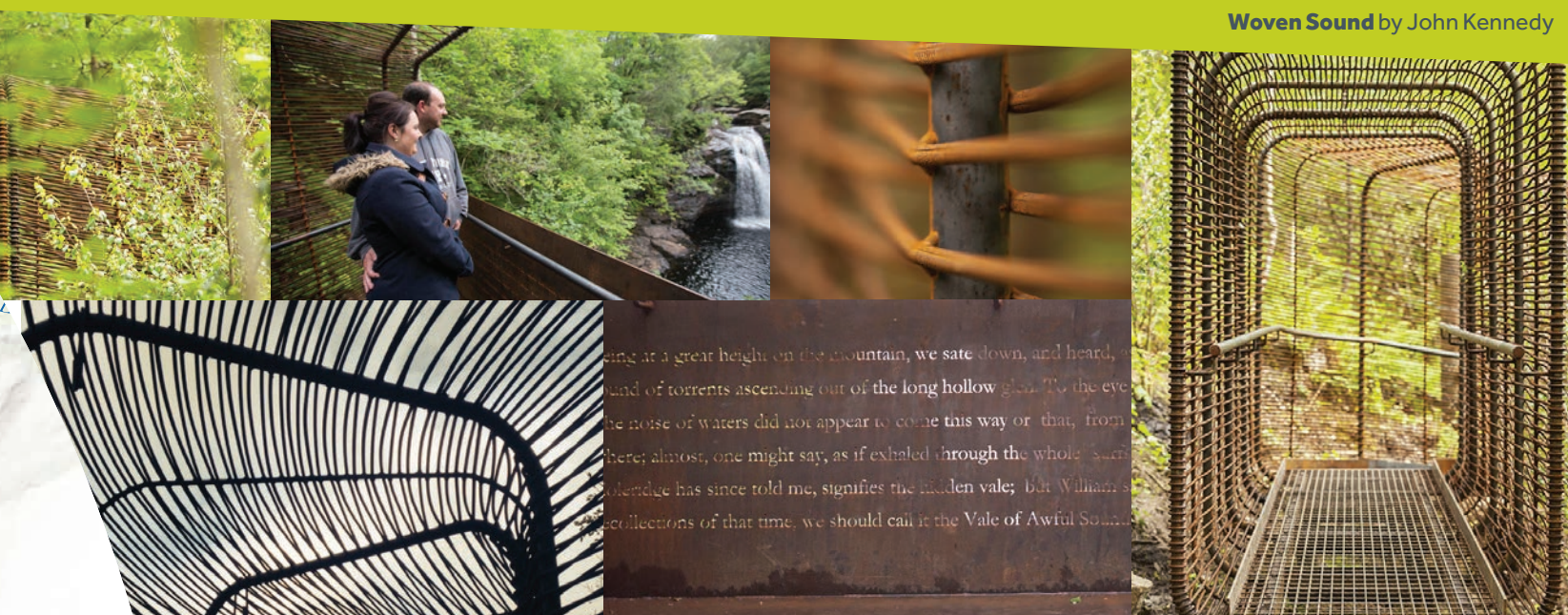
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