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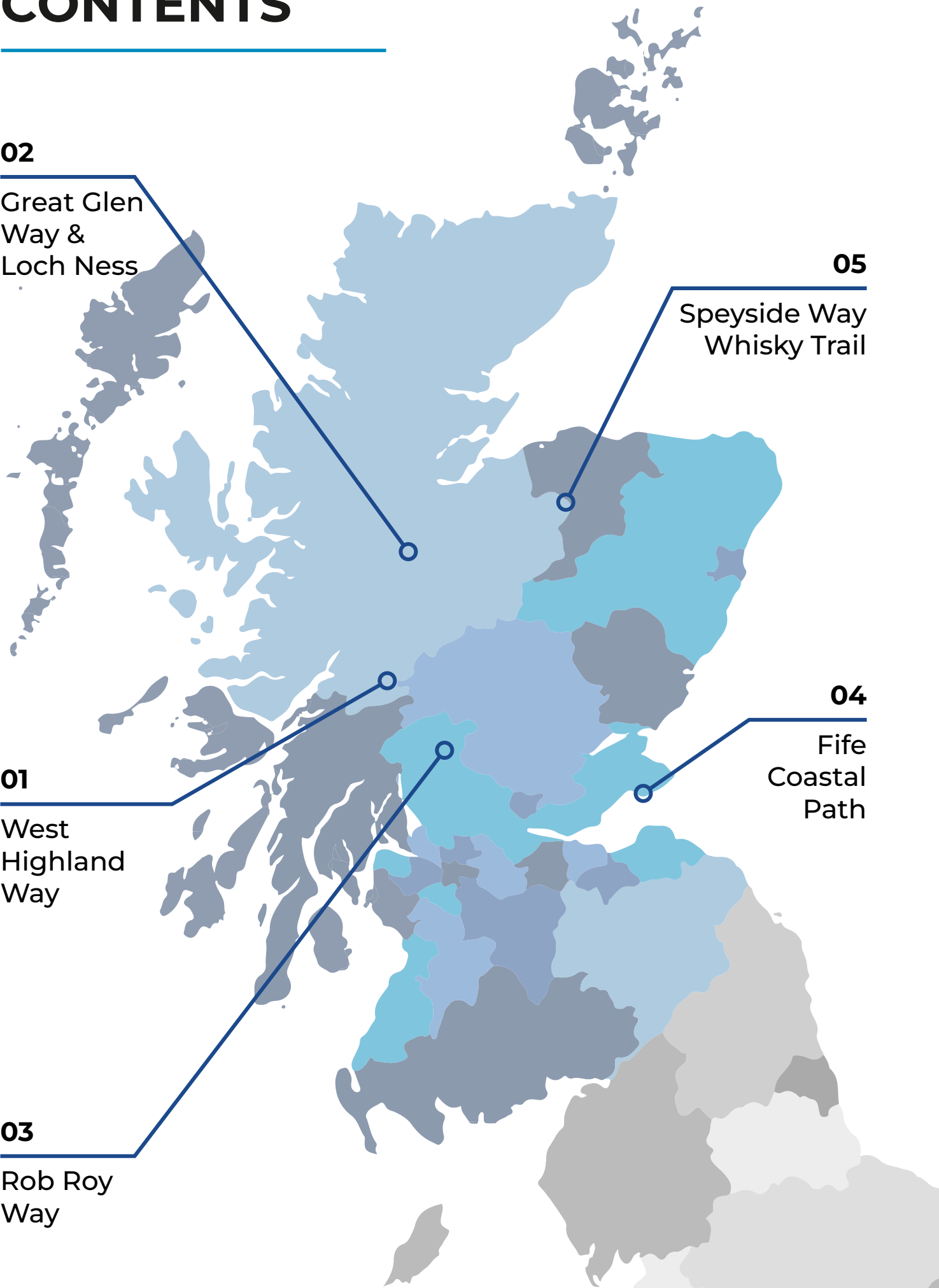
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HIKING IN SCOTLAND

Immerse yourself into the wild and wonderful Scottish wilderness by discovering the best hiking adventures that Scotland has to offer. Breathe in salty sea air, and bare witness

to dramatic seascapes, on our Fife Coastal Path. Or take a step into the wilderness on our West Highland Way and Great Glen Way trails to experience some of the finest and most dramatic mountain and loch scenery that can be found anywhere in the world. Perhaps, you're more of a historian and would like to follow in the footsteps of one of the most

celebrated outlaws Rob Roy MacGregor, the Robin Hood of the Highlands along the stunning Rob Roy Way trail. If you fancy a little tippie along your way, why not discover the whisky country of the Speyside Way.

You can explore all of this and more on our trails all across the beautiful and varied landscape of Scotland.

WEST HIGHLAND WAY

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HIGHLAND

WAY

Soak up the varied and beautiful landscapes of the Scottish Highlands, beginning in pastoral landscapes, to the serene beauty of Loch Lomond, and on to the increasingly rugged and majestic Highlands. Capture some unforgettable moments as you hike past some of the Highland's finest scenery - including Ben Nevis, the UK's highest mountain and the Trossachs National Park.

Whether you're a Gryffindor or a Slytherin, be sure to take a day out in Fort William to ride the famed Harry Potter steam train from Fort William to Mallaig that even Severus Snape would enjoy!

Jill A.
- USA

The WHW is awesome.

And Hillwalk Tours allowed

us to enjoy it fully because

we were free from the usual

busyness of travelling.

THE ROUTE

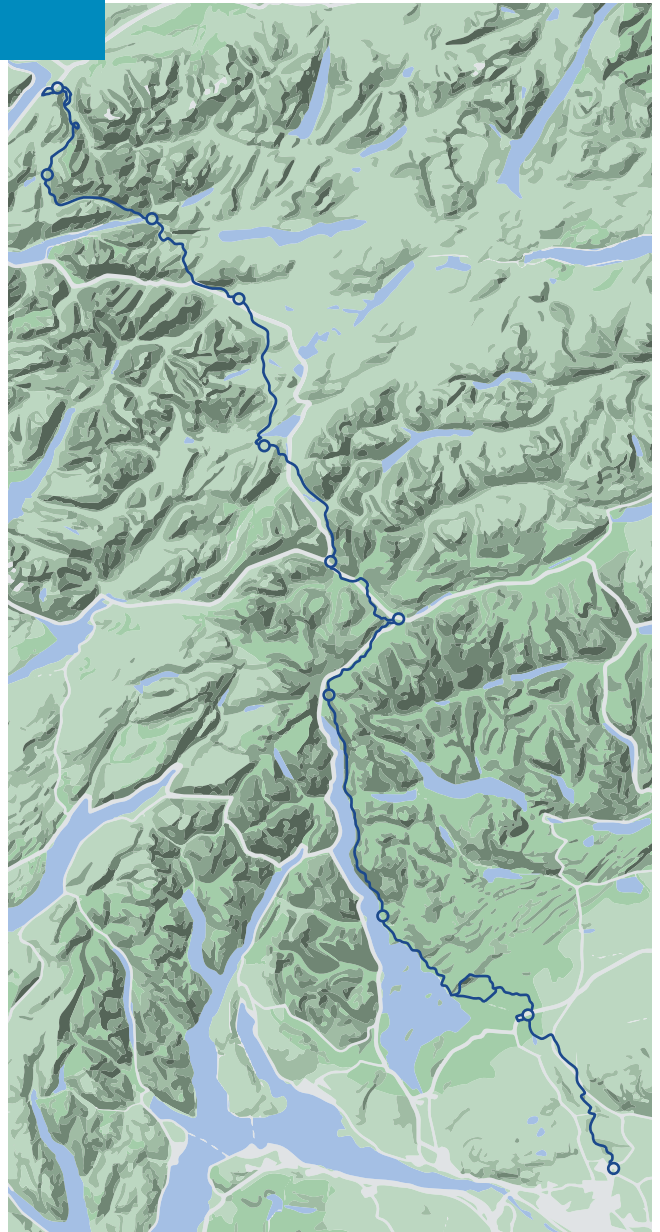
The West Highland Way commences in Milngavie town centre, just 25 minutes by train from Glasgow Central Station. From here, the trail enters open countryside and leaves the northern fringe of Glasgow City. It proceeds by way of country roads, an abandoned railway line, a Forest Park and scenic Conic Hill to reach Balmaha on Loch Lomond.

This mystical loch lies in the heart of Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park, where you'll be surrounded by charming villages, rolling countryside and magnificent hills.

North of Tyndrum the Way enters more remote landscapes and passes through Glen Orchy before crossing the desolate, yet beautiful, moorland of Rannoch Moor and descends into the famous Glencoe. Glencoe is often considered one of the most spectacular and beautiful places in Scotland, if not the world.

The narrow glen boasts a dramatically grim grandeur, shut in on both sides by wild and precipitous mountains. From here, the route climbs the Devil's Staircase before a gradual descent to Kinlochleven. The final stage skirts along the Mamores Mountains on an old military road and descends into the beautiful Glen Nevis before finishing in Fort William.

The terrain over the course of the West Highland Way is varied and includes wide smooth tracks in forests, twisty paths over moorland, hillside paths, undulating paths in trees, and field paths. The trail avoids the high mountain tops and is within the capabilities of most walkers.



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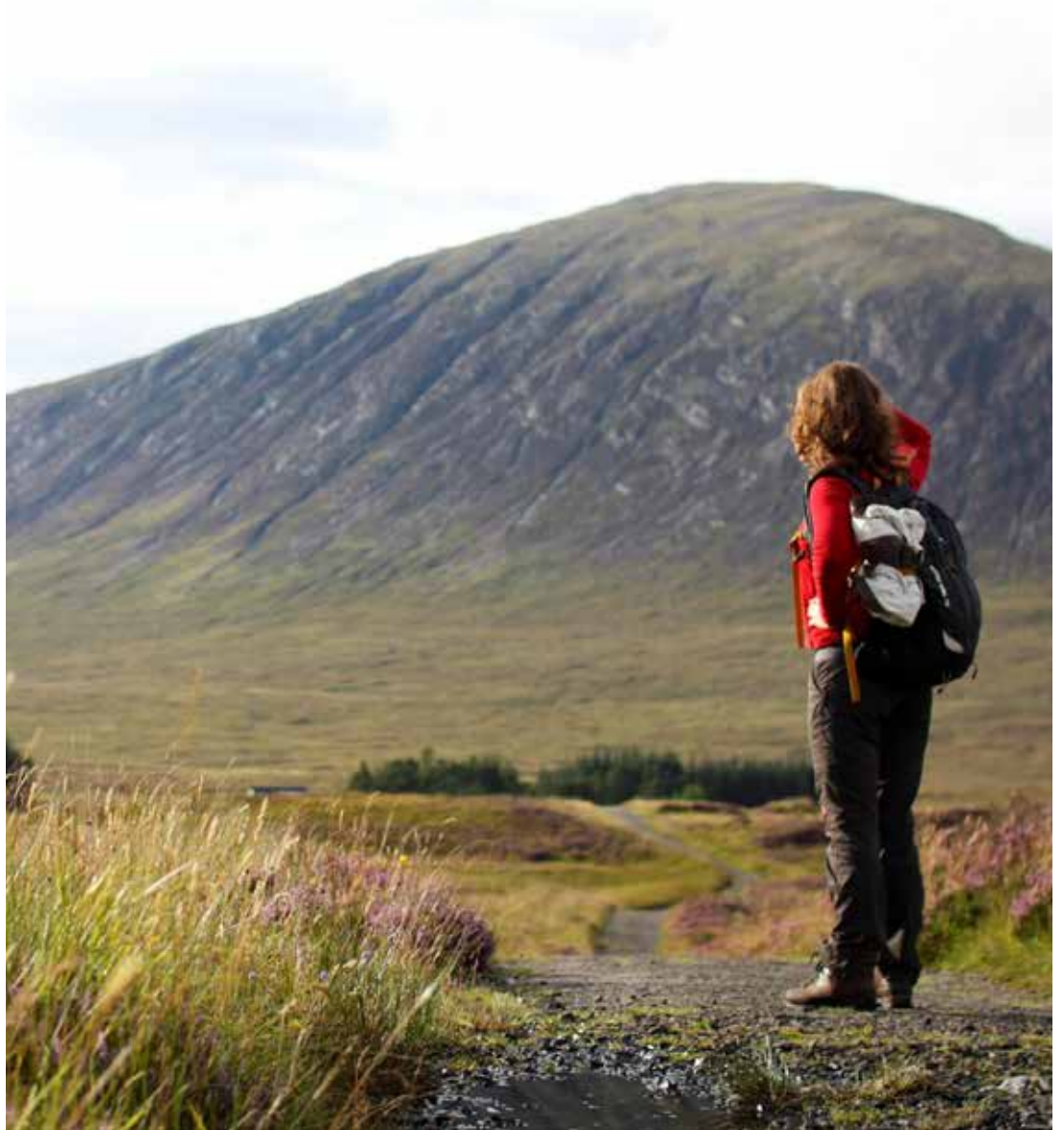
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West
Highland
Way Trail



Black
Cottage



GREAT GLEN WAY & LOCH NESS

GREAT

GLEN WAY

Experience timeless Scottish Highland scenery with lochs, forest trails and heather covered hills, and maybe even catch a glimpse of “Nessie”, the Loch Ness Monster!

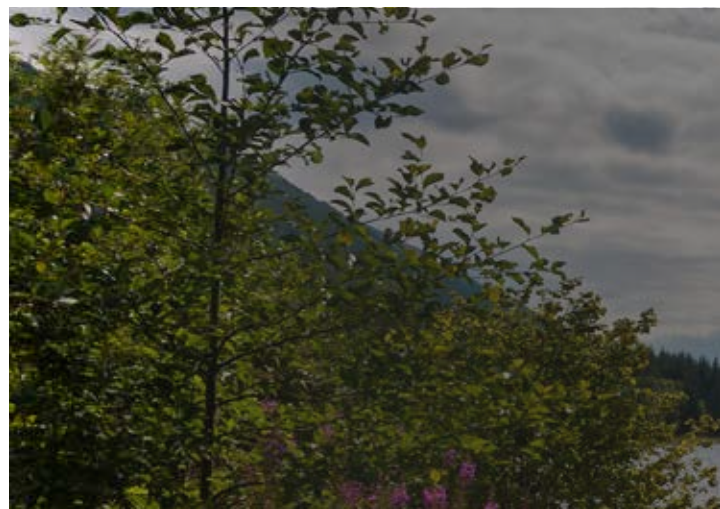
Follow this stunning coast-to-coast hiking trail all the way across Scotland, as you trace the route of the Caledonian Canal from Fort William on the Atlantic to Inverness on the North Sea.

Enjoy spectacular surroundings, minus the climbing, as most of this relatively gentle hike keeps to lower levels of the Great Glen. For those willing to spend a little more energy in exchange for more dramatic views across Loch Ness there is also a higher-level route option between Fort Augustus and Drumnadrochit.

Visit the iconic Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness. The famous ruins of this 13th Century stronghold will give you a taste of how it felt to live during medieval Scotland.

Jasmine A.
– USA

*The entire experience
was amazing! No stress
what so ever, I just woke
up and went on an
amazing hike each day.
One of the best weeks
of my life.*





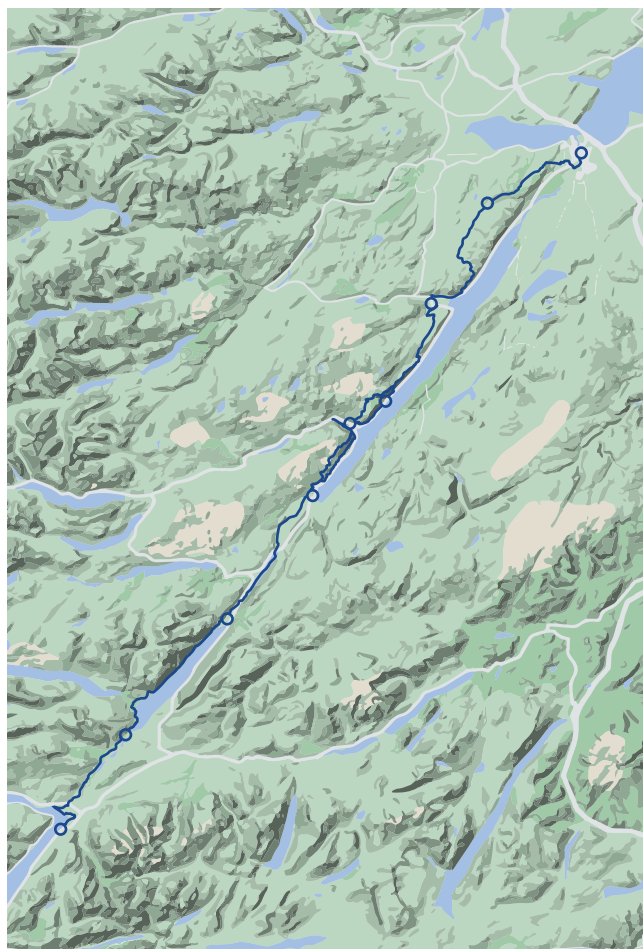
THE ROUTE

The trail commences from the edge of Loch Linnhe, a sea loch that opens out onto the Atlantic Ocean. The route takes you to the various freshwater lochs, which make up the Caledonian Canal inland waterway.

For those “Nessie” believers, this majestic waterway is linked to the magical Loch Ness, where you will have the opportunity to see if you can spot the mythical monster.

The way heads into open moor and farmland before entering the hustling, bustling streets of Inverness.

Much of the route follows forest tracks and roads as well as the well-maintained and mostly level towpaths of the Caledonian Canal. For the more experienced walker, a more challenging route with more climbs and slightly more rugged terrain is available.



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*Inverness
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Drumnadrochit





Urquhart
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Canal



ROB ROY WAY

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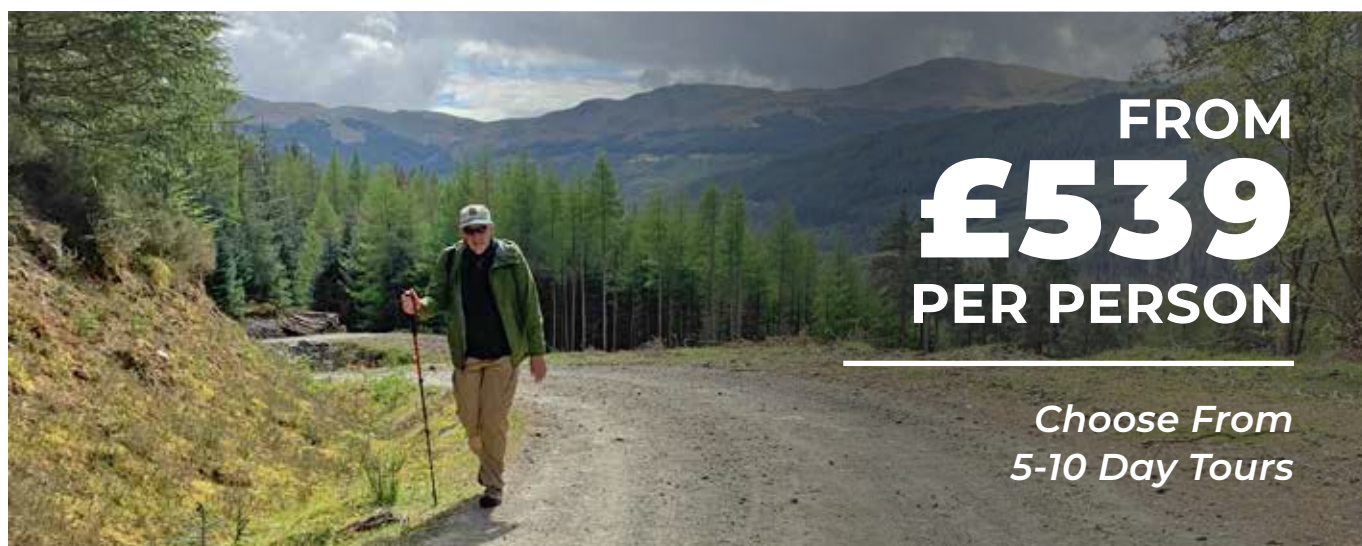
WAY

Experience some of Scotland's greatest scenery as the Rob Roy Way guides you through enchanting glens and along glistening lochs, rivers & burns into the enchanting heart of Scotland. Follow in the footsteps of the notorious outlaw and Scottish folk hero, Rob Roy, as you hike along ancient cattle drovers' trails.

Enjoy views of beautiful lochs and majestic mountains and get a sense of history on this quieter but beautiful alternative to the West Highland Way. Relaxation calls each evening in

some of Scotland's most picturesque little towns and villages, such as Callander, Killin, Aberfeldy and Pitlochry.

Fancy a tippie along the way? Enjoy a well deserved dram of whisky at Dewar's Whisky Distillery in Aberfeldy, or indulge in a local ale or some tasty Scottish cuisine in the cosy and traditional pubs and inns along the route. Immerse yourself into the Scotland of timesgone-by.



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*Choose From
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*We had a great time
hiking the Rob Roy trail
and didn't have a single
issue along the way.*

*Sidney W.
– USA*

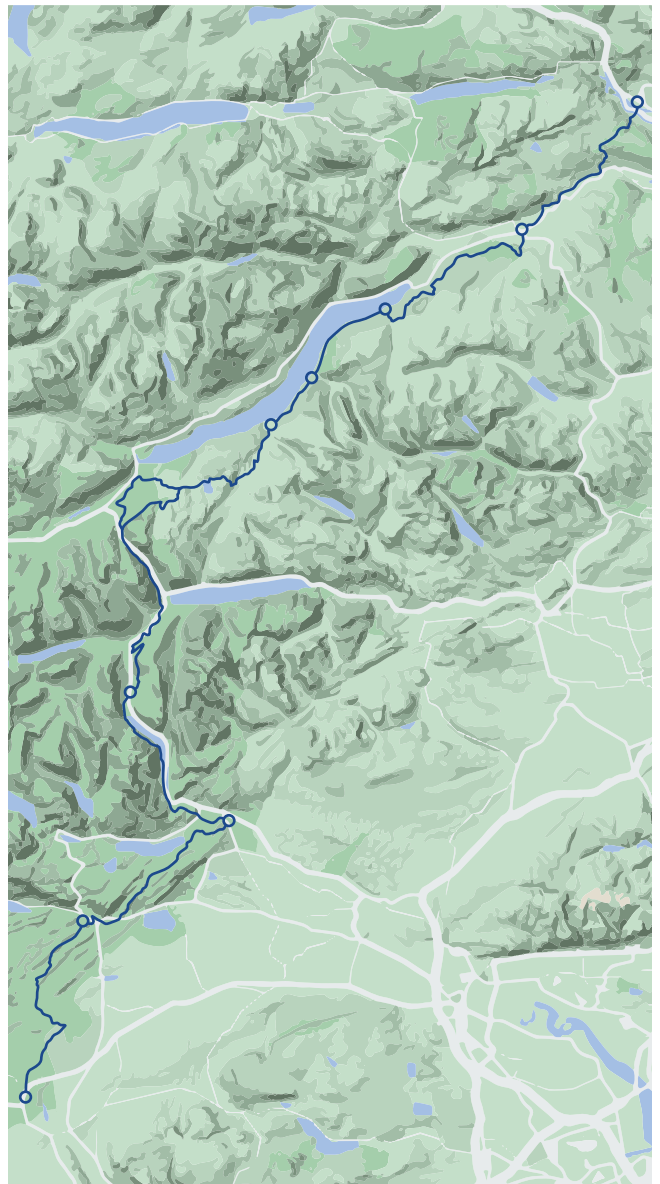
THE ROUTE

The Rob Roy Way winds through some incredible Highland scenery, passing various lochs and rivers and offering stunning mountain views. The trail starts in the small village of Drymen, near the southern shores of Loch Lomond.

The route wanders through tracks, mountain paths, minor roads, cycle paths and footpaths to reach the final destination in Pitlochry. You will be at one with nature when reaching Aberfoyle, located in the heart of the Trossachs National Park. This park boasts some of the most stunning scenery in the world. From breathtaking mountains and glens, to the vast tranquil beauty of the lochs.

Experience areas of outstanding natural beauty with magnificent views above Loch Tay. Be invited into the pretty towns of Callander, Strathyre, Killin and Aberfeldy to name a few, before you end the trail in the picturesque Victorian spa town of Pitlochry.

Although the trail passes through the majestic highlands, it avoids the summits and keeps mainly to the glens.





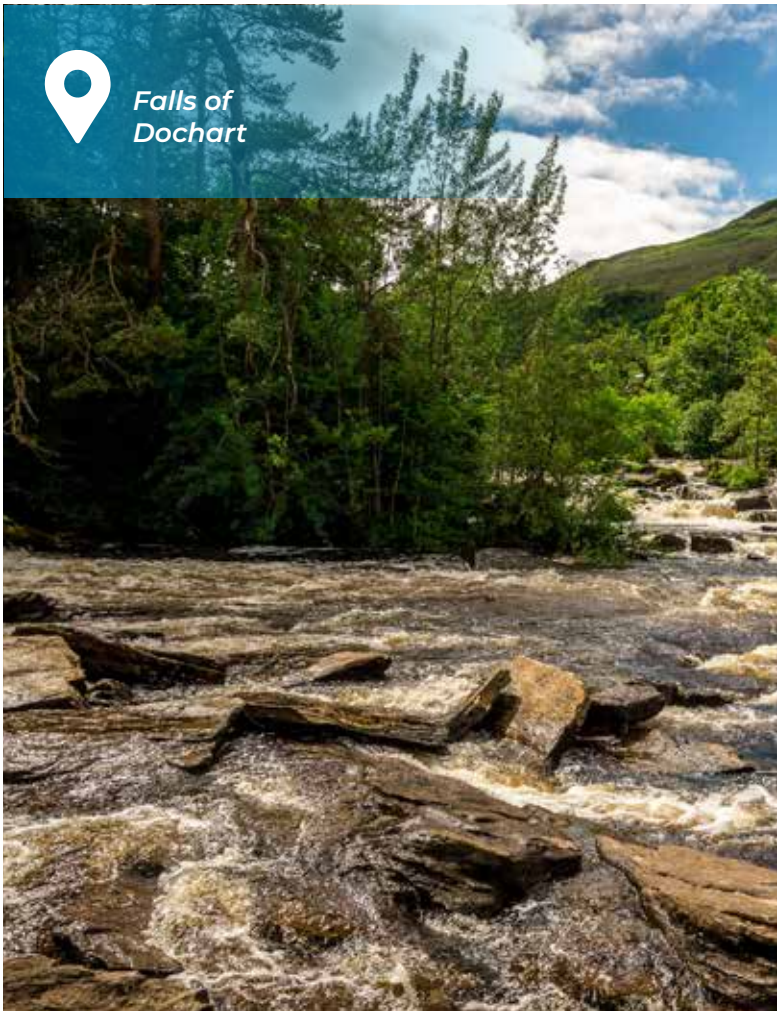
*Ben
Lawers*



*Loch
Tay*



*Falls of
Dochart*





The
Birks of
Aberfeldy

FIFE COASTAL PATH

FIFE

COASTAL PATH

Breathe in the fresh sea air on one of Scotland's finest coastal hiking trails with its pretty seaside villages, sandy beaches, interesting history, and charming old harbours and buildings. Make sure to bring your binoculars to spot a wide variety of beautiful wildlife, such as seals, dolphins, red squirrels and a number of marine birds. Visit the famous town of St Andrews, which is noted as the home of Golf. It is also well known for its historic

university (which boasts the education of the British Royal Family), along with its beautiful medieval streets and gorgeous traditional buildings.

Feel like a pro, and bank a hole-in-one on some of the finest golf courses in the world.

This trail is filled with adventure and exciting activities, while also offering you some of the best coastal scenery of Scotland.

*The hike was
much more
enjoyable with
someone
helping us with*

the logistics.

*Katie S.
- Switzerland*

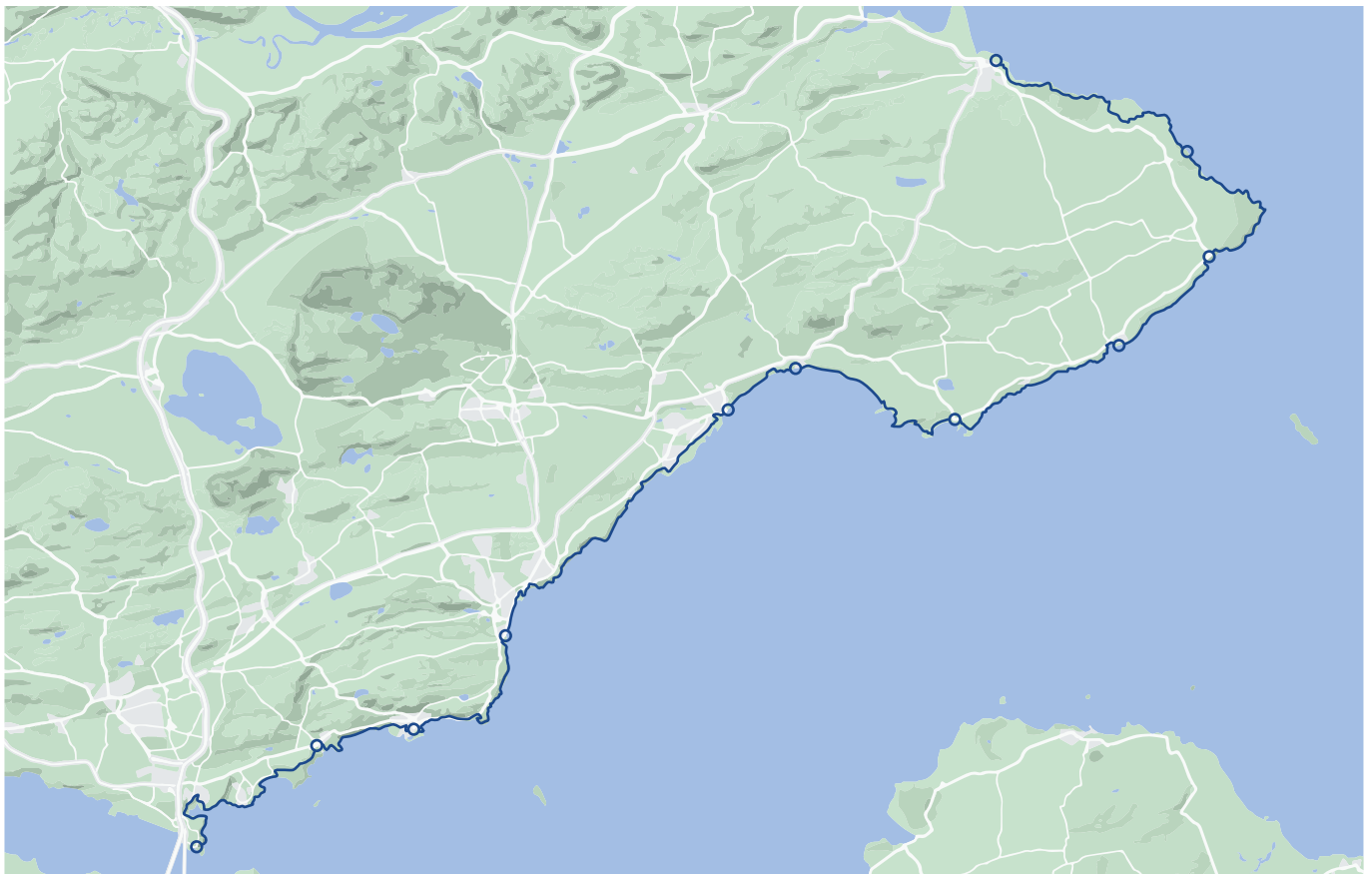
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THE ROUTE

Commence your trail through historic villages, award-winning beaches and wildlife reserves in North Queensferry. The route has a gentle gradient throughout, however, it still offers plenty of contrast, with parts of the trail also feeling surprisingly remote and peaceful.

Look out for seals and terns as the path makes its way



along the stunning coastline. Take a step back in time when you visit the charming, centuries old harbours at Dysart and Crail, the medieval town of St. Andrews, and explore some WWII relics. You will find that history surrounds you along this trail, ready to be explored at every turn.

Make your way through the contrasting landscapes of golden beaches and attractive forestry as you reach the final town and beautiful

nature reserve of Newport-on-Tay.

The walking on the Fife Coastal Path is relatively straight forward, covering mostly low-lying terrain, along grassy coastal tracks and paths, passing over low clifftop and rocky beaches, woodland, bridleways, beach and dune walking and some regular asphalt walking through towns and villages.



St. Andrew's
Cathedral
Ruins



Lady's
Tower





SPEYSIDE WAY WAY WHISKY TRAIL

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Choose
From
5-9
Day
Tours

*Esther D.
- Netherlands*

*Everything went
smooth after
booking the
holiday. I had a
great experience.*



THE WHISKY TRAIL

Looking for a more laid-back route? Spare those legs of yours and explore the Speyside Way. This route offers a more tranquil trail along copper railway lines and twinkling riverside tracks. This trail takes in seven world-famous working distilleries, one historic distillery and the fascinating Speyside Cooperage. Explore the woodlands and heather moors teeming with

wildlife. In the mood for a beverage along the way? We've got you covered. Our itinerary leads through the heart of the malt whisky capital of the world, passing close to more than 20 distilleries. Or maybe you fancy some Scottish history, with a visit to the magnificent Ballinalloch Castle on offer. Whatever your preference, this trail offers a wide variety of exciting adventures suitable for all.

THE ROUTE

Explore The Speyside Way Whisky Trail from where it begins in the quaint coastal burgh town of Buckie. The trail hugs the coast to the mouth of the glistening river Spey at Spey Bay. Make your way onwards to the first of many distilleries in the town of Craigellachie, home to the famous Macallan distillery, an essential stop for whisky connoisseurs.

Ever wondered how whisky barrels were made? Well look no further with a visit to the fascinating Speyside Cooperage, where whisky barrels are made and repaired using traditional methods.

After all this whisky talk, try not to stumble along the trail into the famous village of Aberlour. This is one for the sweet tooth, as you can indulge yourself, but not too much, in Scottish shortbread, home of the famous Walker's shortbread.

Explore the historical tracks of the Strathspey Steam Railway to the trail end point at Aviemore, where you might also be lucky enough to see

some steam trains pass by.

For the adrenaline junkies out there, the village of Aviemore is famous for outdoor sports and is known as the winter sports capital of Scotland. Explore all that the town has to offer at the end of your trail and who knows, you might end up on top of a ski slope!

For much of the route the Speyside Way Whisky Trail follows fairly level and well-maintained footpaths and tracks. They often run beside the river and on former railway tracks and pass through woodlands and heather moors with good trail surface throughout.

While the route slowly ascends from the mouth of the Spey towards Aviemore, the climb is generally slow and gentle. The main route stays in the valley of the Spey and for the most part looks towards the hills and mountains rather than climbing into them.



*Craigellachie
Bridge*



*Ballindalloch
Castle*





Strathspey
Steam
Railway



Spey
River



Glenfiddich
Distillery,



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Robyn C.
— USA

It was so well planned.

The attention to detail and the responsiveness was very reassuring. Everything we needed for this trip to be a success, was provided.

Petra G.
— Austria

It was the second tour we booked with you and again everything was very professionally organised. We enjoyed our vacation very much. Scotland is a beautiful country.

YOUR STAY

Stay in warm, friendly and welcoming guesthouses & hotels offering up a comfortable bed each night and a big breakfast to keep you going each day.

LUGGAGE?

Don't worry, we'll organise your luggage to be transferred to your next accommodation while you're out enjoying the trail!

NAVIGATION

Detailed maps and route note directions written and updated by Hillwalk Tours mean that you never get lost.

ALTERNATIVES

Discover alternative route options devised from the local knowledge of Hillwalk Tours - routes which you may not find in guidebooks.

ESSENTIALS

A waterproof map-case to keep your maps and documents dry, along with useful public transport information to help you plan your travel.

CONTACT

If you need to contact us, we're here 24/7.

ENJOYMENT

Explore local history and culture in our fascinating guides, while discovering the most interesting attractions on the trail along with tips on the best places to eat and drink.

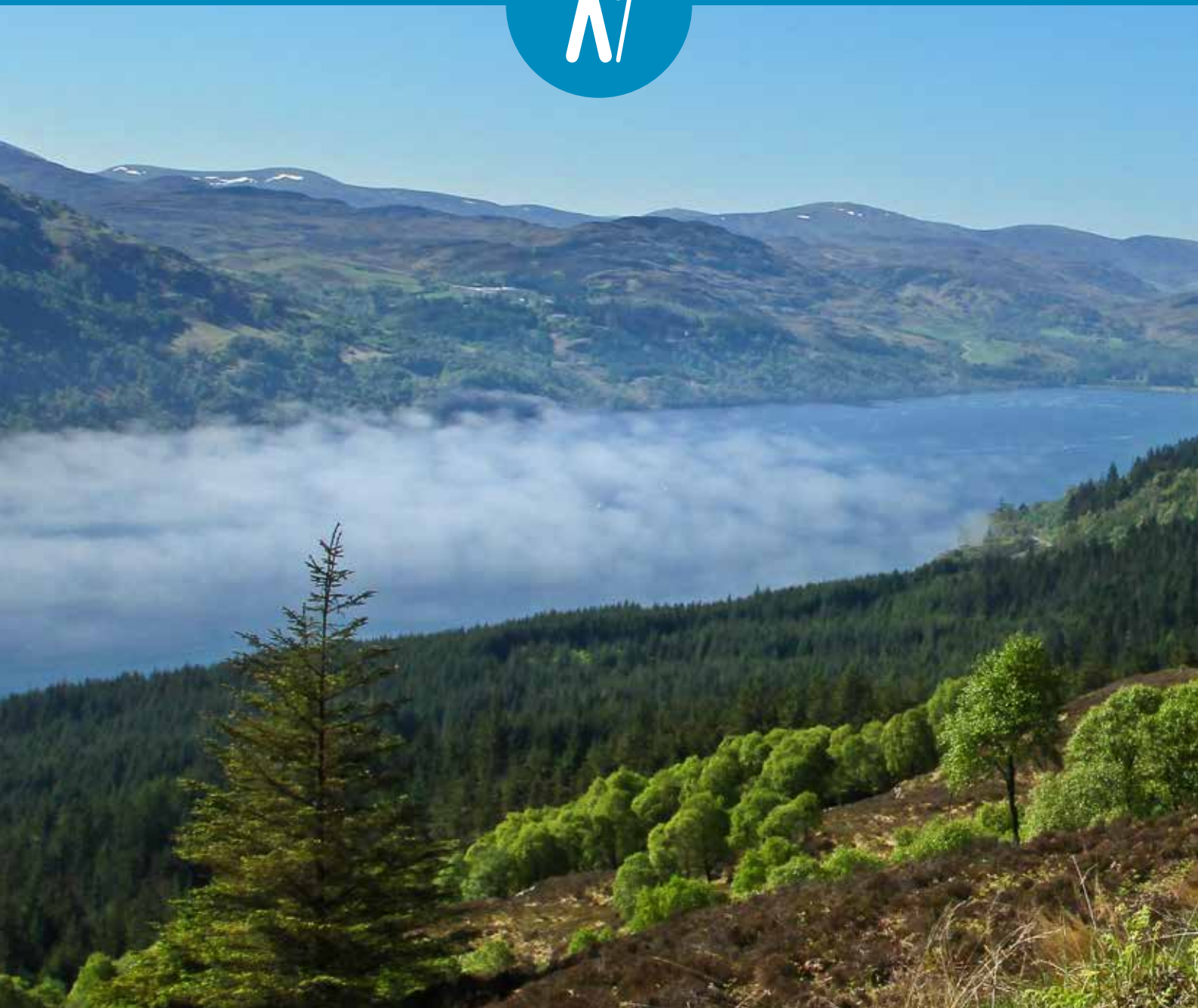


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