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“Inversnaid is a stunning place to visit. It combines the best of Scotland’s scenery, iconic lochs and mountains, with amazing wildlife.”

Diana Boles

Take part with us

Events

Discover more about the amazing wildlife at Inversnaid by joining one of our events.

Family activities

Take the ferryboat from Tarbet to the reserve.

Special RSPB cruises run in spring and summer.

Get involved

Please ask how you can volunteer with us, and find out how you can help give nature a home at this very special nature reserve.

For dates, prices and full details of the reserve team or visit

rspb.org.uk/inversnaid

In this area...

Other local attractions:

RSPB Loch Lomond nature reserve

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Loch Lomond is a new reserve, about 20 miles away. You can visit, but, as yet, there are no facilities. Please contact us before visiting.

The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre, Aberfoyle

FK8 3SX Tel: 01877 382383

(15 miles) forestry.gov.uk

Cafe, shop and forest walks, including natural play area.

Glen Finglas Estate FK17 8HR

Tel: 01877 376340

(30 miles) woodlandtrust.org.uk

Glen Finglas is a great expanse of ancient woodland, lochs and open heathland.

Welcome



Set in the remote and awe-inspiring scenery of the Trossachs, Inversnaid boasts both a romantic and bloody history. It's a very special place for nature lovers.

Exploring the trails at this stunning reserve will bring you face-to-face with extraordinary wildlife, as well as long-lost ruins and spectacular views.

Visit in winter to explore a woodland wonderland, as you wander among the ancient trees.

If you come during the warmer months, look out for summer migrant birds, such as pied flycatchers and redstarts. You're likely to find them singing against a backdrop of bluebells and primroses in the wonderful dappled shade of the woods.

On higher ground, if you manage to spot black grouse, they're likely to thrill you with their unique courtship rituals (known as leks). But you'll have to get up early to catch them, as they only display during the first few hours of daylight in spring.

Whatever the weather or time of day, a visit to RSPB Inversnaid is one you won't forget in a hurry.

Top things to do

Spring/summer

A busy time for nature and a great time for you to explore.

- 1 Watch the lek – male black grouse competing for the attention of females.
- 2 Spot beautiful fluttering butterflies in sunny woodland glades, or on the open hills.
- 3 Look out for peregrines, ospreys and golden eagles, which visit all areas of the reserve.
- 4 Sniff out pine martens' dark, twisted poo, usually on rocks and full of red berries.
- 5 Take the Cruise Loch Lomond ferry and combine a boat trip with your reserve visit. See back page for ferry details.

Autumn/winter

Five things not to miss during the chillier months.

- 1 Listen for rutting stags high up on the hills.
- 2 Walk along the banks of Loch Lomond to search for rare ferns and mosses, before returning to the hotel for a hot drink.
- 3 Look for dippers and grey wagtails along the Loch shore.
- 4 See if you can find a huge milk cap fungus – it can be bigger than a dinner plate!
- 5 Look for flocks of fieldfares feasting on berries on the hill trail, while enjoying the rich history of Rob Roy's glen.

How to get here

Nearest town: Aberfoyle

By ferry: Boats sail from Tarbet to Inversnaid beginning the end of March until November. For details, visit cruiselochlomond.com

By bike: Various cycling networks are available from both Callander and Aberfoyle.

By car: From Aberfoyle, follow the B829 to Inversnaid. The Garrison car park is off to the right at Inversnaid, or continue to the end of the road.

Opening times

The reserve is open all year. The Garrison car park gateway building has public toilets and information, which are accessible all year. It is staffed intermittently.

Admission charges

Entry to the reserve and the trails are free.

RSPB Inversnaid

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Inversnaid nature reserve



Loch Lomond's ancient woodland

- Walk along the banks of Loch Lomond.
- Listen for calling birds in ancient oak woods.
- Explore the hills where Rob Roy lived.

Part of The Great Trossachs Forest

RSPB Inversnaid

Finding your way around

To discover what makes RSPB Inversnaid so special for nature, start exploring today. All trails are rocky and may be muddy.

Woodland trail

There are more than 400 steps on this 650-yard walk, which will take about an hour.

From the Inversnaid Hotel car park, walk about 550 yards north along The West Highland Way to the trail start. The looped path climbs the hillside, giving spectacular views of Loch Lomond. In spring, listen and look out for migrant birds. The path can be wet and muddy, so sturdy footwear is advised.

Upland trail

Allow about an hour for this mile-long walk through ancient farmland and past ruins.

Take the track into the glen from the Garrison car park to our restored sheep fank. See historic ruins and evidence of farming from Rob Roy's time. In summer, spot scotch argus and small pearl-bordered fritillary butterflies, and golden ringed dragonflies. The path can be wet and muddy, so sturdy footwear is advised. Due to cattle, please keep dogs on a short lead at all times.

The West Highland Way

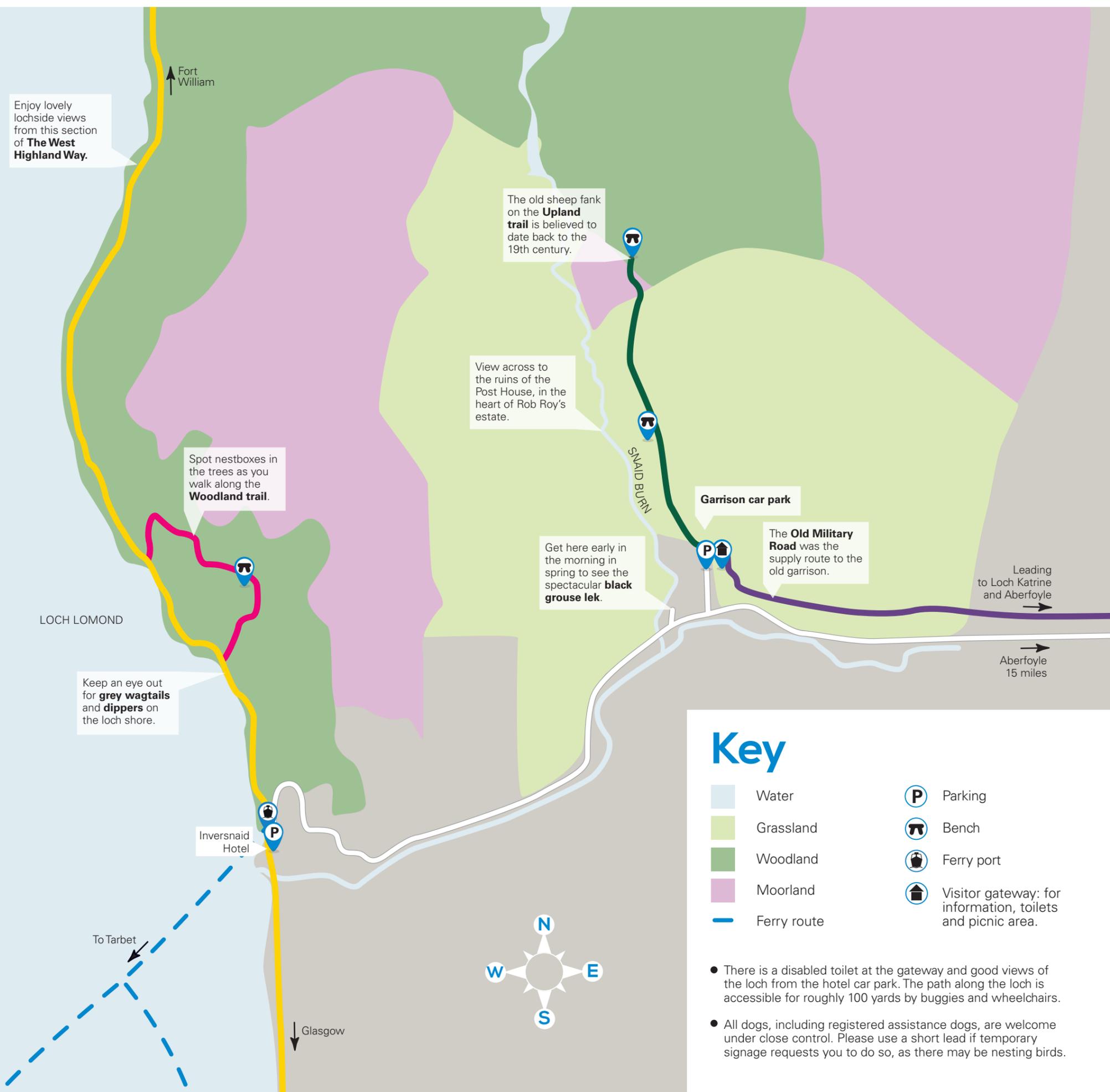
The whole of this long-distance path is 95 miles, and leads from north Glasgow to Fort William, passing along the loch side of Inversnaid reserve.

This section of The West Highland Way passes through stunning woodland and towering cliffs. They make this 2.5-mile stretch well worth the effort, though the path is very rough in places. Sturdy footwear is advisable.

Old Military Road

This follows the track that served General Wade's fort.

This is part of The Great Trossachs Path, a long-distance route. Follow this path from the Garrison car park, and you'll be exploring part of the heart of The Great Trossachs Forest. In years gone by, this trail was the supply route for General Wade's fort.



Enjoy lovely lochside views from this section of **The West Highland Way**.

The old sheep fank on the **Upland trail** is believed to date back to the 19th century.

View across to the ruins of the Post House, in the heart of Rob Roy's estate.

Spot nestboxes in the trees as you walk along the **Woodland trail**.

Keep an eye out for **grey wagtails** and **dippers** on the loch shore.

Get here early in the morning in spring to see the spectacular **black grouse lek**.

The **Old Military Road** was the supply route to the old garrison.

Leading to Loch Katrine and Aberfoyle

Aberfoyle 15 miles

Key

- Water
- Grassland
- Woodland
- Moorland
- Ferry route
- P Parking
- ⌘ Bench
- ⚓ Ferry port
- 🏠 Visitor gateway: for information, toilets and picnic area.

- There is a disabled toilet at the gateway and good views of the loch from the hotel car park. The path along the loch is accessible for roughly 100 yards by buggies and wheelchairs.
- All dogs, including registered assistance dogs, are welcome under close control. Please use a short lead if temporary signage requests you to do so, as there may be nesting birds.