

Walk description:

This is one of several walks opened in the early 2000s as part of the Highland Access Network (most are in Walkingworld). As they are new, many of the paths are not shown on OS maps; but they are well-made... The walk begins at the Abriachan Village Hall and follows the Abriachan road for 1km to Balchraggan (there is no parking in Balchraggan); then goes on to the paths and up to the shieling and beyond.

From the shieling you can join the Great Glen Way and walk north to Inverness or south to Drumnadrochit; both walks are in Walkingworld.

Access information:

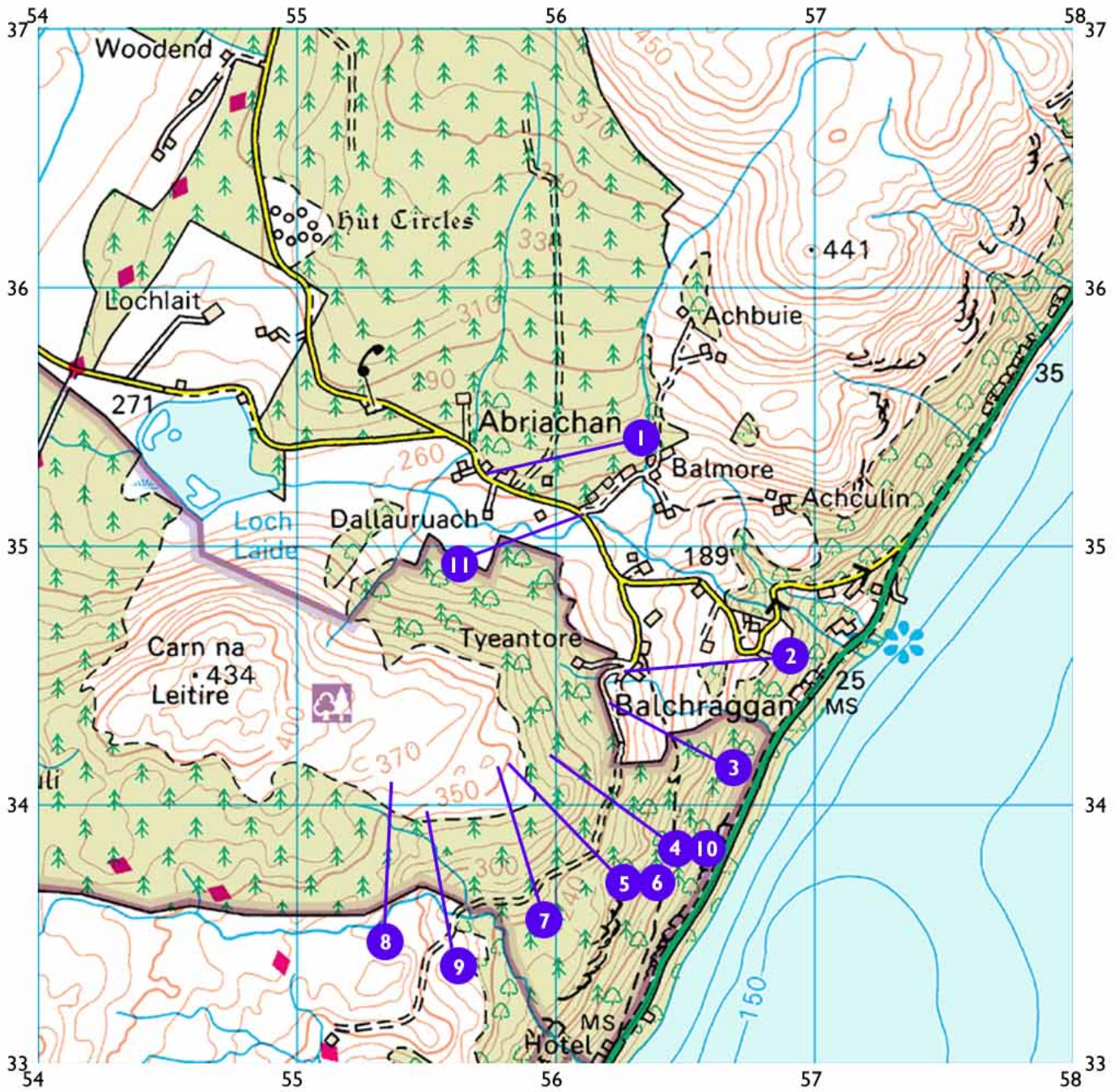
Leave the A82 about nine miles south of Inverness, taking the 'alpine' Abriachan road for 1.5 miles up to the village hall (NH 557353). The Inverness - Fort Augustus bus will let you off at the Abriachan turn-off.

Start grid ref: NH557353**OS map:** Explorer 416**Walk length:** 3.11 miles**Duration:** 100 minutes**Height gain:** 200 metres**Contributor:** D.B. GRANT**Weathercall:** Get a local forecast for this walk.

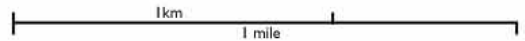
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Features:

- Hills or Fells
- Mountains
- Wildlife
- Birds
- Flowers
- Great Views
- Butterflies
- Good for Kids
- Moor
- Woodland
- Ancient Monument



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- 1**  Car parking at the village hall; take the road down to the turn-off for Balchraggan at NH 563348, then go through the settlement to the start of the path. (Grid ref: 557353)
- 2**  At this signpost take the Carn na Leitre path to a fork. (Grid ref: 563345)
- 3**  Keep right here and climb through birch and pine to reach a forestry road. (Grid ref: 562344)
- 4**  Cross this road and pick up the path to your right; it soon takes you above the trees onto the moor and to the shieling. (Grid ref: 560342)
- 5**  The shieling, with its traditional stone walls and heather roof. Here is a good coffee stop and viewpoint, with seating inside and out... (Grid ref: 558342)
- 6**  ...and bone dry inside. A little bit higher above the shieling there is another viewpoint. You shouldn't miss it; it's marked by symbolic Highland cattle, once common here. (Grid ref: 558342)
- 7**  View from the upper viewpoint to Inverness etc; rejoin the path passing the shieling and continue to a signpost 'Great Glen Way'. (Grid ref: 557342)
- 8**  Here turn sharp left to descend to a junction at the edge of the wood. (Grid ref: 554341)
- 9**  At the junction go left on the forest road to reach Waymark 04. (Grid ref: 555340)
- 10**  Stay on the forest road to reach the Abriachan road. (Grid ref: 560342)

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Turning left on the road, it's about 400m back to the car park.

(Grid ref: 561351)