

Annat Loop Path 10.4km / 6.5 miles

Allow 4 hours

Start & Finish: Annat Road end or Clan Trail number 1 lay-by, north Loch Rannoch on B846, 1.5 miles/2.4km from Kinloch Rannoch, OS NN 639591. As this is a working farm estate, avoid obstructing the entrance.

Overall steady long ascent and descent on wide, uneven stony track, with one burn crossing using ford or stepping stones. Muddy sections near working farm with cattle and sheep on the open hill.

This circular walk, a spur off the Clan Trail beside Loch Rannoch, is the beginning of a long-distance route north to Dalnaspidal and the Cairngorms. A good location for bird watching, superb scenery and for interpreting the landscape, as human influence on the land is easily visible, with historic settlements and an intriguing art installation. It is easy to enjoy a varied palette of colours all year round.

Follow the track to Annat, with a Scottish Rights of Way Society sign to Dalnaspidal, past a working farm and continue up, with a wall to your right, through a high deer gate. At the next junction, go through the gate to the lane between two stone walls looking east to Schiehallion. Continue to a corner junction, then go left up onto higher ground, through another high gate, away from the improved grazing land and out onto open hill.

Easily visible in the heathland is the historic settlement of Tor a'Chruidh, locally known as Annat Village. Stay on the track and cross the Annat burn. Continue through a gate with young native woodland on your right, into open moorland with spectacular views all around: down towards Loch Rannoch, across to the Black Wood of Rannoch, east to Schiehallion and west to Rannoch Moor.

The route continues to a junction where the Right of Way goes right to Dalnaspidal. Instead, turn left towards the distant loch on the moorland path. Entering the birch wood, look out for the Skyspace art installation in the hillside. Please respect the privacy of Craiganour Lodge and follow the farm track down to the bridge at Aulich and the road. Turn left to the starting point at Annat, approximately 3 km along the public road.