



25 ARGYLL & BUTE BEINN DORAIN

▶ Distance: 6¼ miles/11km ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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Coire an Dothaidh with the
bealach at Point 3 at the top.



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The huge, pointed
summit of Beinn

Dorain will be a familiar sight to anyone who has travelled along the West Highland Line north of Crianlarich or along the A82. Its conical shape above the wide twisting glens of the Central Highlands, just before the high, barren plateau of Rannoch Moor is reached, acts like a magnet to walkers. The way up this Munro is straightforward, if steep and strenuous in parts, and the rewards are huge with a 360° view of high mountains. The start of this route is well served with public transport, which means you can take advantage of the welcoming

bar in the Bridge of Orchy Hotel at the end of the walk. You can even travel by sleeper train from London; going to bed in the sprawling metropolis and waking up in the altogether more scenic surroundings of first class Highland grandeur.

1 Start Cross the A82 in front of the Bridge of Orchy hotel and go up a minor road to the railway station. If you're arriving by train, follow the steps down between the two platforms to reach an underpass and then go R. Follow the underpass below the railway line, go through a gate and cross an estate track, taking the wide path in front of you.

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Free parking on south side of Bridge of Orchy Hotel on A82, grid ref NN299395, postcode PA36 4AD

Is it for me? Good, stony paths, some patches of boggy ground and steep terrain in places. Considerable ascent and descent

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Bridge of Orchy

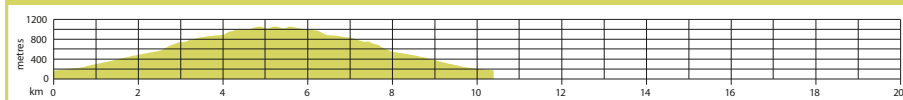
Refreshments Bridge of Orchy Hotel (01838 400208)

Public toilets None

Public transport Coaches 914/915/916 Glasgow and Fort William to Bridge of Orchy (citylink.co.uk). Trains Glasgow and Fort William to Bridge of Orchy, also Caledonian Sleeper from London

Maps OS Explorer 377; Landranger 50

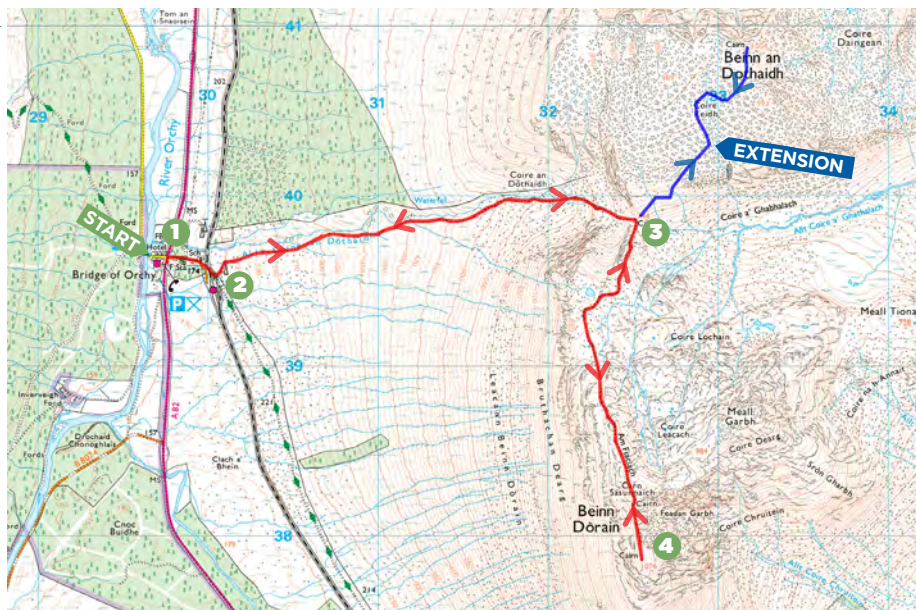
GRADIENT PROFILE



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DON'T MISS...



A large cairn on the main ridge can be mistaken for the summit, especially in mist. Some say Carn Sasunnaich, or the Sassenach's Cairn, refers to the poor route-finding skills of an Englishman.

2 ½ mile/0.6km

Go to L of the radio mast then bear R, up towards the steep-sided Coire an Dothaidh. The obvious path, boggy in places, leads east uphill and

gradually becomes steeper towards the top of corrie. Eventually you reach the bealach and its cairn.

3 2 miles/3.4km

Go R and walk south up a steep path through and over slabs of rock. After a more level, grassy/marshy section the path steepens and twists before you bear L to reach the main, broad ridge. After a cairn (Carn Sasunnaich, not the top) drop down slightly before rising up to the actual summit and its cairn.

4 3 ½ miles/5.4km

Return to the bealach and drop back down Coire

an Dothaidh to the start – unless adding Beinn an Dothaidh on the other side of the bealach. (The route up this neighbouring Munro is straightforward – gradually bearing R over sometimes boggy ground to the top – see map, marked in blue. (Allow 90 minutes for this extension – two miles and an extra 850ft/260m.) **CW**

VIEW THE WALK ON OS MAPS ONLINE:
walk1000miles.co.uk/cwroutes

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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

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