



26 PERTH & KINROSS BRUAR FALLS & BANVIE BURN

▶ Distance: 10 miles/16km ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



A glimpse of Blair Castle down in Glen Garry.

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Starting at the shopping attraction

that is the House of Bruar, this walk explores the picturesque Falls of Bruar before escaping the crowds to climb up into Glen Banvie, where the edge of the Cairngorm Plateau drops down towards the lowlands of Perthshire. A long but straightforward walk, it is mainly on forest roads and tracks, and visits a folly overlooking Blair Castle on the way.

1 Start

At the north end of the shopping complex (furthest from the A9) there is a green sign pointing L off the B8079

to the 'Falls of Bruar'. Follow this sign to take a wide path with the river on your R, passing the back of the buildings then under a bridge to start climbing on a clear path. After 0.5km go straight on at a split in the path, next to a bridge, to continue with gorge on your R.

2 ¾ mile/1.25km

Follow the path across a bridge, briefly climbing before starting to descend. After 0.5km, reach bench and turn L to leave gorge side path, joining upper track that contours around hillside. Once on track, ignore the first track leading up hill and, when you reach junction of large tracks, turn sharp L.

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Parking at the House of Bruar, near Blair Atholl, grid ref NN819659, PH18 5TW

Is it for me? Mainly well-surfaced paths and tracks. Short section of indistinct path of rough/wet ground

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Pitlochry

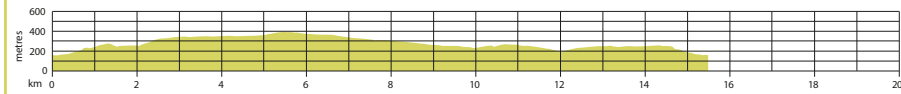
Refreshments The House of Bruar (0345 136 0111) or The Watermill in Blair Atholl (01796 481321)

Public toilets Old School Park, Blair Atholl (currently 20p charge) PH18 5SP, or in House of Bruar for customers

Public transport Elizabeth Yule service 87, and Scottish CityLink, (travelinescotland.com). Nearest train station Blair Atholl (3 miles)

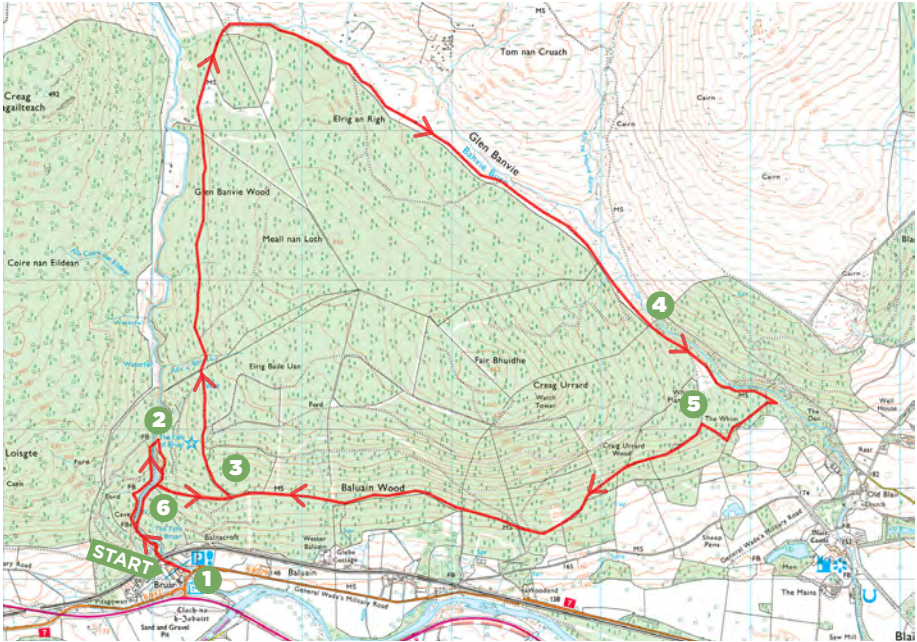
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3 **1½ miles/2.25km**
Follow forest road as it climbs steeply uphill. Go straight on at first junction, and bear L at second junction, after which the gradient eases. After passing through gate and into more open woodland, track then reaches the edge of the forest and bears R to run along the edge of moor. Clear track rises for a short while before descending across moorland for several kilometres.

4 **5¼ miles/9.2km**
Pass through gate to leave moor and re-enter into forest. Stay on track for 1km and go straight on as track soon joins

from the L, and straight on when a track leads off R. After 1km, take sharp R on grassier track that soon reaches a grand folly, The Whim. Enjoy views towards Blair Castle then go across folly to join faint trod SW through forest. If you notice a fork, keep R to reach line of overgrown track at large, solitary fencepost. Turn R to follow rough, sometimes wet path up through forest to large forest road.

5 **6¼ miles/11km**
Turn L on reaching track. In just less than 1.5km turn R at junction following wooden sign for Falls of Bruar. Follow track

for 2km until you reach large junction and bear slightly L to rejoin track leading back to Falls of Bruar.

6 **9½ miles/15km**
Once on path, turn L to steeply descend as path zig-zags down hill. Cross bridge and turn L to House of Bruar complex and the start. **CW**

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