



26 PERTH & KINROSS/HIGHLAND RANNOCH STATION TO CORROUR STATION

▶ Distance: 11 miles/ 17.5km ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



Into the wild on the shores of Loch Ossian.

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At a height of 408m Corrou Station on the West Highland Railway lies at the heart of a 50-mile wide expanse of roadless land that stretches from the west coast of Scotland to the Cairngorms. The terrain, especially on Rannoch Moor west of the station, is a vast mosaic of moor and peat bog, out of which remote mountains soar above hidden lochs. The line could be built only by floating the tracks on a bed of tree roots, brushwood, earth and ashes. With no road access, such remote and difficult country would normally be out of bounds to all but intrepid

backpackers, but the lifeline of the railway amazingly puts it within reach of day trips. Rarely can such remote country be reached for so little effort, but if you can step aboard a train you can get there and take a walk on the wild side. The next station south (Rannoch) lies at the end of the B846, making it accessible by road as well as train. Between the two stations ancient paths criss-cross the moor to make a station-to-station day walk possible between trains. The route is part of the historic Road to the Isles, once used by cattle drovers as well as clansmen raiding rival territories.

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Rannoch Station, PH17 2QA, grid ref NN422579

Is it for me? A wild walk in uninhabited country with occasionally boggy paths

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Kinloch Rannoch

Refreshments Corrou Station House

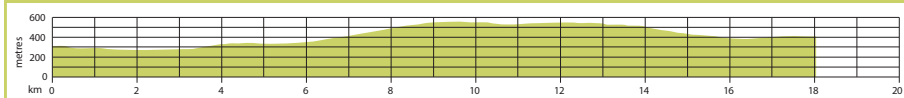
Public transport See Logistics

Public toilets At stations
Maps OS Explorer 385; Landranger 42/41

LOGISTICS

Train N from Rannoch c.11.30, train back S from Corrou c.18.30, allowing around 7 hours walking. There are earlier and later trains. Corrou is a request stop. Wave to stop train: scotrail.co.uk, 03448 110141. Or, stay overnight and get train back next day.

GRADIENT PROFILE



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► OS Explorer map 385 ► Buy maps at: ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop

1 Start

Walk E along B846 to the start of the Land Rover track opposite Loch Eigheach, signposted Public Footpath to Ft William by Corrou to Ft William by Corrou (NN446579).

2 1½ miles/2.5km

Track runs NW then N across moor, contouring around shoulder of hill into hidden glen of Allt Eigheach. Track fords river at mouth of Coire Eigheach. Footbridge just before ford.

3 3½ miles/5.5km

Track climbs slightly to junction with side path at forestry plantation.

4 3¾ miles/6km

Stay on main track as it curves L round trees and begins to climb. This ancient section of track becomes more overgrown but is still in good condition. It makes rising traverse across W flank of Carn Dearg. After levelling out at 540m contour it crosses from Landranger map 42 to Landranger 41, passes a side path L and bears R to descend more steeply. By now little more than a path, it reaches junction at Peter's Rock (a boulder with a memorial plaque).

5 8.5 miles/13.5km

Turn L to follow track gently down moor beneath Meall na Lice. This section of



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track is being gradually reclaimed by moor, leaving a few boggy wallows to leap over. In compensation, expansive view W over Loch Ossian to array of massive mountains flanking upper Glen Nevis. Near lochside bear R to reach vehicle track around shoreline.

6 10 miles/16km

Pass Youth Hostel access

track and reach junction at head of loch. Stay L to cross moor to Corrou Station. **CW**

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