

## Walk 6 Ciaran Path to old POW Camp

Grade: Moderate, allow 1½ hours round trip

Walk through ancient native woodland within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) to discover the location of a 1st World War POW camp in a remote clearing.

From the Aluminium Story, walk over main road bridge and turn immediately right, along West Highland Way tarmac path. Pass the gushing 'tail race' on your right and over the



wooden bridge, where a path to your right leads you through a 5 minute forest walk and out at the end of the houses. Continue on a rough road for 100 metres and see wooden sign to Ciaran Path. Follow this mostly uphill path until wooden bridge over a gully. Care must be taken. Follow main path until you reach a wide clearing with the outlines and cement flooring of the camp still clearly visible, especially if viewed from just further up the path, (which would eventually lead you to the Blackwater Dam built for the aluminium factory). Retrace your footsteps back to the Visitor Centre.

## Walk 7 Small Dam

Grade: Moderate but steep, allow 2 hours round trip

Survey the breathtaking scenery as you climb part of the West Highland Way, and relax at the bridge overlooking the Small Dam with waterfalls tumbling below.

From the Aluminium Story, walk over Main Road bridge and turn immediately right, along West Highland Way tarmac path. You might see red squirrels. Pass the gushing 'tail race' on your right and over the wooden bridge, where a path to your right leads you through a 5 minute forest walk and out at the end of the houses. Continue on a rough road (do not take left turning) which swings right across the old toll bridge. Follow the West Highland Way Thistle signposts and continue climbing until the small dam is reached, and can be viewed from the bridge. Retrace your steps to return to Visitor Centre.

There is a regular bus service to and from Glencoe village, Ballachulish and Fort William except on Sunday.

The Visitor Centre has an exhibition, spanning the last century, that tells how aluminium was manufactured using hydro-electricity.

For information see our website  
[www.kinlochleven.co.uk](http://www.kinlochleven.co.uk)

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***This leaflet introduces you to walks in and around Kinlochleven. To maximise your enjoyment please ensure that you follow the Countryside Code.***

Guard against all risk of fire ● Keep your dog under close control ● Take your litter home ● Help to keep all water clean  
Protect wildlife, plants and trees ● Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work

### ONGOING MAINTENANCE ON SOME PATHS

It is the intention that some of the walks will be suitable for wheelchair access, please check locally.

You are encouraged to wear suitable footwear and clothing when out walking as some of the paths are on rough or muddy ground and the weather can deteriorate quickly.

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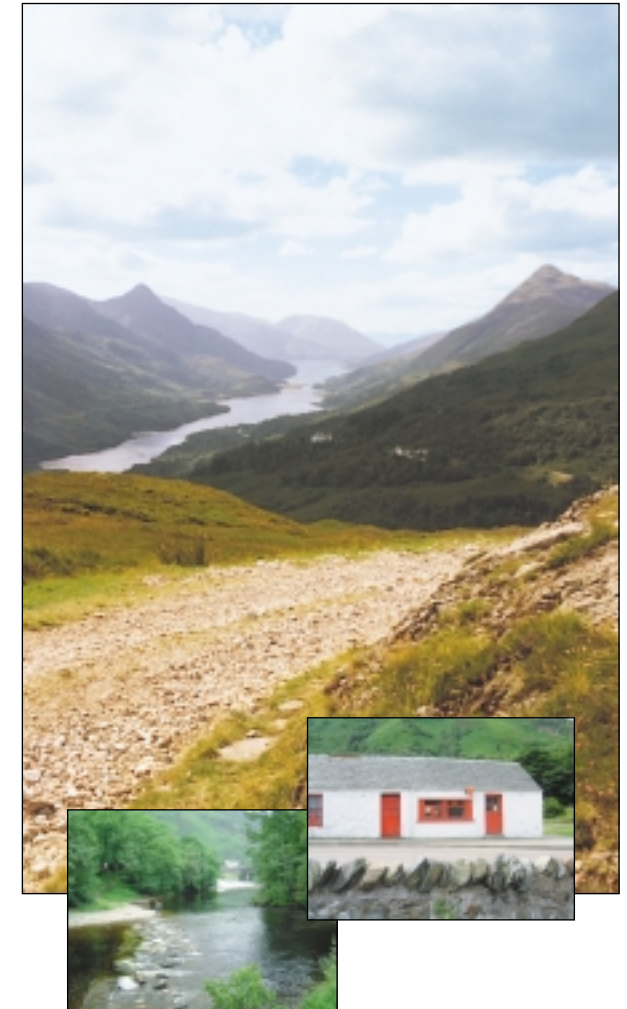
KLDT exists to regenerate Kinlochleven, using land made available by Alcan on the closure of the smelter. KLDT aims to reclaim disused industrial land, and use it to create new enterprises and new jobs, whilst preserving and restoring the historic heritage of the village.

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# KINLOCHLEVEN WALKS

Welcome to the Hidden Highlands  
Between Glen Nevis and Glencoe



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## Walk 1 Grey Mares Waterfall

Grade: Moderate, allow 35 minutes round trip

*Breathe in the fresh clean air at this spectacular waterfall, named by King Edward VII during his stay at Mamore Lodge in 1909.*

Start at the Aluminium Story Visitor Centre and walk over the Main Road bridge. Turn right at 1st junction to find church at end of this road and Greymares Car Park. Take blue sign leading left to the Grey Mares Waterfall. From the viewpoint follow the footpath and take the steps down the hillside to a wooden bridge, turn left again to the foot of the waterfall. Retrace your steps to Visitor Centre.



## Walk 2 Pier Circular Walk

Grade: Easy, allow 45 minutes

*For a stunning view down the loch, join the route of the old railway line that transported materials from the pier to the aluminium factory early last century.*

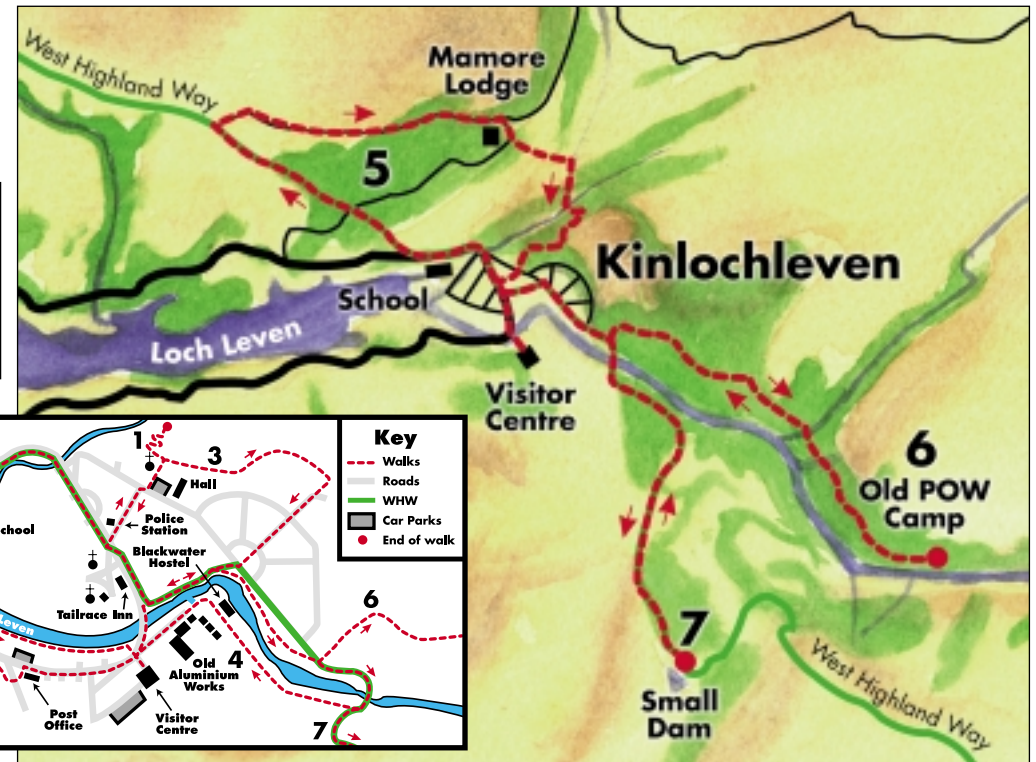
Start at the Aluminium Story and turn left down the main shopping street to the oldest building still in use in Kinlochleven, the Post Office, behind which is a sign for the pier. Cross road, climb 1st set of steps, turn right onto the leafy path leading to the pier. This was the old electric railway line. On reaching the semicircular boatshed at the pier, there is a 10 minute circular walk with bench-seat viewpoint down Loch Leven. Return to the Visitor Centre via the road running parallel to the old railway line until you reach the double gates and small bridge on your left. Walk round behind bowling green pavilion. Now take the narrow tarmac riverside footpath up to the Main Road bridge opposite the Aluminium Story.

## Walk 3 Circular Woodland Walk

Grade: Easy, allow 30 minutes

*Enjoy the peace of the countryside; listen to songbirds and look out for red squirrels on this pretty walk, skirting the edge of the village.*

From the Aluminium Story, walk over Main Road bridge, turning right at 1st junction to find church at end of this road and Greymares Car Park. Join footpath and turn first right until you reach a white cottage. Turn right into



village and keep walking downhill, until you reach the tarred West Highland Way footpath beside the river. Follow this footpath until you reach the Main Road bridge again and turn left to return to the Visitor Centre.

## Walk 4 Leven Bridges Circular Walk

Grade: Easy, allow 35 minutes

*Stroll through the forest walk and over the old toll bridge, passing the industrial heritage of the village.*

From the Aluminium Story, walk over Main Road bridge and turn immediately right, along West Highland Way tarmac path. Pass the gushing 'tail race' on your right and over the wooden bridge, where a path to your right leads you through a 5 minute forest walk and out at the end of the houses. Continue on a rough road (do not take left turning) which swings right across the old toll bridge. Turn right following the road along the side of the river and over the tailrace, which leads you past the old aluminium factory buildings and back to the Visitor Centre.

## Walk 5 Mamore Lodge Circular Walk

Grade: Strenuous, allow 2 hours

*Discover what it was like to tramp this old military road used by soldiers, navvies and royalty, with amazing views down Loch Leven to Glencoe, the opening scene of the film 'Rob Roy'.*

Start from the Aluminium Story and follow the Main Road across the bridge until you reach the School. Cross the road and follow the West Highland Way path. After a steep climb, the path crosses over a tarmac road leading to Mamore Lodge. Continue up footpath (on far side of road) until it joins the old military road. Turn right; continue past metal gate and TV mast to Mamore Lodge Hotel. Follow the tarmac road down past the lodge to first corner and take white signposted path on left which zigzags steeply down to a wooden bridge, continue down path to another wooden footbridge and take steps to Grey Mares car park. Take Kearnan Road opposite church; turn left onto Main Road for Visitor Centre.