

WALKS

From the head of Loch Fyne

A map / guide to five easy to follow walks

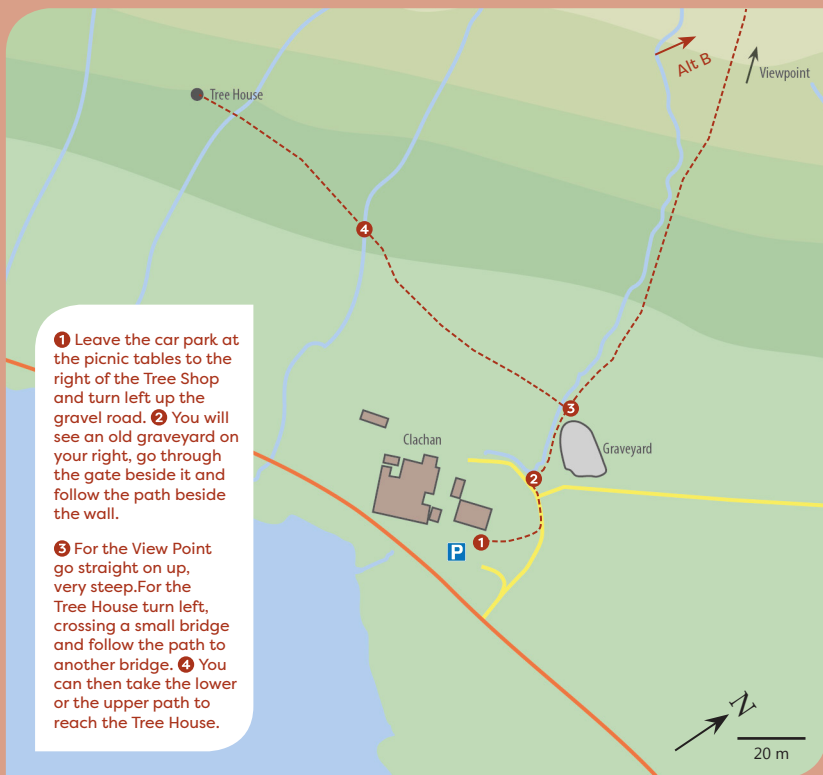


Here We Are



1 TREE HOUSE (& VIEW POINT)

A short walk to the Tree House and a tough climb up to a View Point.



Clachan A working farm until 1985 when the byre was converted into Loch Fyne Oysters restaurant. Now LFO smoke house, restaurant and offices. The Here We Are centre, the Tree Shop and café are also based here.

Old Graveyard This graveyard dates back to 1700s, originally there was a church/chapel in the field here before the church was built in Cairndow

village. People were carried over the hill from Glen Shira to be buried here as well as the people from Cairndow. There is a stone with a cross engraved in it above Cuil House called the Priests Knoll, where they would come in sight of the graveyard and would rest before coming on down.

Tree House

Difficulty easy
Distance short
Duration 30 mins

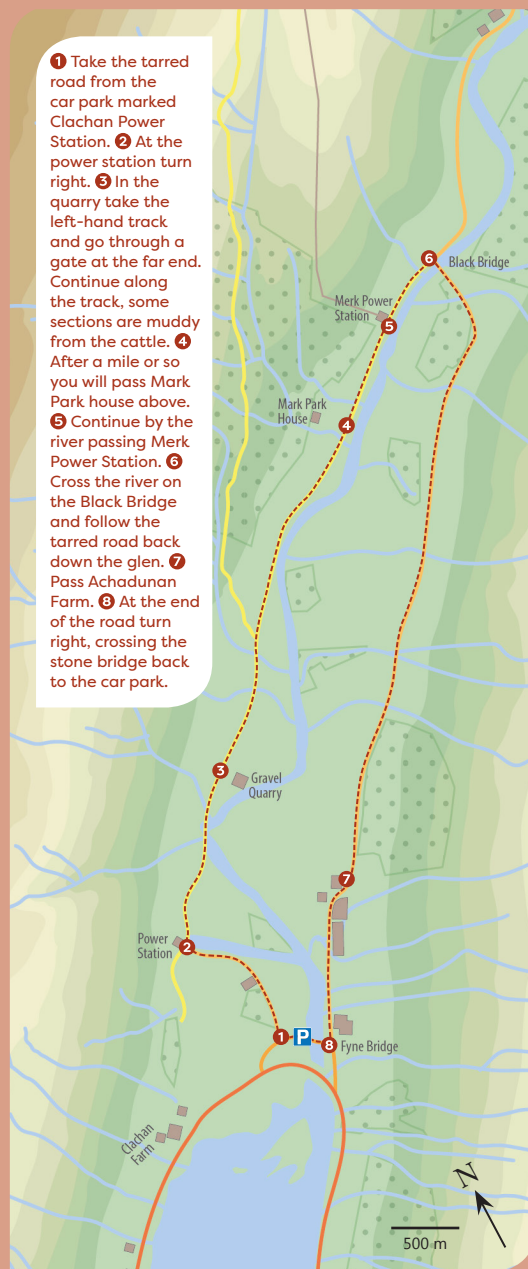
Viewpoint

Difficulty medium
Distance short
Duration 1 hour

Start - From the Loch Fyne Oysters, Here We Are, Tree Shop car park at Clachan.

2 BLACK BRIDGE

A walk up one side of a highland glen and down the other.



Difficulty easy
Distance medium
Duration 2-3 hours

Start - From the car park between the old and new Fyne bridges

Old Fyne Bridge Its an 18 century bridge, built by the famous engineer Thomas Telfer. It was said that the bridge was built on dry land and the river diverted under it.

The Eagles Falls East of the Black Bridge, a steep and craggy burn where golden eagles nest.

Highland Cattle They wont bother you but avoid going between a cow and her young calf.

Achadunan Farm and Fyne Ales A dairy farm up until the mid1950s, sheep and cattle were then stocked there until 1994. Since 2002 a brewery, with bar and shop

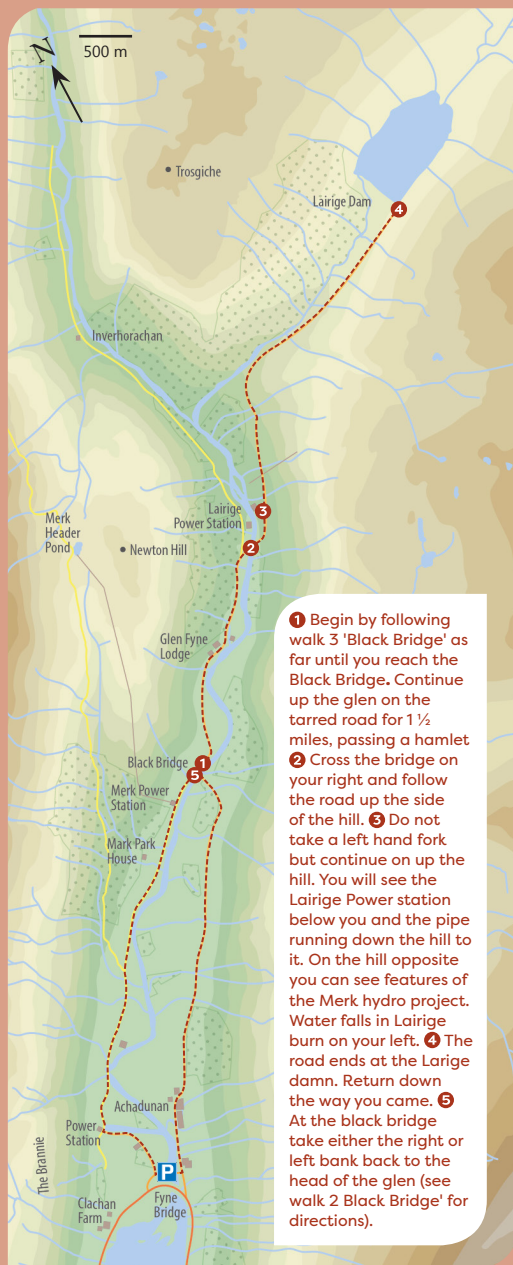
Merk Hydro Commissioned in 2015, Here We Are has a 25% share in it.

Our Power CIC Owned by Here We Are wood chipping shed, suppliers of wood chips for heating.

Achadunan Cattle Herd of Highland Cattle, and sometimes red deer grazing the fields.

3 LAIRIGE DAM

A walk along Glen Fyne and then steeply up to Lairige Dam.



Difficulty easy
Distance long
Duration 5-6 hours

Start - At the Black Bridge, see walk no 3

Glen Fyne Lodge

Originally a shooting lodge, Queen Victoria visited for afternoon tea in September 1875 when she was visiting the Duke of Argyll in Inveraray.

Views Having crossed the river Fyne as you look back you start to get a spectacular view down the glen to Loch Fyne. Looking up the glen there is Inverchorachan cottage nestled in the corner. From the dam you can see the Crianlarich hills.

The Larige Dam This was part of the North of Scotland Hydro Schemes, famous Power to The Glens of the 1940s and '50s.

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Inverorachan Cottage, in upper Glen Fyne Until the 1950s a shepherd's cottage then let out as a holiday cottage, now boarded up.

1 Begin by following walk 3 'Black Bridge' as far until you reach the Black Bridge. Continue up the glen on the tarred road for 1½ miles, passing a hamlet
2 Cross the bridge on your right and follow the road up the side of the hill. **3** Do not take a left hand fork but continue on up the hill. You will see the Lairige Power station below you and the pipe running down the hill to it. On the hill opposite you can see features of the Merk hydro project. Water falls in Lairige burn on your left. **4** The road ends at the Larige dam. Return down the way you came. **5** At the black bridge take either the right or left bank back to the head of the glen (see walk 2 Black Bridge' for directions).



KEY TO MAPS

	Road
	Private Road
	Track / Footpath
	River
	Loch / Pond
	Forest / Wood
	Building
	Pipeline
	Car Park
	Cycle Rack

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please shut all gates
- Keep dogs on leads at all times
- Cycles can be left at the cycle rack marked x on map
- Warning: No phone signal in Glen Fyne

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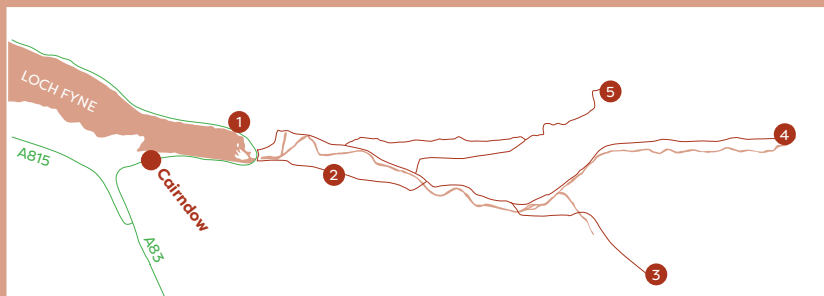
Tree House Walk

Get off bus at Loch Fyne Oysters or park in Here We Are/Loch Fyne Oysters car park.

Glen Walks

By bus: Citylink buses from Glasgow to Campbelltown and Oban and from Dunoon to Inveraray pass here. Get off at Loch Fyne Oysters and walk ½ mile to walkers' car park at head of the Loch.

By car: turn off the A83 just before or just after the bridge at the head of Loch Fyne. On the NW side of the old bridge there is a car park for walkers.



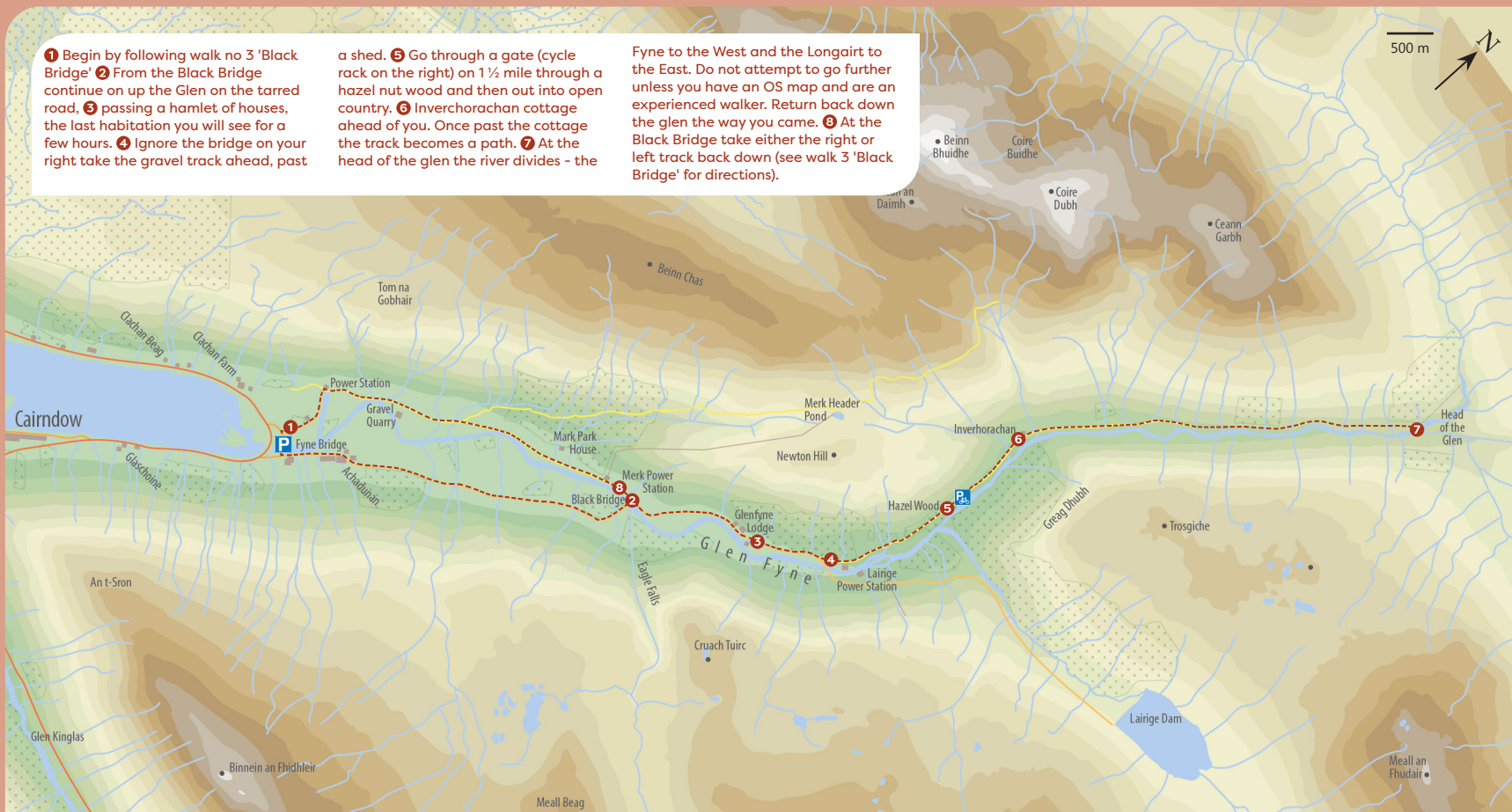
4 THE HEAD OF GLEN FYNE

The walk will give you a day's experience of Glen Fyne, the more remote and wilder the further you go.

1 Begin by following walk no 3 'Black Bridge' 2 From the Black Bridge continue on up the Glen on the tarred road, 3 passing a hamlet of houses, the last habitation you will see for a few hours. 4 Ignore the bridge on your right take the gravel track ahead, past

a shed. 5 Go through a gate (cycle rack on the right) on 1 1/2 mile through a hazel nut wood and then out into open country. 6 Inverchorachan cottage ahead of you. Once past the cottage the track becomes a path. 7 At the head of the glen the river divides - the

Fyne to the West and the Longairt to the East. Do not attempt to go further unless you have an OS map and are an experienced walker. Return back down the glen the way you came. 8 At the Black Bridge take either the right or left track back down (see walk 3 'Black Bridge' for directions).



Difficulty medium
Distance long
Duration 6 hours

Start - At the Black Bridge, see walk no 3

Cycles - permitted as far as gate beyond clipping shed

Hazelnut wood in the old days coppiced to encourage woodcock for shooting. Now fenced off for natural regeneration.

Carriage Turn widened corner on the road for carriages to turn.

Inverchorachan cottage Until the 1950's a shepherd's cottage,

then let out as a holiday cottage. Now boarded up.

Allt a' Chorachan The burn nearby means the shining burn, site of gold mine.

Wood on left beyond Inverchorachan was planted as a shelter belt, in the burn there is a small lead mine.

At the head of the glen the

slope ahead is known as the Braes of Glen Fyne. Until the beginning of the 20th Century there used to be a hamlet of several houses. The ruin of one of these - Benvallagan House - is still visible. Sheep fanks are visible on both sides of the river.

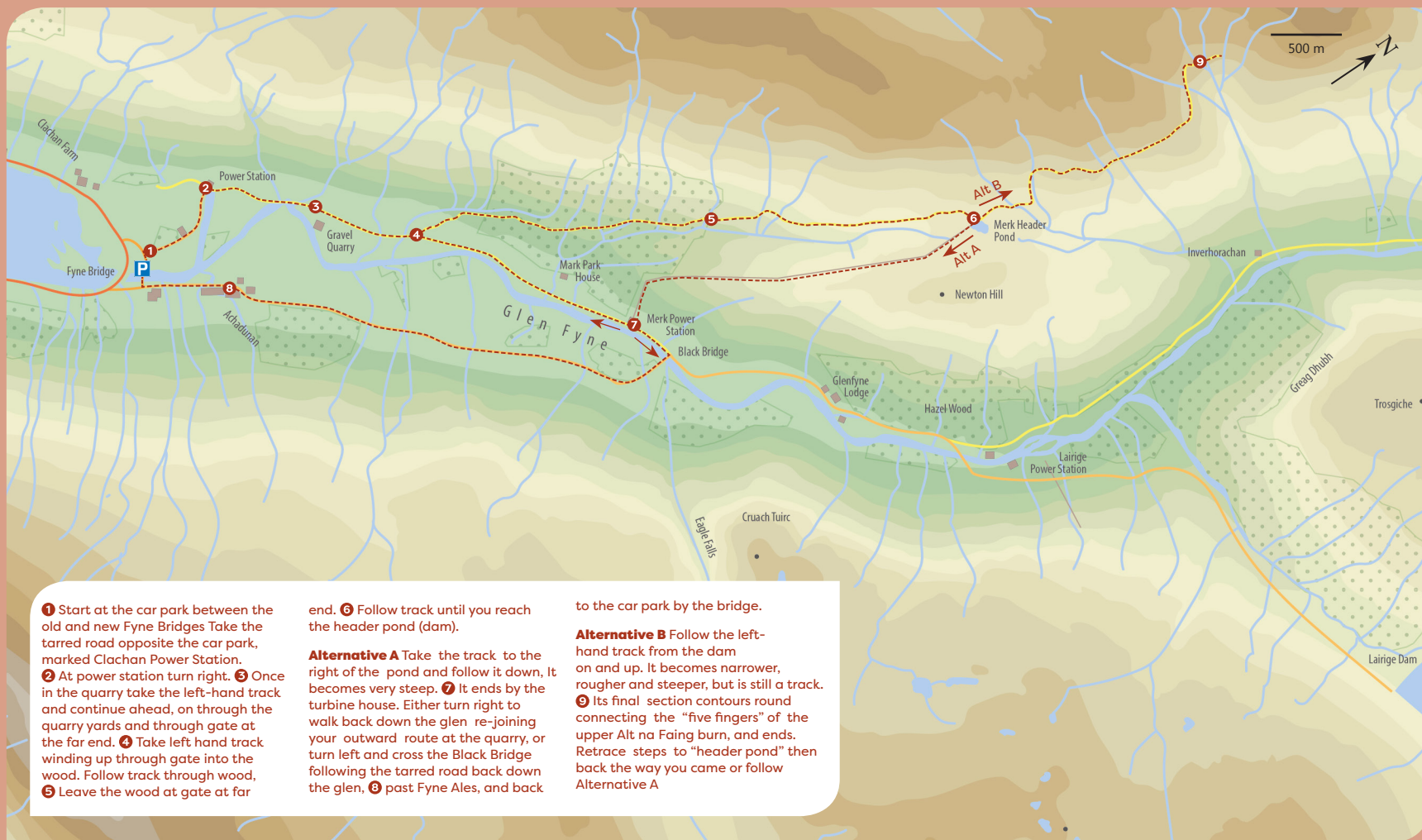
The tracks from Dalmally and Glen Shira towards Glen Falloch, crossed here.

As you walk up the glen after Inverchorachan cottage, the steep hill on your right is Trosgiche and to your left Ceannt Garbh, the Braes of Glen Fyne are ahead. Fencing on the left for natural regeneration.

Golden Eagles If you are lucky you may see a golden eagle.

5 THE MERK

A walk high on the Newton hillside in the location of the Merk Hydro Scheme.



- 1 Start at the car park between the old and new Fyne Bridges. Take the tarred road opposite the car park, marked Clachan Power Station.
- 2 At power station turn right. 3 Once in the quarry take the left-hand track and continue ahead, on through the quarry yards and through gate at the far end. 4 Take left hand track winding up through gate into the wood. Follow track through wood.
- 5 Leave the wood at gate at far

end. 6 Follow track until you reach the header pond (dam).

Alternative A Take the track to the right of the pond and follow it down, it becomes very steep. 7 It ends by the turbine house. Either turn right to walk back down the glen re-joining your outward route at the quarry, or turn left and cross the Black Bridge following the tarred road back down the glen, 8 past Fyne Ales, and back

to the car park by the bridge.

Alternative B Follow the left-hand track from the dam on and up. It becomes narrower, rougher and steeper, but is still a track. 9 Its final section contours round connecting the "five fingers" of the upper Alt na Faing burn, and ends. Retrace steps to "header pond" then back the way you came or follow Alternative A

Difficulty tough
Distance long
Duration 4-5 hours

Start - From the car park between the old and new Fyne bridges.

Merk Hydro Scheme This is the catchment area of the Merk Hydro, (operating since August 2015). The water, in pipes and "leats" (ditches), drain into the dam. There is a 372 metre drop between the dam and the turbine house. It is rated at 1 MW (998 KW) generator. The

power is sold to the national Grid, (estimated equivalent to annual consumption of 800 homes). 25% of the scheme is owned by the Community charity Here We Are

Views On a clear day you can see up to Ben Oss and Ben Lui

and the Perthshire hills and back down Loch Fyne, even to Arran. To the East is the Lairige dam, a 1950's Hydro Board scheme.

Fauna Red deer and black face sheep graze the rough pasture. Larks and cuckoo sing

in season and golden eagles may wing over from the craggy Eagles' Falls, on the opposite side of the glen.

Warning: Up here wind and weather can change fast. Stick to the tracks.