

Caithness Riders Access Group



Loch Badenloch

Maximum Distance : 22 miles Surface : Varied – mainly sandy

The information contained in this pack is correct as of 22/07/2008

LOCH BADENLOCH TO LOCH CHOIRE

This route comprises an estate track that goes from Loch Badenloch to Loch Choire lodge, a distance of about 11 miles (so 22 miles altogether, there and back).

The track is shared between The Badenloch and Choire estates and is mainly a sandy track, becoming a little more stony farther up.

There is a dam and a high bridge to cross near the start and several wooden, plank bridges across burns where care is needed, as there are some gaps and holes.

There is only one barrier and that is right at the start of the track. It is a very beautiful route with the possibility of seeing lots of wildlife, especially deer and there are lots of places to stop for a picnic and take in the scenery.

The track is used and maintained by the estates and it is advisable to contact them before riding, as the parking (on rough ground at the start of the track) is on private land.

To get there from Caithness, go south on the A9 and turn right in Helmsdale up the Strath of Kildonan to Kimbrace. In Kimbrace, turn left and take the minor road signed to Syre.

The route starts about 3 miles from Kimbrace and the parking area is on your left hand side, right beside the road. If you require the relevant 'phone numbers, please get in touch.



Know the Code before you go

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors. Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water for recreation, education and for going from place to place providing they act responsibly. These access rights and responsibilities are explained in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The key things are:

When you're in the outdoors:

- take personal responsibility for your own actions and act safely;
- respect people's privacy and peace of mind;
- help land managers and others to work safely and effectively;
- care for your environment and take your litter home;
- keep your dog under proper control;
- take extra care if you're organising an event or running a business.

If you're managing the outdoors:

- respect access rights;
- act reasonably when asking people to avoid land management operations;
- work with your local authority and other bodies to help integrate access and land management
- respect rights of way and customary access

Find out more by visiting www.outdooraccess-scotland.com or phoning your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.