



# British Walking Federation

## PT131 AVIEMORE TRAIL



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**DISTANCE:** 11km

**ENTRY FEE:** £1.50 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

**AWARD:** Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

**START VENUE:** "Triangle Car Park" opposite the Rothiemurchus Visitors Centre and Farm Shop

**OS MAP:** 36 **GR:** NH901110

**SAT NAV:** PH22 1QH

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**DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN:** From A9 take B9152 to Aviemore. At roundabout turn right and take B970 towards Coylumbridge. After approx. 1 mile at junction B970 to Freshiebridge turn right and immediately left into car park opposite Rothiemurchus Visitors Centre.

**COACH & CAR PARKING:** At start point

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Train or bus to Aviemore. Bus to Rothiemurchus. You can walk from the station to the start, about 1.6km on a waymarked footpath. Please check as local transport is seasonal and is often affected by severe weather in winter.

### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024)**

Walk along the B970 in the direction of Coylumbridge passing Rothiemurchus Centre on your left. After approx. 250m turn right signposted Tullochgrue & Black Park. Follow this minor road as it climbs gently through moorland and mixed woodland for approx. 650m to reach the first building on left.

#### **Q1. What was this now derelict building?**

Continue on road for a further 250m to reach a fork in the road by house called Blackpark. Bear left on road signposted Tullochgrue & Whitewell. Follow road for approx. 1,300m as it winds its way uphill to reach cattle grid. Cross cattle grid and turn left on stony track by red Rothiemurchus Forest sign, keep ahead on main track. Follow track downhill to T-junction and turn right on wide gravel track. Continue ahead for approx. 1,100m passing through metal gate and then wooden gate to reach track junction with multiple signs.

## **Q2. If you were to carry on, which Loch would you head towards?**

Turn right on track towards "Loch an Eilein". At next track crossing, go straight ahead. Follow track ignoring all turnings as it bears left, then right to wind downhill across moorland and scattered pine woodland crossing two streams to reach T-junction. Turn right signposted Aviemore and follow track with loch on left for approx. 700m to reach black metal gates. Go ahead through gates and follow track to pass orange painted house on right named Forest Cottage. Continue to follow track to reach the end of loch. Turn left by red notice board over wooden footbridge and go ahead for approx. 100m to reach the white cottage "Loch an Eilein Visitor Centre". Here you will find a picnic area and toilets.

## **Q3. What is the word over the door?**

Turn around and with the visitor centre behind you, go ahead and in approx. 20m turn left on footpath to reach car park. Walk through the car park passing the pay booth on your left and bear left over a wooden bridge to reach the public road. Turn left along the road and after approx. 30m turn right on a clear track passing a "The Croft Track Authorised Vehicles Only Please" sign, following Old Logging Way. Follow track bearing right and uphill. Continue to follow track for approx. 1,600m ignoring all turnings passing through one gate to eventually reach house called Blackpark.

At T-junction, turn left and in approx. 100m at first lay-by on left, turn left past metal gate on narrow track. After 200m turn right on first narrow path. After 50m and at track junction, turn right. Follow this track initially through woodland, then across an open area through another wooded area to reach road. Turn left on road to reach road junction.

## **Q4. How far is it to Feshiebridge?**

Turn right on road to return to the Car Park.

When you have completed this trail please use the [Permanent Trail Entry Form](#)

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