

CLUNES to LAGGAN

Start at Clunes where there is plenty of space to leave your car. Unfortunately there is no T so be prepared to go the 6 miles to the Great Glen Water Park at Laggan. From Clunes all the way along the yellow route you walk on forest tracks. As this is a working forest occasionally the paths are diverted but these may not always be accessible to wheels. It is well worth phoning either the Great Glen Way or Forest Enterprise to check (see below). Also, be aware that most of the section is shared with the Cycle Route but I have never found cyclists to be anything but pleasant and helpful.



Braving the elements along Loch Lochy

Although this is a long path with few natural breaks it offers stunning views of Loch Lochy. There are mountains all around and on a good day, with high blue skies, one may experience the spectacular. When you reach the cemetery at Kilfinnan with a large mausoleum for Glengarry chiefs, the track becomes a minor road which you could continue along to Laggan where on road parking is possible. Or if you want a challenge continue on the GGW which goes off to the right which takes you through a chalet park and down to Laggan Locks. The pedestrian access crossing the lock is wide enough for most scooters but has a high step which requires a small ramp or a very strong helper. From here the GGW is narrow and fairly treacherous for wheelchairs until you reach the A82. This is a very busy road but the cars are periodically stopped for canal traffic at Laggan bridge. A mile further on, the Great Glen Water Park has a coffee shop, restaurant and chalet accommodation (01809 501381).

For both my visits to the GGW I was fortunate in having the GGW Ranger with me. There were a few gates going along the forest tracks but I hope on your visit to the GGW these barriers will have been removed.

Further information from:

Great Glen Way: 01320 366633 www.greatglenway.com

A good book: The Great Glen Way by Jacquetta Megarry Publ. by Rucksack Readers

British Waterways Highland Canals: Customer Service Manager 01463 725500

Access Officer (Inverness & Nairn); 01463 702186

FACTFILE	
MAP	Ordnance Survey map 34
GRID REFERENCE start/finish	NN 203886/304984
PARKING	Clunes, Laggan & GG Water Park
TOILETS	GG Water Park café W/C (R)
DISTANCE	8 miles
LANDSCAPE	Waterscape/mountains/forest
NEAREST REFRESHMENT	Great Glen Water Park, S.Laggan