5 Take care of slippery paths and keep back from cliff edges. Cross the stile to enter the wood and take the left path down wooded hillside, after 200m reaching the delightful Yellow Craig. Continue through the rhododendron tunnel and then through mixed woodland for 150m to a fork in the path. Both paths meet under the pylon. Continue down the hillside and take the right fork through the trees which after 100m goes down a steep bank to join a burn. Follow this for another 100m before crossing it to join a minor road.

B Down the road on your left are the ruins of Logie Kirk. In the 17th century Scotland was gripped by a fear of Witches. The ruins of the nearby Logie Kirk, date back to 1178 and to this day are an eerie place shrouded in mystery. It is alleged that a coven of Witches was based in the Ochil Hills behind the Kirk. The most prominent of the hills is known as Carly (Witches) Crag. In the 18th century a minister at Logie is said to have spotted a cloven hoofed Devil dancing with the Witches. Carly Craig is next to Yellow Craig.

6 Turn right up the hill round a hairpin bend, then another, then straight ahead through a gate. If the gate is locked take the narrow path behind the fence to the left of the gate. Take a level path that forks left off the main track. This joins a broader path after 50m and continues downwards for 200m, reaching a track which follows the boundary wall of Stirling University main campus. Continue along this track next to the wall for 500m, reaching the Sheriffmuir Road.

It is possible to detour to the University for refreshments; take one of the two gaps in the wall. There is a pedestrian bridge across Airthrey Loch to reach cafés and shops in the MacRobert Centre C

7 At the Sheriffmuir Road turn left then immediately right, along a house access road, and then along a path near new houses. 100m further the path bends left between high fences, and then joins another access road (PATHFOOT DRIVE). After 50m cross straight ahead near to prominent double gates, and along another path between garden walls and fences.

After 100m this joins another access road. Turn left here, then right at the letter box along a main residential road (Kenilworth Road).

8 Proceed along Kenilworth Road for 400m. 150m after the junction with Abercromby Drive, look carefully on the left for a path between garden walls (nearly opposite a sign '13 LIKARA'). Take this path down 86 steps, then turn sharp right along another narrow path. Follow this for 400m, ignoring paths to the side. This joins a roadside footpath. Turn left for 50m, cross the road at the junction (ALEXANDER DRIVE) and take another narrow path, which is above the sub station. Follow this for 50m, then fork left for 100m to return to the familiar Blairforkie Drive.

At the end of Blairforkie Drive go right to retrace your outward route back to Bridge of Allan Station.

On the final leg of the journey enjoy the aromas from the cafés and restaurants from the village centre hidden below.

Route profile

Moderate walk with ascent of 1400ft climbing.

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About us

Strathallan Community Rail Partnership consists of representatives from local community groups which aims to link local railways with countryside and the communities it serves. It works with local organisations and businesses to maximise potential benefits for the local communities.

The Ramblers are a UK wide organisation with over 100,000 members which exists to promote the interests of ramblers at all levels of government and to encourage and promote walking. It works continuously on issues of importance to walkers and speaks for walkers when new legislation is being considered by both Scottish and UK Parliaments. Through its groups, it offers an extensive range of public walks with Stirling, Falkirk and District Group providing regular Sunday walks and other groups within 20 miles of Stirling providing an extensive programme of mid week walks and Saturday walks, which are available to all members. In Scotland there are 54 groups providing 3,500 walks a year.



Bridge of Allan to Dumyat and back to Bridge of Allan

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A moderate climb with outstanding viewpoints at the summit

Acknowledgements



Starts at **Bridge of Allan Railway Station**



Difficulty Moderate

Walking time 4 hours 30 minutes

Length 13.3km / 8.3miles

Getting there

There are train and bus options to the start and finish points of the walk. https://www.travelinescotland.com There is also car parking at the station and on-street parking is also available.

Route instructions

1 From the railway platform, ascend via steps to the main road, then turn right and follow the roadside footpath toward Bridge of Allan. Cross the road before the first mini roundabout, then continue on the north roadside footpath, crossing the bridge over the Allan Water. Cross the side road near the second mini roundabout, to a prominent mural. Ascend the steps that are to the right of the mural and next to the 'Blairforkie Drive' sign. After 15m up the steps turn sharp left before a green seat, and continue up many more steps. The path passes a sign 'WELCOME TO MID WOODS' and climbs through woodland for 250m. Take care crossing the main road in Bridge of Allan.

2 Upon reaching a mown grass area, continue on the path for 300m behind some trees to the top of the grass. Cross the road next to a sign 'WELCOME TO MINE WOODS' and turn right along a path that is parallel to the minor road. Continue on this for 600m, ignoring several inviting paths on the left. At a junction of 4 paths turn left up the hill, signposted 'COPPERMINE PATH DRUMBRAE'. Follow this for 700m, reaching a minor road.

3 Turn left up the minor road for 300m, enjoying views to the left to Dunblane and beyond. Ignore the road to the left and continue for 100m then fork right up an unsurfaced track, past a forestry sign 'PENDREICH', following this track for 400m. Go through the metal gate, and turn right along a path which climbs up to the reservoir then follows the side of Cocksburn Reservoir. Continue over open countryside until the end of the reservoir, then take the right fork with fences and a wall on your right. The path eventually leads to another metal gate near pylons and another minor road.



400m.

For a shorter walk (which is advised for wet, windy or cold conditions) take the path straight ahead through a small valley. Continue for 1km forking right through the bracken towards the top corner of woodland, where you rejoin the main route at point 5.

For the main walk continue past the first viewpoint along a fairly level path. Before a steeper rocky section is a junction of paths. The right hand path is the return route. Continue on the well trodden path to the summit A. Return along the same route, turning left after 1,200m, at the bottom of the steep rocky ledge. The path descends down grassy hillside for 600m to the top edge of woodland A.



4 Turn left along the minor road (the historic Sheriffmuir Road) for 150m then turn right up the slope to a prominent gate. Go through the gate onto open ground. After about 100m the main path to the left climbs to a viewpoint after

A At the summit enjoy one of the finest viewpoints in central Scotland. The beacon at the summit is lit on significant occasions. Visit the recently built memorial. Take care whilst walking along a narrow rocky ledge.

