



25 PERTH & KINROSS BEN VRACKIE

► Distance: 6¼ miles/10km ► Time: 4 hours ► Grade: Challenging



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Heading for the upper
slopes of Ben Vrackie.

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Marilyn, the popular peak of Ben Vrackie rises 2759 feet above sea level, three miles north of Pitlochry in Highland Perthshire. From Moulin on the town's outskirts, a steep but well-made path leads up to its rocky summit, revealing a spectacular panorama. The broad and brooding profile of Beinn a' Ghlo is ranged to the north in the Cairngorms National Park. To the west lies Loch Tummel. Strath Tay unspools to the south. The return route leaves the outward path to join the waymarked Bealach Path down to the start.

1 Start

Exit car park at the top passing info board. Follow signs for 'Bealach Path/Ben-y-Vrackie'. Follow rising track in woods to access track. Cross it passing through kissing gate. Continue up steep forest track soon following forest edge, then rise to track. Continue ahead and when track bends L, go ahead (signed) taking forest track. Continue over two bridges. Follow track to pass through kissing gate/deer fence to mountainside. Drop over burn taking track ahead rising to pass under overhead cables and stay ahead at track junction. Curve R past benches to track junction. Stay ahead (signed 'Ben-y-Vrackie')

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Woodland car park for 'Bealach Path/Ben-y-Vrackie' (free) on steep minor lane above Moulin north of Pitlochry, grid ref NN944597, nearest postcode PH16 5EL

Is it for me? Good tracks/paths, but steep and rough-going in places
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Pitlochry

Refreshments Moulin Hotel near start (01796 472196; moulinhotel.co.uk), plus various bars and cafes down in Pitlochry

Public toilets None

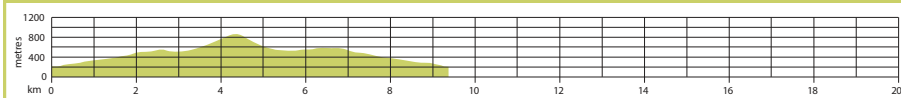
Public transport None to start. Local bus 24 to Moulin from Pitlochry Station west car park (stagecoachbus.com), adds 1 mile to walk

Maps OS Explorer 386; Landranger 52 & 43

curving R over burn. Rise to kissing gate. Continue rising



GRADIENT PROFILE



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BEN VRACKIE

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and as gradient levels pass through bealach between two minor tops. Continue ahead winding down to curve R and cross Loch a' Choire dam wall.

2 2 miles/3.2km

Cross outlet stream and climb steps dipping again over another stream. Climb steps beyond. Follow well-made path steeply zigzagging up into the upper corrie. Higher up, the path cuts R of Ben Vrackie summit to curve back L and work a way up the final slopes. The surfaced path ends close to the summit. Continue on path up to trig point.

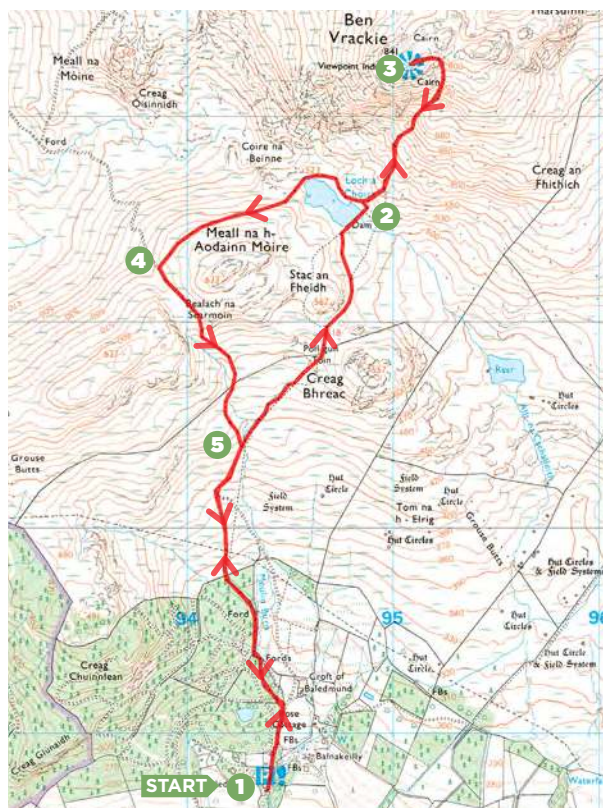
3 2¼ miles/4.4km

Retrace steps back down to a path junction at point 2, by the outlet stream of Loch a' Choire. Turn R on a fainter path with shore of Loch a' Choire on your L, crossing several boggy sections. At loch end curve L around it rising on path and staying ahead at junction. Rise up slopes of Meall na h-Aodainn Moire, bearing diagonally L at next junction. Rise to curve R past marker. Continue more levelly, staying ahead at next junction (better path). Follow undulating path across the hillside cutting diagonally R at next marker. Descend to track junction.

4 4¼ miles/6.8km

Go L (signed 'Pitlochry') rising to pass through bealach between tops. Descend track

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continuing to pass through slide gate or cross stile in fence. Descend, curving L to cross bridge over burn. Continue descending to join outbound route at track junction.

5 5 miles/8km

Go R on outbound route (signposted 'Bealach Path/ Carpark'). Continue to re-enter forest via kissing gate/deer fence. Follow outbound route over two bridges to go ahead

on forest track. Leave it diagonally R before gate to path through kissing gate to cross track. Take descending path back to car park. **CW**

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