



# Balmacara Woods | Coille Bhaile Mac Ara

## Part of the Forests of Lochalsh

### Facilities



Parking



Viewpoint

There is a charge to park at some of our sites please refer to our website for details.

### Trail Information



#### Skye View Trail ●●●

Oak and ash trees give way to heather-covered hillsides with sweeping views across Loch Alsh to the mountains of Skye.

Long steep slopes and sections of rough, narrow rock and grass paths. Includes narrow kissing gates and a section along the road. Can be very muddy and wet in places.



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2½ miles  
/ 3.7 km  
Allow  
2 hours

The map for  
these trails can  
be found on  
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### Location

**Nearest postcode:** IV40 8FA

#### How to get here:

Balmacara Woods lies beside the A87 between Auchtertyre and Kyle of Lochalsh. Turn off the A87 following signs for 'Diurinish & Plockton'. The car park is around 600 yards (600m) beyond.

Balmacara is at the centre of a network of longer non-way marked trails connecting people and places.

#### Waterfall Route: 4 miles / 6.5 km

Take the forest road above Balmacara and before long the imposing scree-scarred peak of Sgurr Mor seems within touching distance and you're rewarded with beautiful waterfall views.

#### Loch and Fort / Coille Mhór Route: 7 miles / 11.5 km

Carry on to Sean-Chreag Iron Age fort overlooking Loch Achaidh na h-Inich for a great full-day walk or mountain bike trip. Look carefully at what looks like a pile of stones in the loch below – this is actually what's left of a 3rd century crannog, a fortified dwelling on stilts.

#### Kirkton Loop

Follow the fingerposts east from the Skye View Trail for a steep, challenging hill and forest walk over to the old lochside village of Kirkton.

**Ard Hill** car park is situated 1¼ miles east of Balmacara, just off the A87. It provides access to a circular trail overlooking Loch Alsh. For more info, visit the Ard Hill page on our website.



## Balmacara map

