

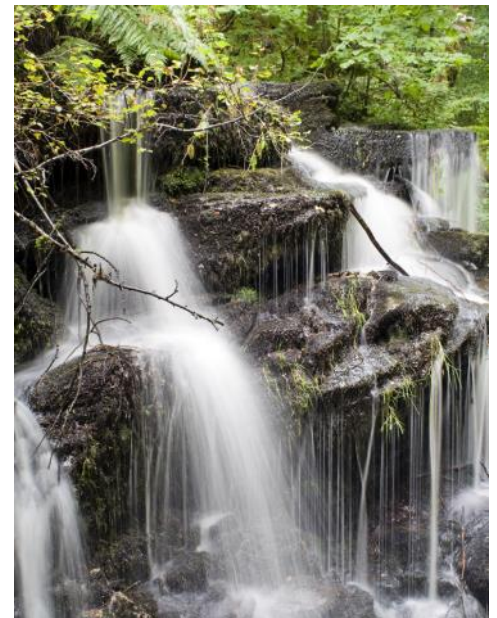


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## Rob Roy Way

The Rob Roy Way encompasses many places strongly linked with Rob MacGregor, Scotland's legendary outlaw from the latter parts of the 17th and early 18th centuries. In addition to its historic paths, railway heritage and glorious scenery, the Way is also rich in wildlife.

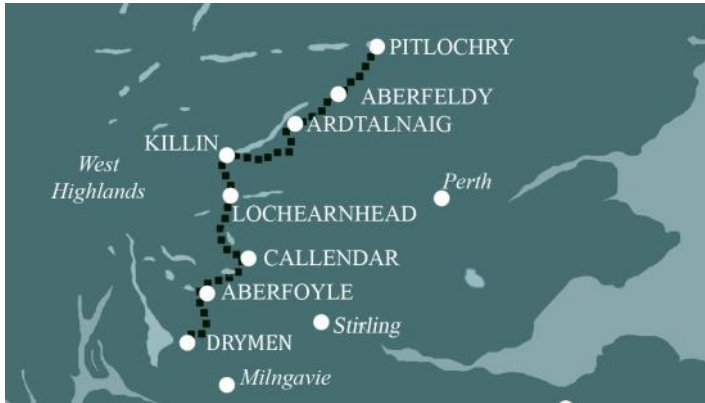
This walk starts from Drymen and travels through the southern highlands of Scotland, visiting stunning loch sides and hill country scenery along the way, finishing in Pitlochry.

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### Why do this walk?

- Walk in the quiet forests of the Trossachs and Perthshire.
- Follow the route along numerous loch sides, with superb views into the surrounding hills.
- Visit picturesque Callander and the renowned Victorian town of Pitlochry.

### Essential Info

Length	6 - 9 nights
Full Route Length	79 miles / 126 km
Shortest Break Length	67 miles / 107 km

## Grade



### Moderate

The Rob Roy is a relatively gentle walk, on generally good paths, tracks and country lanes. With some walking experience and

a bit of fitness this route is pretty straightforward.

**Terrain:** Most of the walk follows forests, loch shores, and the lower slopes of the surrounding hills.

**What's it like underfoot?** Generally good – the route makes use of forest tracks, cycle paths, old railway tracks, and country lanes as well as unmade footpaths. There are a couple of days where the route is a bit rougher, but nothing too challenging.

**How Much Up & Down?** Most days don't involve too much ascent or descent, but there is one longer climb after Killin of around 400m.

**Signposting:** None – you need to use your map & guidebook.

**Navigation:** Pretty straightforward, on the lowland sections, but you may encounter hill fog or low cloud on a couple of sections, so you need to be able to navigate.

**Weather:** You may be lucky enough to encounter warm, dry weather over the whole route and enjoy dry paths and tremendous views, but you must be prepared because the weather can change quickly. Good clothing and waterproofs are essential.

## Route

### Drymen - Aberfoyle

A pleasant sheltered walk starting on a minor road before entering the extensive Loch Ard Forest and using forest tracks. The route continues on forest tracks until Aberfoyle, the most southerly of the Trossachs villages.

### Aberfoyle - Strathyre

A glorious walk through the Menteith hills on forest tracks and stony paths on to Loch Venachar. The last few miles encompass a very quiet minor road into Callander. Callander is a large town with plenty of shops and cafes.

You will leave Callander walking by the banks of the river Teith heading into the highlands. You will then follow an old railway line shared with cycle route 7 along the west shore of Loch Lubnaig. Today's destination is the small village of Strathyre.

### Strathyre - Killin

Continuing north on forest tracks before you rejoin the railway line, today is a varied day with pleasant views over the river and then Loch Earn. You can take an optional diversion to visit Rob Roy's grave at Balquidder. Killin is located at the west end of Loch Tay.





#### Killin - Ardtalnaig

This section is a highlight of the trip, climbing through the forest into the hills on the southern banks of Loch Tay with fine views over the rugged Tarmaacan Hills and Ben Lawyers. It passes the remote Lochan Breachlaich before following sheep tracks over high moorland countryside, then descending again to the banks of Loch Tay. A section along the minor road leads to Ardtalnaig, a small settlement on the south side of Loch Tay. You will be transferred back to your Killin accommodation for a second night stay.

#### Ardtalnaig - Aberfeldy

You will be transferred back to the route from Killin. Today is a more strenuous day with rewarding views from a ridge linking two gorges. Using forest tracks to the Falls of Moness and the Birks o' Aberfeldy the path down the Birks is steep in places but wooden platforms and bridges make the final descent to Aberfeldy easier.

If you wish, it is also possible to visit the Aberfeldy Malt Whisky Distillery or the nearby 16th century Menzies Castle.

#### Aberfeldy - Pitlochry

Today is mainly quiet back road walking - starting fairly flat and turning more steep, but steady. You will finish with a moderate descent into your final destination of Pitlochry.



Pitlochry is known for its Hydro-electric dam and 'Fish Ladder.' The town also has two malt whisky distilleries. It is also possible to climb Ben Vrackie from here (2757 feet, 841m).

#### Additional Days

We can arrange extra nights at any of the overnight stops, allowing for rest days, or giving you more time to explore the locality. We recommend Pitlochry as an ideal location to have a rest day.

#### Pitlochry

Pitlochry is an ideal place to stay and explore; steeped in history and set in spectacular scenery. The splendidly restored Victorian buildings of Atholl Road offer a wide range of restaurants and specialist gift shops. One of the town's best-loved attractions is the Pitlochry Dam and Fish Ladder. Here salmon negotiate the specially constructed ladder allowing them to bypass Pitlochry Dam into the man-made Loch Faskally. Pitlochry is also home to two whisky distilleries - the Bell's Blair Athol Distillery and the Edradour Distillery which is the smallest whisky distillery in Scotland

#### Getting There and Away

General travel information on the Rob Roy Way area will be in your holiday pack including train and bus timetables where available.

Detailed instructions on getting to your first night's accommodation by car, or on foot from the nearest train or bus station, will also be included in the holiday pack on individual accommodation maps.

To view train times please visit [trainline.com](http://trainline.com) where you can also purchase tickets in advance. For information on bus timetables please visit [traveline.info](http://traveline.info)

If you require secure car parking whilst walking this route, please contact us for information.

#### Getting There:

**By Air:** The nearest airport is Glasgow International (GLA) or Glasgow Prestwick (PIK). An airport shuttle bus runs into Glasgow city centre, journey time is 25 minutes. You can then travel by bus (usually not direct) or taxi to Drymen. Glasgow to Drymen is 18 miles.

**By Public Transport:** There is a main railway station in Glasgow; you can then travel by bus (usually not direct) or taxi to Drymen. Glasgow to Drymen is 18 miles.



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**By Road:** A811 from Stirling (21 miles) or A809 from Glasgow (18 miles).

### Returning from Pitlochry:

**By Public Transport:** There is a railway station in Pitlochry. Travelling south you can either head for Edinburgh or Glasgow, for the north head for Inverness.

**By Road:** When traveling back into England or Wales from Pitlochry, head for either Edinburgh (70 miles) or Glasgow (84 miles) depending on the direction of your final destination.

## How our Holidays Work

We specialise in self-guided walks because we think it's the best way to really experience local landscapes, cultures and history. You walk under your own steam, at your own pace, safe in the knowledge that we have organised everything, and help is only a phone call away. We book all your accommodation, move your luggage between overnight stops, provide you with maps and guidebooks and all the details you need for a successful holiday.

### Inbuilt Flexibility

Our holidays are designed to be flexible and can therefore be tailored to suit your requirements.

If you're looking for something different, or extra, from the holidays described

here, give us a ring and we'll do our best to please.

You can start on any day you like and we can arrange extra nights at any of the overnight stops allowing for rest days, or giving you more time to explore the locality. You can book part of a walk if you don't have the time to complete the entire distance.

## How to Book

Once you have decided which holiday you wish to book, please fill in the form at the back of this brochure which can then be emailed or posted to us. We will get in touch with you once we have received your booking to confirm your holiday details.

Alternatively you can either book online using our website at [mickledore.co.uk](http://mickledore.co.uk) or telephone us during office hours.

## Accommodation

Good accommodation and friendly hosts are an essential part of any holiday. We make a special effort to find the hidden gems, as well as keeping a close eye on the quality of the more mainstream accommodation.

As well as visiting the accommodation ourselves, we ask all our customers to complete a short evaluation on each

night's accommodation, which then gives us an insight in to the day-to-day operation, and lets us spot any potential issues before they become a problem.

One of the great features of our Rob Roy Way holidays is the quality of the accommodation, including small country house hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfasts and farm house accommodation. In selecting the accommodation we look for helpful, friendly hosts with good quality, characterful accommodation close to the trail. Occasionally we may use a chain hotel.

### Single Rooms

We are happy to book single rooms on this walk but cannot normally book more than 2 for any one group. Single room bookings include a supplement.

## What We Provide

### All Holidays

**Accommodation** Overnight accommodation in selected hotels, farmhouses, village inns, guest houses and family run B&Bs including a Full English or Continental breakfast.

**Guidebook** A guidebook with route information, maps, photos and background information.



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#### Information of Services Along the Route

A comprehensive Service Info sheet, including services such as cash points, banks, post offices, village shops, inns, cafes and taxis.

**Maps** Four Ordnance Survey Explorer (1:25000) maps covering the entire route.

**Personal Itinerary** A personal itinerary setting out each overnight stop, including large scale maps of each accommodation, to ensure you find them easily.

**Emergency Telephone Support** If you get in to difficulties during your holiday, we are always available to help, even out of office hours.

#### Options

**Luggage Transport** We will transfer your luggage between each overnight stop – if you leave your luggage at the accommodation when you set off in the morning, it will be moved on to your next B&B. You only need to carry a small day sack with the clothes and provisions you require during the day's walk.

**Packed Lunches** Provided for each day's walking and recommended on this holiday as there will not always be a handy shop or cafe on the route.

**Off Road Parking** If you are travelling by car we can usually arrange off road parking for the duration of your trip.

(There may be a small charge for this).

**Arrangement of return transport** We can also arrange your transfer back to your car, (or advise you when public transport is a better option)!

#### What's Not Included

**Evening Meals** Your evening meal isn't included in the package, but we include full details and recommendations for each evening meal in your itinerary. You will normally be within walking distance of a pub and/or restaurant, or where there is good food available at the accommodation, we'll book that for you. Allow £30 per person each night.

**Transport to the Start & Away from the Finish** You will need to pay for your own transport, but we can help you to make arrangements.

**Taxi or bus transport along the way** If you need to miss a stage you will need to pay for the cost of a bus or taxi, but we can help you to organise it.

**Travel Insurance** Even if you are based in the UK travel insurance is worth having.

#### Prices

Detailed prices for all our holidays are available on the website at [mickledore.co.uk](http://mickledore.co.uk)

## About Mickledore

Mickledore Travel is based in Keswick at the heart of the English Lake District. We are one of the leading specialists in self-guided walking and cycling holidays in the UK, and provide a friendly, professional and flexible service.

We are walkers and cyclists ourselves, so it really matters to us that you have a good holiday. We are still a small business, with a lot of local knowledge, and personal enthusiasm for the outdoors. If you've got any queries, we're always happy to help, so don't hesitate to pick up the phone, drop us an email or visit us in Keswick.

We specialise in UK holidays, and by concentrating on what we consider to be the best routes, we get to know the trails, accommodation, and local area really well.

- All your accommodation has been carefully selected and is regularly monitored.
- We listen to you and tailor each holiday to meet your requirements.
- We have an excellent level of customer service.
- We have over 20 years experience, and very high levels of customer satisfaction.



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- Peace of mind – help is only ever a telephone call away.
- We are all outdoor enthusiasts – we know what makes a good holiday, and we want you to have one!
- 100% financial protection – in the very unlikely event of Mickledore's financial failure, you receive a full refund.

## Book With Confidence

### Financial Protection

Your payments are fully protected against our financial failure. We are members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO), and have arranged bonding through ABTA. This means that in the unlikely event of our financial failure, any monies you have paid to us will be refunded. This bonding is fully compliant with the Package Travel Regulations and provides 100% financial protection.



### AITO Quality Statement

Mickledore Travel is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The Association represents Britain's leading independent tour operators. It promotes high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

Mickledore Travel abides by AITO's Code of Conduct and adheres to the Quality Charter which can be viewed at aito.com. Visit the website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.



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## The Whole Rob Roy Way

Drymen to Pitlochry in 6 Days Walking Code: RW7				Drymen to Pitlochry in 7 Days Walking Code: RW8		
		miles	km		miles	km
Day 1	Travel to Drymen for your first night of accommodation			Travel to Drymen for your first night of accommodation		
Day 2	Drymen to Aberfoyle then transfer to Gartmore	10	16	Drymen to Aberfoyle then transfer to Gartmore	10	16
Day 3	Transfer back to Aberfoyle then walk to Strathyre	19	31	Transfer back to Aberfoyle then walk to Callander	10	16
Day 4	Strathyre to Killin	12	19	Callendar to Strathyre	9	14
Day 5	Killin to Ardtalnaig then transfer back to Killin	12	19	Strathyre to Killin	12	19
Day 6	Transfer to Ardtalnaig then walk to Aberfeldy	15	24	Killin to Ardtalnaig then transfer back to Killin	12	19
Day 7	Aberfeldy to Pitlochry	11	18	Transfer to Ardtalnaig then walk to Aberfeldy	15	24
Day 8	Depart from Pitlochry after breakfast			Aberfeldy to Pitlochry	11	18
Day 9				Depart from Pitlochry after breakfast		

## Rob Roy Way Highlights

Aberfoyle to Pitlochry in 5 Days Walking Code: RWA6				Aberfoyle to Pitlochry in 6 Days Walking Code: RWA7		
		miles	km		miles	km
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## Booking Form

### Contact Details

Address .....

Mobile Telephone..... Landline telephone.....

Email.....Emergency Contact no .....

### Your Holiday

Holiday Code.....Holiday Name.....

Date of First Night.....Date of Last Night.....

### Party Members

Title	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth

Options	Rooms Required	Rest Days (give date & location)
Luggage Transport	Y/N	No. Double Rooms <input type="text"/>
Packed Lunches	Y/N	No. Twin Rooms <input type="text"/>
Off Street Parking	Y/N	No. Single Occupancy Rooms <input type="text"/>
Return Transfer required (additional charge)	Y/N	

Comments (special diets, other requirements etc): .....

Upon receipt of your booking form Mickledore will send by email a confirmation with the full price and 20% deposit cost required. You can pay by card or cheque (GBP only for cheque).

How did you hear about Mickledore Travel? .....



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