

# Kinloch Glen Waterfall

Distance: 8km round-trip    Time: approx 2.5 hours



## Directions:

Follow the track from the pier around the bay, keeping to the lower road close to the shore and passing Kinloch Castle and the house with the red phone box. When you reach the crossroads go straight ahead (signposted to Harris and Kilmory). Follow this track upstream alongside the Kinloch river.



Keep straight on past a track leading off to the left and you soon emerge from the trees to gain a view of the open hillside sloping up to Coire Dubh and Hallival. Keep on the main track past a fork to the right where the river bends away from you. The track passes a woodland plantation to the right and rises quite steeply to a large deer gate where you can pass through a small swing gate to the side.

You are now leaving Kinloch Village behind and entering the National Nature Reserve. Keep an eye out for eagles soaring overhead in Kinloch Glen, and the various small birds which make their home in the grassy heath on each side of the track.

The track slopes gently uphill past an old rusting piece of machinery up on a ledge to the left of the track. This was the stone crusher used by George Bullough, to make surfacing material for the tracks to Harris and Kilmory. George inherited the island from his father in 1891 and built Kinloch Castle as a holiday home.



A little further on you arrive at a bridge where you can pause to watch the waterfall tumbling down from the cliff top 150 meters above you. From here you get a good view of *Mullach Mor* ("big summit" in gaelic) across the glen. In contrast to the volcanic peaks of the Rum cuillin, Mullach Mor is a long ridge of Torridonian sandstone. Red deer can often be spotted in the glen, and there are fine views across to the mainland.

Retrace your steps to the village.

## *What to bring:*

The west coast is known for its high rainfall, so a raincoat and waterproof footwear are always a good idea – just in case!