



## **Ben A'an**

Ben A'an is a very popular hill walk. Although very steep in places its location in the midst of the Trossachs gives you spectacular views and is well worth the effort. The path can be very rocky in places so suitable footwear is essential.

Distance: 2.25 miles

Time: allow 2 – 4 hours

Ascent: 340m

## **How to get here**

From Callander head west for approx 1 mile then take the left turn to the A821. Drive for approx. 9 miles. Ben A'an does have its own dedicated car park close to the banks of Loch Achray

***The car park and route as described here closed for repair until Summer 2016 – an alternative route is in place from Ben Venue car park which is a little further along the A821.***



Loch Katrine from the summit of Ben A'an

## **Walk Description**

Exit the car park and cross the road. There will be a sign to mark the beginning of the Ben A'an walk. Almost immediately the path starts to climb steeply alongside a forest. Follow this path into the forest. You will see a stream close by.

Keep walking until you come to a small wooden bridge. Cross the bridge over the stream and continue to climb up the path. You will find a bench on route to pause and admire the views of Loch Achray.

Continue on until you cross over the stream again. As you continue with the walk the forest will open up to views of the summit of Ben A'an ahead of you.

The steep climb eases briefly then the path heads right with great views of the summit of Ben A'an

As you continue to climb the path can again become very steep and rocky in places but affords great views across to Ben Venue

The main path now winds around to the rear of the summit of Ben A'an and you will see great views of Loch Katrine.

Continue on this path to reach the final summit and see the magnificent views of Ben Venue, Ben Lomond, Loch Achray, Loch Venachar and Loch Katrine

Return to the car park by the same route.

Return to Callander and enjoy a relaxing drink and a meal in one of the many excellent restaurants and pubs.

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