

DESTINATION **Callander**

Ben Ledi

Ben Ledi, Callander's very own Ben, is the highest mountain in this area of the Trossachs and affords magnificent views on a clear day

Distance 6.25 miles

Ascent 760m

Time: allow 4 – 6 hours

Please ensure you are properly equipped before setting out on this walk. Although a popular walk the ground can be rough and boggy in places. Hillwalking equipment and maps are recommended. In winter this walk should only be completed by hillwalkers equipped and experienced in winter hillwalking. In winter and when snow is lying you should be equipped with crampons and an ice axe and should have the skills and experience to use these.

Getting there

From Callander drive west until you see a sign for Strathyre forest cabins. Cross the bridge and park. Please note that the car park can become very full as this is a very popular walk. It is a good idea to arrive early during the busy summer months.



Ben Ledi from the Red Bridge in Callander. (c. M.Stevens 2016)

The walk to the summit

On foot return to the junction and on the left a blue way marker post marks the start of the recommended route up Ben Ledi.

A wide path twists and turns, climbing up through forest initially.

The path is steep in places and heads over a forest track. As you continue the forest is left behind and views open up with views back to Loch Lubnaig and over Callander to the lowlands.

Still climbing the path follows a small burn with some waterfalls which are hidden from view

Higher up you will cross the burn and follow the path below some rocky crags and continue on to the crest of the south east shoulder of Ben Ledi

The route becomes easier but then becomes boggy and eroded in places before climbing again. You will ascend and descend a couple of false summits before the true summit comes into view which is topped with an iron cross which was erected to commemorate a one of the mountain rescue volunteers who was killed in service.

From here you will see fabulous views to the east of the Arrochar Alps and Ben Lomond.

Return by the same route

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