



**Creag an Tuirc (the hill of the boar)**

**Distance** 2.5 miles (4km)

**Ascent/gradient** 328ft (100m)

**Level of difficulty** Medium

**Paths** Forest roads and hillside, 2 stiles

This route starts from Balquhidder churchyard.

Parking is limited near the churchyard in Balquhidder but there is alternative parking with a voluntary charge at the community hall which is only a short distance further along the road.

From the car park at Balquhidder church, walk along a track, past a shed and cross a stile on the right-hand side which gives access to the forest. Follow the signposts for Creag an Tuirc along a forest track and heading up the hill.

Continue on this path for approx 800m then turn right when it reaches a junction. Follow this path along the marked route, crossing a gate and a small stream then climb up some stone steps to small knoll with a cairn. The cairn is the ancient rallying point for the Clan MacLaren

From Creag an Tuirc cairn there are superb views across Loch Voil, Balquidder, Glen Buckie and BenVane.

You can return by the same route or at the bottom of the steps take the left hand path signposted as the forest walk. This route will emerge back on to the forest road you initially started on.