



If you would like to feel great, have more energy and improve your health and fitness- take a walk in the Abriachan Forest.

Walking is good for you

Walking for just 30 minutes each day:

- ◆ makes you feel better
- ◆ can halve the risk of heart disease
- ◆ can strengthen bones
- ◆ reduces stress
- ◆ helps you to sleep well
- ◆ increases your energy
- ◆ reduces your blood pressure
- ◆ helps you manage your weight
- ◆ reduces the risk of a number of diseases including type 2 diabetes and some cancers

*Walking is a man's best medicine*  
*Hippocrates*



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[www.abriachan.org.uk](http://www.abriachan.org.uk)



Active people live longer, healthier lives

# 200+ CALORIES ROUTE



Calorie Counted Walks in Abriachan

## 200+ CALORIES ROUTE- 5KM



Start from the Red Quarry car park. Follow the arrows for the Blue Mountain Bike trail through the forest. This undulating route is 5 km long and can be enjoyed throughout the year. There is a bench at Creag Ard where you can rest and take some time to enjoy the panoramic view of the hills.



You can calculate the number of calories that you will burn on this walk from the chart below.

Weight (Kg)	Weight (Stones)	Calories
50	7st 12lbs	220
60	9st 6lbs	264
70	11st	308
80	12st 8lbs	352
90	14st 2lbs	396
100	15st 10lbs	440

**Walking is good for your weight**  
 Increasing your activity by walking this route 5 times per week would use up an additional 1,110 calories per week and 57,720 calories per year.  
 One pound of body fat takes 3,500 calories.  
 So in 1 year you would loose 16.5 lbs of fat.  
 It does not matter how fast you walk, it is the distance that matters.

Try out the calorie counted walk and see how many calories you use. The number of calories you use is based on your weight, the path surface and the terrain- whether the path is flat, steep or undulating. Start every walk slowly and gradually increase your pace. After about 5 minutes start walking at a brisker pace so that:

- you feel slightly warmer
- you breathe a little faster
- you feel your heart beating a little faster
- you should be able to talk as you walk

**If you want to walk to improve your fitness  
 “brisk is best”**

The Abriachan Forest is a great place for walking. Walking in peaceful and pleasant surroundings is very good for your mental as well as your physical health. Walking has been shown to:

- raise self esteem
- relieve symptoms of depression and anxiety
- increase level of happiness



**Walking is the perfect exercise**

- it is free and requires no special equipment
- it is accessible to all
- it can be enjoyed safely
- you can start slowly and build up gently
- it can be a great opportunity for socialising

**For general health, it is recommended that you accumulate a total of 30 minutes of brisk walking, preferably every day of the week.**