Walk description:

You begin at the car park in the village centre, go along two streets, then climb Craigmonie Hill (150m) through mixed woodlands, on good, often narrow, paths. There are strategically placed seats... The view from the viewpoint, looking over the village to Urquhart Bay and Loch Ness, is superb. The few remains of the Iron Age fort are a few metres above the viewpoint. After descending into the valley of the River Coiltie there is a steep climb, on a road, to reach the Divach Falls. Return to the car park is by a shorter route. Overall there are some steepish sections, but, not hurrying, it`s an easy family walk.

Access information:

Drumnadrochit is 15 miles south of Inverness, on the A82, on the north shore of Loch Ness. The car park is in the centre of the village, at the newly built Information Centre. (507298).

Scottish Citylink operate between Inverness and Drumnadrochit.

Additional info:

- 1. Craigmonie Hill takes its name from a Norse prince, Monie, who was killed here in the 11th century.
- 2. The Divach Falls are 100ft ($30\dot{m}$) high. They used to attract a lot of artists, and a painting of them by John Phillips now hangs in Buckingham Palace.
- 3. If you have time only to climb Craigmonie... when you reach waymark 09 turn left and return, via waymarks 4,3 and 2, to the car park. (You can visit the Falls later, by car... car park is at 495277).

Start grid ref: NH507298 OS map: Explorer 416:

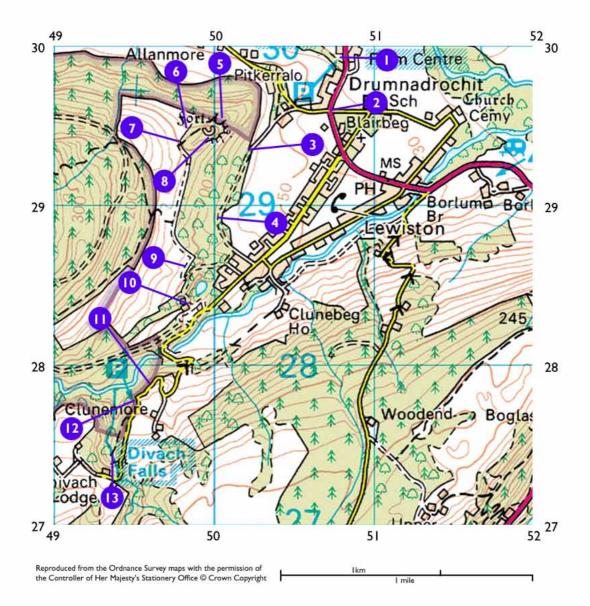
Inverness, Loch Ness & Culloden

Walk length: 5 miles Duration: 150 minutes Height gain: 150 metres Contributor: D.B. GRANT

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Features:

- Hills or Fells
- Wildlife
- Birds
- Flowers
- Great Views
- Butterflies
- Good for Kids
- Public Transport
- Waterfall
- Woodland
- Ancient Monument



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The car park. Walk south along the A82 out of Drumnadrochit for 300m to a cross-roads.

(Grid ref: 507298)



At the crossroads turn right on Pitkerrald Rd. and follow it for 400m to a fork.

(Grid ref: 507296)



At this point go left on an unsurfaced track and follow it to a sign Woodland Trust.

(Grid ref: 503294)



Immediately past this sign take the narrow path going off right, signposted To Craigmony. After only 20m you reach another fork. Go right, signposted Craigmony Walk, and follow the red/green marker posts for about a quarter of a mile to another fork.

(Grid ref: 501289)



At this fork go left (red marker post); some steep bits here (Grid ref: 502296) till you reach a gate.

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Through the gate, and the path follows the edge of grazing (Grid ref: 498295) landfor 100m to another fork.



Keep left, on the wider path going uphill, to reach the Viewpoint.

(Grid ref: 497294)

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The Viewpoint. (The remains of the fort are above the Viewpoint). Continue round the semi-circular viewpoint on the path (red marker post), along the top of cliffs then descending. At an (apparently) unmarked fork go right, on the broader of the two paths; the red marker post is 20m on...Continue descending through open mixed woods, to reach a T--junction.

(Grid ref: 500294)



At this junction turn right and continue, to arrive at a tarred road. (it's 1.5 miles from here to the falls).

(Grid ref: 498286)

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On reaching the road turn right and stay on this road, crossing the River Coiltie and climbing steeply to a road junction.

(Grid ref: 498283)

11



Here go right, following the sign Divach. You soon come to (Grid ref: 496278) a small car park on your right.

12



The Falls car park. The path to the Falls is at the far end. (Grid ref: 494277)

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The Falls.....Retrace your steps to Waymark 09; pass it on your present track and soon you arrive at Waymark 04; thence through 03 and 02 to the car park. (See the Monster?).