



LOCH LEVEN HERITAGE TRAIL



Walk 5. Lochleven Mill to RSPB Reserve

Distance : 6 ½ km

Description : See ponds, Gairney bridge, viewpoints and bumblebee meadow

Points of Interest

The trail begins at the small public car park at the cashmere woollen mill of Todd & Duncan Ltd. at the southern



end of Kinross. Pass the entry monolith and proceed down the path to the Old Railway feature **(1)**. This is the site of the old Loch Leven Station that had a special curler's platform for the great winter sport on the loch. Take the right hand fork down the west side of Loch Leven. Pause to examine the ponds and Sand Martin Bank **(2)** created to



encourage the biodiversity of the lochside and encourage the sand martin to nest in the bank built into one of the bunds. Pass on into the Cavelstone farm section **(3)** with the deer fence on your left to protect the young trees from the rabbits and roe deer. Emerge into the the



Classlochie **(4)** part of the path where the view opens up to expose grand vistas of Benarty Hill and the southern half of Loch Leven.



On arrival at the wooden bridge over the Gairney water **(5)** pause to check the banks for duck and otter:



Notice how the willow trees flourish on the wet ground. Turn right at the end of the bridge and pass on to the corner seat **(6)** where you can rest and savour the view of Benarty. You are now in the RSPB Loch Leven Reserve. Prepare for the uphill stretch and ziz-zag bends that will



take you out to the commanding East Brackley Viewpoint **(7)** where you can rest and enjoy the stone sculptures and the fine panoramic views of the loch.



Continue onwards turning east along the south side of Loch Leven. Look out for the wading birds of the Reserve, particularly the lapwings, curlews and oyster catchers. In winter you will see large numbers of migratory pinkfoot and greylag geese that have come to Loch Leven



to rest on their journeys or to winter in Kinross-shire. Pause to enter the small spiral viewpoint **(8)** which overlooks the bumblebee meadow just short of the Vane farm entrance **(9)** to the trail which is your arrival point.

