

Beinn Ghuilean - and the Scottish Seafood Trail at Dunvalanree

Distance: 7.2km

Time: 2 ½ hours

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Image: Machrihanish Bay, Kintyre, Argyll

Campbeltown is a former royal burgh in Argyll and Bute, located by Campbeltown Loch on the Kintyre peninsula. Originally known as Kinlochkilkerran this form is still used in Gaelic. It was renamed in the 17th century and became an important centre for shipbuilding and Scotch whisky, and a busy fishing port.

Campbeltown is one of only a handful of areas in Scotland categorised as a distinct whisky producing region, and is home to the Campbeltown Single Malts, at one point having 34 distilleries and proclaiming itself "the whisky capital of the world". However, a focus on quantity rather than quality, and the combination of prohibition and the Great Depression in the United States, led to most distilleries going out of business. Today only three active distilleries remain in Campbeltown, which have an excellent reputation for their quality.

Start from either the centre of Campbeltown along Witchburn Road (B843) or from the small lay-by on Tomaig Road just below the cottage at Narrowfield.

At the front of the Forest Enterprise board, turn left and follow the blue-topped posts which way mark this circular route. The highest point of the walk is a good place to pause and take in the panoramic view spanning the peninsula from the Kibrannan Sound, between Kintyre & Arran to the broad sweep of Machrihanish Bay and the hills of Jura beyond on the western coast. On the way round the walk, look out for the mixture of tree types - careful planting of the commercial forestry has retained the native deciduous species.

When you've finished your walk you can feel deserving of a bit of a rest so head north up the coast to Dunvalanree Hotel, a part of the Scottish Seafood Trail. The trail takes in some of the most beautiful scenery in Britain and also some of the freshest seafood with the home-cooking on offer here no exception.