

# THE HERMITAGE & THE FALLS OF BRAAN (Easy to moderate)

**What you'll see:** Waterfalls and some of Britain's tallest trees



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## The essentials

MAP OS LANDRANGER SHEET 52 (NO 013 422)

DISTANCE UP TO 5 MILES (8 KM)

TIME 1-2 HOURS

START/FINISH THE TRUST CAR PARK DUNKELD (NO 013 422)

A LOVELY circular walk through the wooded slopes either side of the gorge through which the River Braan tumbles.

Start from the National Trust for Scotland Car Park for The Hermitage, just off the A9. From here, walk beneath the railway up the side of the River Braan to reach the bridge at Ossian's Hall, a folly originally built in 1758 from which the turbulent river can be appreciated.

This lovely spot is surrounded by tall Douglas Firs and one of those on the opposite bank, passed beneath later in the walk, is recorded as being amongst the ten tallest in Britain.

Now on the waymarked Braan Walk, continue upstream on the right side of the river following the path closest to the edge of the gorge, to reach the rock shelter of Ossian's Cave.

Beyond this, the path veers away from the river to gradually climb a short way up hillside, which it then traverses past Craigvinean Cottage to

reach a minor road which is followed downhill for a short distance to a bridge over the gorge.

This is Rumbling Bridge beneath which the white torrent of the Braan is forced between narrow rock walls. At the car park beyond, a path leads through the woods above the gorge to emerge onto the road, which is crossed to follow a track for 600m where a left turn onto another track leads past a cottage.

Now traverse the hillside through birch woods for 900m to gain a forestry track which is followed for an equal distance to a junction.

Here, a downhill switchback leads to a crossing of first the main road, then a minor road and a car park.

A path now leads through the woods back to the bridge at Ossian's Hall where the riverside path,

or the main track straight ahead lead back to the start.