

## Inverewe Club Site – Loch Kernsary

Camping and Caravanning



### Route Summary

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A lovely circuit of Loch Kernsary from Inverewe Club Site on the seafront at Poolewe in Wester Ross. The round is quite rough and remote but has stunning views and makes a good half day outing from the site. There is an optional extension to The Poolewe Hotel at the end.

### Route Overview

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Category: Walking

Length: 10.430 km / 6.52 mi

Last Modified: 21st September 2017

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Rough

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### Description

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A view of Loch Kernsary

1. From reception at Inverewe Gardens Club Site exit to the road, cross over and go right to follow the seashore until you reach a long low white building right (last on the shore). Cross the road to the right and take a track left of the building, which is signposted Kernsary Circular Path passing through a gate next to a cattle grid.

When the track curves right, go ahead on the narrower path with a wall on your left. Follow the path past woods continuing on to pass through a large kissing gate. The path now gets rougher – follow it through scrubland rising gently in places in open countryside. As you emerge from the bushes cross a small stream and the rise beyond. Climb steadily passing in between two gateposts as the angle eases. As Loch Kernsary begins to appear ahead continue climbing to a high point where you get your first good look at the loch itself.



The first good look at Loch Kernsary

2. Now follow the path to continue and descend towards the loch and follow the path along the north east shore. Cross a stream by the loch shore and follow an undulating path above the loch waters. After some rough terrain and rock steps, you start to gradually descend towards a small wood. Pass through the wood, rising again to soon start gradually descending. Continue through moorland nearer to the loch waters now. After a small stone island in the loch, there's a small rock step that requires good balance. Follow the path beyond, crossing a bridge over a burn to continue to cross a stile in a fence.



Near the end of Loch Kernsary

3. Continue on the path through boggier ground, rising at first then descending. After the end of Loch Kernsary the path fades – follow it carefully down a grass meadow past a solitary oak tree and bear right of a raised copse of trees to locate a bridge and cross it to pick up a track. Follow this along next to a fence that bends right towards buildings. Follow the path carefully, rising past a building to a track junction by a gate. Go right through the gate signposted Poolewe. Follow the track past a white house on the left to cross a concrete bridge over a river to a track junction. Go right following a good wide track past a green barn on the left. Continue near the shores of Loch Kernsary heading towards a wood. Pass by the wood keeping a deer fence on the right and leave Loch Kernsary behind.



A final view of Loch Kernsary

4. After the woods, descend towards low hills (with higher ones beyond) and pass a small lochan on your left. Descend to pick up a deer fence again for a while and keep to the good track, which descends and bears right. Cross a bridge over the Inveran River and pass through a gate by a stile. Continue on the track bending left to enter woodland and pass by the grounds of Inveran Lodge on the left, descending to pick up a Tarmac lane at its entrance. Continue ahead on the lane passing through a large green metal gate with a stile.



On the Tarmac lane after Inveran Lodge

5. Follow the lane, which rises and falls with views of the River Ewe through the trees to the left. As you near Poolewe the lane drops down and draws close to the river, passing through a gate by a cattle grid.



Walking back to Poolewe by the River Ewe

6. Continue on the lane to reach the outer houses of Poolewe village. Follow the lane to its end at a junction, after a car park on the right. From here you simply go right to follow the seafront back to the Club Site.

If you want to visit The Poolewe Hotel go left at this point then right at the next junction to continue to the hotel. You will have to back track to the lane end near the car park afterwards, and continue back to the Club Site.

## Waypoints

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