



Arran Coastal Way Updates for Rucksack Readers Guide



The Arran Coastal Way has received some much needed upgrade work between 2014 and 2016. As the vast majority of the 2011 Rucksack Reader Guide is still relevant, we have prepared this sheet to accompany the Guide to reflect small route changes. Rucksack Readers will be producing an updated guidebook by September 2017. Please contact us if you would like more information about any aspects of the walk (details at bottom of page). Enjoy your walk!



The Coastal Way now has a few braided routes waymarked with these distinctive discs. Yellow waymarkers show the 'coastal' route and red ones signpost 'inland' routes. In all cases, except the inland route up Goat Fell, the inland route is the 'easier' option, with better underfoot walking conditions and no tidal restrictions.



Please give us feedback on your walk and report any footpath or signage problems via our website:

<http://www.coastalway.co.uk/plan-your-walk/review-the-path/>

More information can be found on our website www.coastalway.co.uk and also on www.walkhighlands.co.uk/arran/arran-coastal-way.shtml

Arran Coastal Way Completion Certificates are available from the reception of The Douglas Hotel (opposite the ferry terminal in Brodick) for £2, and include a smart metal pin badge of our logo. Coastal Way t-shirts are available from Arran Active outdoor shop on the seafront in Brodick.

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Route updates to the Arran Coastal Way

Rucksack Readers Guide (2011)

We have built a stone steps path through the An Scriodan rock fall. Minor scrambling / use of hands is still required, but this area is now passable in all states of tide so the escape route at Laggan Cottage is no longer signed, although the path still exists as an alternative.

The path follows the same route but the worst of the boggy parts between Lochranza to Catacol have been upgraded.

The Coastal Way now goes round the seaward side of Drumadoon Point. This is waymarked well. The original path across the Golf Course can still be taken.

Dedicated volunteers are putting a lot of effort into keeping the vegetation back at Brown Head

The inland waymarkers now direct you up to the road about 1 km before Corriecravie. Walkers can still keep to the coast on this whole section, where there is outstanding wild coastal walking, but you may encounter cattle trampled paths (boggy in wet weather) and will need to negotiate crossing small burns and also the Slidderly Burn, where there is a (often water covered) tractor ford. Walkers taking the coastal route can choose to join the inland route either at Slidderly (as shown in Guidebook) or further along at the track from Cleats Shore to Clachaig.

Black Cave is impassable for a few hours either side of high tide. Check tide times and if necessary, follow red inland route markers which take you by road to Kildonan via Springfield.

Dippin Head is an adventurous and scenic scramble (follow yellow waymarkers). However, it is impassable at high tide and can be tricky in wet weather. Good fitness is recommended. The inland (red) route takes you from the centre of Kildonan to Whiting Bay via Drimlabarra and Giants' Graves.

New sections of path have been built on the coastal route between Whiting Bay and Lamlash, so it is not all on the beach. Part of the route between Cordon and Ardlui is not passable for about an hour at high tide. The inland (red) route goes to Lamlash via Glenashdale Falls and Dyemill.

To avoid the road, both routes now head up towards Goat Fell. The coastal route uses the white track shown in the guide to reach Merkland. There are no waymarkers on Goat Fell.

The final part of the Coastal Way into Brodick has also changed. From the Dhunan, the path follows the track up to Whitehill and across the fields to Strathwhillan. This is well signed.

At extreme high tides, parts of the coastal (yellow) route past Clauchlands Point are a few inches under water. The route is still passable higher up the beach (although wet) or you may wish to follow the red inland route via Dun Fionn fort.

