



LOCH LEVEN  
HERITAGE TRAIL



## Walk 3. Burleigh Sands to Pow Burn

**Distance :** 2 ½ km

**Access :** from Burleigh Sands or Loch Leven Larder link (Channel Farm), or from Walk Sections 2 and 4 of Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

**Facilities :** carpark at Burleigh Sands; carpark, café and toilets at Loch Leven Larder (link path 1 km)

**Circular walk :** There are no paths linking with this walk section.

### Points of Interest

From Burleigh Sands Gateway **(1)** the Trail leads between tall Scot's Pine trees towards Loch Leven.



Before reaching the shore, straight ahead leads towards Mary's Gate and Kinross, but our route takes a left fork over a small stream. **(2)**

Willow and birch trees fringe the shore – watch for 'witches brooms' high in the birch trees. On the pine trees, some small boxes provide shelter for bats while others supply nesting sites for blue tits and tree sparrows.

Offshore lies Green Isle, a safe haven for swans and waterbirds.



From the bench on the corner **(3)** there is a good view north west to the Ochil Hills. In the foreground, farmland covers low rolling mounds, sands and gravels that were deposited beneath great ice sheets thousands of years ago.



Continuing along the Trail, evergreen yew trees mark the ruins (private) of Old Orwell Kirk **(4)**.



As views open up towards West Lomond and Bishop Hill, a young woodland **(5)** of native trees - holly, ash, hawthorn, oak, rowan – will provide for birds and insects.

In summer, where the Trail runs beside arable fields **(6)**, pause to listen for skylarks

and meadow pipits. In wet grasslands, reed warblers sing and wading birds nest among the rushes.



Ahead, the dark line of the pine tree shelter belt marks the next Trail junction **(7)** and the end of this walk section.

Ahead continues around the Heritage Trail while, following the line of the shelter belt, the link path leads to Loch Leven Larder.