

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Fairy Pools car park is a unique partnership project between the Minginish Community Hall Association (MCHA) and the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland (OATS), both of whom are registered charities.

The project was instigated to address issues caused by increasing visitor numbers to the Fairy Pools. Lack of parking facilities meant vehicles parked on road verges and in passing places, causing damage and creating access problems for local road users including emergency services.

MCHA purchased the site from Forest Enterprise Scotland and now lease it to OATS who operate the car park. Income from parking fees are re-invested in community projects, employing car park staff, maintaining the car park and its facilities, pathway projects and environmental restoration work.

The first phase of the car park construction was jointly funded by LEADER, Highland Council, the Scottish Land Fund, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, MCHA, OATS, and donations from local businesses and individuals. The toilet block is funded by Scottish Government's Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

During 2020 work will progress on the toilet block, the car park, amenity facilities, footpath maintenance and on installing bridges to improve access to the Fairy Pools. Funding for access improvements has been provided by OATS, MCHA, Paths for All and Postcode Lottery Trust.

THE OUTDOOR ACCESS TRUST FOR SCOTLAND (OATS)

Is an innovative environmental charity working to promote sustainable public access.

We work to develop and implement outdoor access projects that integrate the needs of land managers, access users and local communities, whilst conserving and protecting the natural heritage throughout Scotland. OATS manage the Fairy Pools car park.

MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION (MCHA)

Is a Community Association for the local Minginish area in which the Fairy Pools are situated. MCHA work on projects to benefit the local community. MCHA were the driver of the Fairy Pools car park project and own the car park which is leased to OATS.

MacLeod Estates own the land on which the Fairy Pools are situated.

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FAIRY POOLS CAR PARK

Glen Brittle, Isle of Skye



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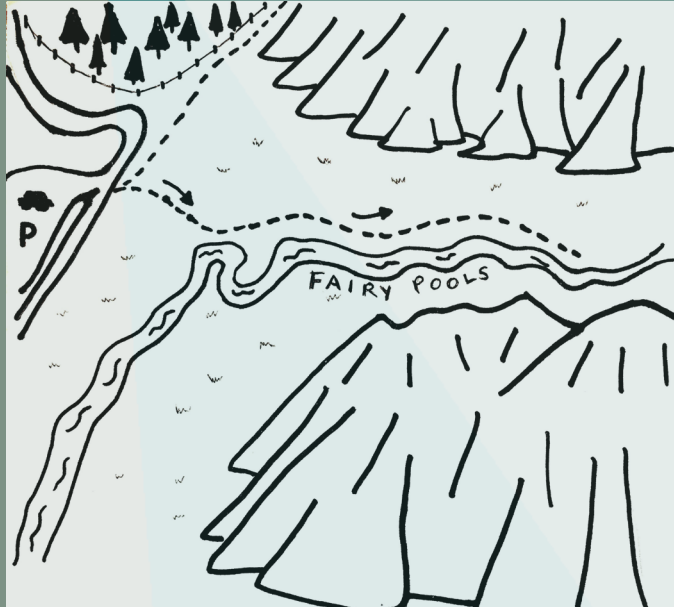
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FAIRY POOLS WALK

3miles/5km - 1 hour 20 mins



The walk starts opposite the car park entrance and heads straight down into Coire na Creiche following the river. Ignore a small path forking left near the start and stick to the main path. It is an easy path to follow but is steep and rough in places and involves two river crossings. These crossings can be difficult after rain, though bridges will be constructed during 2020/21.

It takes 15-20 minutes to reach the first pools. These are the twin pools with an underwater arch. There are many pools and waterfalls to see as you continue up the path.

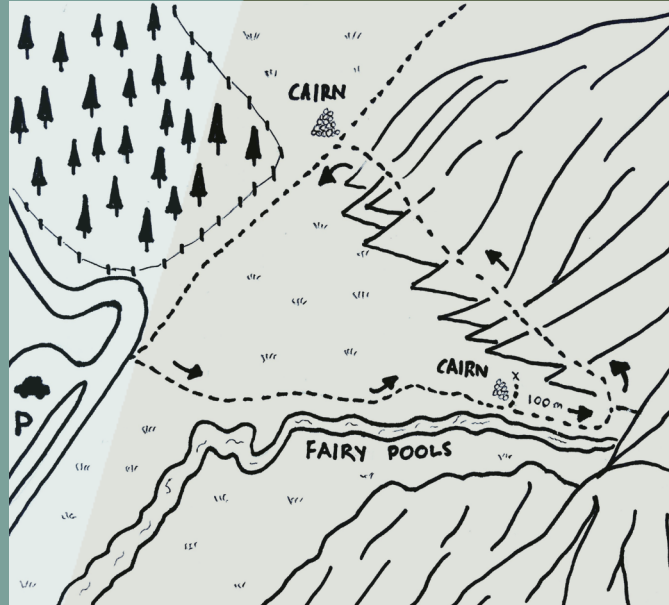
Return via the same path back to the car park.

KEEP TO THE PATH

To protect livestock and nesting birds and prevent erosion, please keep to the paths, close gates after you and keep your dog on a lead.

FAIRY POOLS AND COIRE NA CREICHE LOOP

5miles/8km - 3 hours



This walk starts by following the Fairy Pools walk but then continues beside the river towards the mountains. Ignore a seemingly good path heading left at a cairn. This is a lower return route which can be very wet and boggy. When a scree pile is reached at the base of the mountains, turn left and follow a narrow path traversing the slope of Bruach na Frithe. The path can be a little hard to spot but gradually becomes clearer. It eventually meets the Glen Brittle to Sligachan path at Bealach a Mhaim. You can walk a little further east here (turn right) for stunning views across to Raasay and the mainland. Turn left to return to the Fairy Pools car park.

BEALACH BRITTLE LOOP

10miles/16km - 4hours



This is a forestry walk starting at the gate at the far end of the top level of the car park. The walk follows the yellow loop on The Forestry and Land Scotland tracks around Beinn a Bhraghaid and Beinn Staic. It gives lovely views of Glen Brittle, The Cuillin, Glen Eynort and across Loch Eynort to the outer Isles. From Bealach Bhreatail (Glen Brittle to Eynort pass) a detour can be made to climb Beinn Staic for more height and better views.

SAFETY ON THE HILLS

Coire na Creiche is surrounded by part of the Cuillin Mountain range. Paths are steep, slippery and uneven in places, there are burns to cross and weather conditions can change suddenly.

Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing, keep to the path and stay away from steep drops.

Swimming in the pools can be dangerous, especially after heavy rain.

