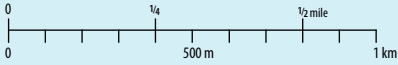


- Descend across mainly open hillside above the site of the former Craig Dunain hospital, which functioned as a mental hospital from 1864-1999, and may be developed for housing.
- The path bends right and descends to a gate. Turn left, soon passing the entrance to the community-owned Dunain Future Forest.
- Go down to a gate and follow a vehicle track to a road: cross it and turn left. Bear right along the driveway to Great Glen House, the HQ of Scottish Natural Heritage.
- The Way goes between the building and its car park, then follows a path down the hill, then leads between houses, across a minor road to General Booth Road.
- After an underpass go alongside the golf course, past a playing field, and meet the Caledonian Canal for the first time since Fort Augustus. Follow the canal-side path to the A82 road, and turn left to cross Tomnahurich Bridge.
- From the far end of the bridge, cross the A82 to join a path beside the canal. Follow it for about 75 m, then turn left down a tarmac path.
- Follow it through two short tunnels and past a car park. Cross a minor road, turn right (Botanic Gardens is on the left, with refreshments) and continue to Whin Park (toilets).
- Cross the road and follow a tarmac path ahead, soon bearing left to the footbridge (shown below) over the River Ness: cyclists dismount first. Cross the river to reach Ness Islands and then traverse them to another bridge.
- Once on the east bank, a path between river and road takes you past the Infirmary Footbridge, named after the Royal Northern Infirmary opposite, which now houses a community hospital.
- Continue along Ness Bank: cross to a lane beside a hotel and cross the road. Finally turn left up View Place to reach your destination, Inverness Castle.
- Outside the castle is a monument in Caithness flagstone, the twin of the one at Fort William, to mark the terminus of the Great Glen Way. Congratulations!

Ness Islands footbridge



Inverness town plan



Great Glen Way

**Great Glen Way
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