

3. Lochinver to Achmelvich (5.0km one way)

The route

Starting from Baddidarach on the north shore of Lochinver, this enchanting path will take you through to the wonderful sandy beach at Achmelvich. Starting from Lochinver village you head over the small road bridge towards Baddidarach. Follow the main road beyond the Highland Stoneware and after the cattle grid take the right hand road up the hill. At the next fork take the road to the left and you will see the signpost marking the start of the path going through some scrub woodland next to a private house. The wood is soon cleared and after the steep ascent you will see some splendid views of Lochinver bay. Follow the path for 3.5km to the croft houses at Ardroe. Pass in front of these, descending to the shores of Loch Dubh. The path eventually joins a tarred road which connects to the Achmelvich single track road. Turn left for another 0.5km to Achmelvich and the beach.

There is a small shop at one of the camp sites at Achmelvich. Return by the same route.

What to look out for:

Ravens and buzzards can be seen hunting over the landscape here and if you are lucky you may get a glimpse of the peregrine which nests nearby. Go quietly as you approach the sheltered sea inlet at Loch Roe. It is a great place to see otters and you will surely see the common seals hauled out on the islands waiting to grab the sea trout and occasional salmon as they gather around the mouth of the river.



Peregrine with prey



common seal pup