



TAKE THE EASY ROUTE TO BAG BEN LOMOND



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Why waste time sitting in traffic and struggling to find parking when you could be chilling out, taking in the views, and having a quality catch up? Luckily for all you hikers out there, there's a far more relaxing alternative to navigating the road to Ben Lomond – hop on the train from Glasgow to Tarbet and take the waterbus across Loch Lomond to the start of the hike. A car and congestion-free adventure, now that's #AJourneyThatMatters.



GLASGOW
TO TARBET



TARBET PIER
TO ROWARDENNAN



11-13
HOURS
RETURN TRIP



TIME WELL SPENT - GLASGOW TO BEN LOMOND

- 08.23** Train departs Glasgow Queen Street for Arrochar & Tarbet, along the West Highland Line. Take in one of the most scenic rail journeys in the world as the line leaves Glasgow and winds through lush mountains, above the shores of Loch Long.
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- 09.37** Train arrives at Arrochar & Tarbet Train Station. Head through the village to Tarbet Pier, where the waterbus departs to the start of your hike.
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- 10.00** Depart Tarbet Pier for Rowardennan. Enjoy a coffee from the onboard services and soak in the views as the unmistakable peak of Ben Lomond soars high above the Loch.
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- 10.45** Arrive at Rowardennan Youth Hostel Pier and start your hike. The hike takes around 4.5-5.5 hours, leaving you with plenty of time to enjoy the summit views over Loch Lomond and the Arrochar Alps. Finished early? Head to the local hotel for a bite to eat or a celebratory pint while you wait for the return cruise.
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- 16.45** Hop on board the return boat to Tarbet. Time to put your feet up!
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- 17.30** Arrive back in Tarbet.
You can either nip back to the train station to catch the 17.56 train back to Glasgow, or grab a bite to eat in Tarbet, leaving yourself plenty of time to catch the 20.06 train back to Glasgow. Same destination, but no traffic, no stress, and fewer carbon emissions – now that's **#AJourneyThatMatters**.

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BUY TICKETS

Train

ScotRail

Waterbus

The waterbus from Tarbet to Rowardennan runs on Saturdays and Sundays from April to November. Booking in advance recommended.



ROUTE

Walkhighlands: Ben Lomond



FOOD

Tarbet: Café and restaurant
Rowardennan: Hotel serving food and refreshments.



FACILITIES

Public toilets at: Tarbet Pier, onboard waterbus & Rowardennan car park.



DOGS

Up to 2 well-behaved dogs are welcome on ScotRail trains and Cruise Loch Lomond waterbus, free of charge.



BIKES

Bikes must be booked on ScotRail trains in advance – [click here](#).
Bikes are welcome on the waterbus, with a small fee of £2 per bike.



ALTERNATIVES

West Highland Way – going North to Inverarnan, or South towards Balmaha.



WEATHER

Don't forget to check the forecast [here!](#)
Remember to dress appropriately for the Scottish weather, we recommend waterproofs and sturdy boots for hiking.