

GLENASHDALE FALLS

Distance: 2.5miles/4km

Further Information: Brodick Tourist Information Centre,
The Pier, Brodick, Isle of Arran

OS Map Reference: Landranger 69 (Isle of Arran)

One of Arran's most beautiful landmarks, Glenashdale Falls, lies at the end of a particularly scenic woodland walk. This is one of several walks through woodlands managed by Forest Enterprise. Leaflets of Forest Walks on Arran can be purchased in the Brodick Tourist Information Centre.

There are two starting points to the path, both in Whiting Bay taking the walker along a path through the woods, which runs alongside the Glenashdale Burn. Along the way, depending on which route you've taken, is the sign for the Giants Graves - a series of strange stones set high on the hill in a forest clearing. They are, in fact, chambered cairns from the Neolithic period, and rather than being the final resting place of giants, as the legend says, they contained the bones of several people.

Getting to the stones requires something of a climb up a series of steps cut into the hillside, but the walk to Glenashdale Falls itself is far less strenuous. Along the way there are several viewpoints looking out towards the falls, which are a magnificent sight when the burn is in full spate, and not far away, on the northern side of the glen, there is an Iron Age fort.

The path is straightforward, although wet weather may make it muddy in places.