

## Book of walks of the Black Isle Julian Paren

Helen Stirling and I are proposing some collaboration on a book of walks of the Black Isle. Helen's cartography is well known to us with the Active Travel Map.

There are around 35 Black Isle folk who in the past said they would like to be involved in walks and path clearance. I regret I have not been in touch with them for possibly two years. Amongst the group there will be a wide range of knowledge.

Discussions are at an early stage.

To discuss are a publisher, the authors and the investment and rewards for the book. Currently there are walks on the Walk Highland website and in two pocket books of walks that cover a wide area of Easter Ross, Helen's book would boast the best cartography. The focus would likely be more orientated to the maps than descriptions. Two samples follow.

### Darroch Wood

**Route Summary:**  
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**Terrain:**  
A mix of forest tracks and paths. Level along the Lochside with steep sections and rougher paths in the woods. Muddy in places.

**Parking:**  
Space for 2 cars at the entrance to the Wood. Do not park on the road or block the gate.

**O.S. Map:**  
Landranger Sheet 26  
Start point - NH261838

**Bus route:**  
No convenient bus stop.

2.5 miles / 4 km 1hr

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### River Conon and Dunglass Island

**Route Summary:**

**Distance:**  
??miles / ??kms

**Time:**  
??hrs mins

**Terrain:**  
A level walk on a mix of minor roads and good tracks and paths.

**Parking:**  
A small car park (2/3 cars only) north of the war memorial in the village of Maryburgh.

**O.S. Map:**  
Landranger Sheet 26  
Start point - NH542568

**Bus route:**  
Route 27: Inverness -Dingwall

??? miles / ??? km ? hr ?? mins

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Would TBI like to be involved? I will ask the same question of the Black Isle Tourism Team?

I am due to talk with Helen within ten days.

The books available and other useful information on walking in the Black Isle is available at <http://www.black-isle.info/walking>