

Lochcarron, Strome Castle, Strathcarron – Carron Pottery & Attadale Gardens

- check train timetable and status of A890

Head down to Lochcarron. For any art lovers there are some artist's studios at Achintraid, the turning to the right, just before Kishorn and the seafood bar.

Shortly after entry to Lochcarron and the 30mph signs, there is a right turn signposted to Strome castle. Take this and about 3 miles along is the Lochcarron weavers building is on the left. The weaver has now retired and the work space is now a café with display. On sale is a wide variety of tweed and tartan fabrics and clothing.

Go further down the road to Strome Castle – a ruin. Interpretive board outside and great photographs through the 1 intact arched window. It is worth going all the way to the end of this road on a fine day, for the views across to Plockton, Skye and the Cullin. There are some great walks around the bays along this piece of coastline. I once saw a tiny baby red deer tucked in the grass on a sunny bank 20 meters away.



Back up to Lochcarron, turn right through the village and head towards Strathcarron. You will pass the golf course which is looks challenging! Along the straight section of road there is a craft shop on your left. Shortly after this take the right turn (signed Kyle of Lochalsh) A890. Cross the railway line and carry on for a short way until you come to the Carron restaurant and pottery. They are both worth a stop for (closed Sundays). Quite often you can view the potter working who uses clay from the river Carron and ash from wood burned at Attadale gardens.

Next stop 1 ½ miles on is Attadale Gardens (closed Sunday) if you appreciate plants and horticulture. The garden is dotted with sculpture; the huge vase made from slate is beautiful. There are also many walks to be done from here short to 4-5 hours.

Alternative

Park at Strathcarron railway station. Park & hop on the train to Plockton if you are going there for the day.

The trains run (summer timetable) approx 10.30am & 12.30pm to Plockton
12.10pm & 5pm from Plockton

On Sunday's there is only 1 train
1pm to Plockton, back 3.30pm (so just go for the train journey on a Sunday – which is spectacular).

The station is about 1 mile southwest of Plockton main street. At the north end of Plockton there is a short walk up to a viewpoint Cnoc a Bhlair, with nearly 360 deg views across to the Applecross peninsula, the islands of Scalpay, Pabay & the Crowlin islands, not to mention Skye. A good spot for a daytime picnic as you catch a breeze which helps with the pesky midges. The shop at/ next to Plockton Shores Restaurant has a good selection of picnic food – with local fish & cheeses.

The main street has a collection of tourist related shops, 3 bars & restaurants. Our favourite place to eat is Plockton Shores. Check to see if you can get onto one of Callum's seal tours – worth going to hear the banter if nothing else!

Or

Buy a day permit to fish on the Carron from the butchers in Lochcarron – need your own tackle, catch and release