

tobermory and the lighthouse walk



distance: 2 miles each way to the lighthouse
walking time: about 2 hours return (without stops)

directions:

From Oban, take the ferry across to Craignure on Mull. From here, catch the local bus to Tobermory (do not hang around in Craignure as the buses only run every 2 hours to meet the ferries).

suggested lunch stops:

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| Café Fish | On the pier at the far end of Tobermory Main Street. Excellent local fish and seafood. |
| McGochans pub | Next to Ledaig car park, where the bus arrives. Decent pub food. |
| Fish and chips | Caravan on the middle pier, halfway along Main Street |
| Take a picnic | |

around tobermory:

It is quite easy to spend a few hours wandering around Tobermory. From the bus stop, walk along the harbour, with its brightly coloured houses. Halfway along, the road up the hill leads to Upper Tobermory, where you will find An Tobar, an arts centre which often has interesting exhibitions. You can also take a tour of Tobermory distillery by the bus stop. Or you can walk out to the lighthouse:



the lighthouse walk:

Start from the Ledaig car park, where the bus arrives in Tobermory, walk along the brightly coloured main street all the way to the pier at the far end. To the right of the RNLI shop, take the path which slopes diagonally uphill through the trees. At the old cannon emplacement, ignore the steps to the left and continue along the narrow path. This can be very muddy after wet weather. Keep following the path along the coastline and the lighthouse will come into view. Just before the lighthouse, there is a memorial with a viewpoint indicator. The path then takes you to the lighthouse and its cottages. This is a good spot to watch for otters.



You can either return back along the same path or take the high route, which has great views as you climb. Return along the path and after a short distance (just before the memorial), the path forks. Take the right hand upper path which climbs steeply and is rocky near the top. After passing through a section of dense undergrowth, the path follows the clifftop.



When it forks at a metal fence post, keep straight ahead (the path to the left heads back down to the outward route). Soon a stile leading to the golf course is reached. Once over the stile, turn left and keep to the edge of the golf course, following the green and white posts. After passing the tees for the 6th hole, there is a short section of path with steps and then the route skirts round the back of the 5th hole. Take great care here and ensure that any golfers have finished their hole before heading around this section. Keep following the edge of the golf course and eventually a path to the left leads to a metal gate. Go through this and bear left at a path junction to reach the end of the road. Turn left to follow the road and immediately after the war memorial turn left down the steps seen near the beginning of the walk. From here turn right to return to the main street.

