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Itinerary

- Hotel to Loch Lomond
- Loch Lomond to Helensburgh
- Helensburgh to Arrochar
- Arrochar to LochGoilhead via Rest and Be Thankful
- Lochgoilhead to Dunoon via Kilmun, Ardnadam (Lunch in car)
- Ferry from Hunter's Quay to Gourock
- Gourock to Hotel via Erskine Bridge

Loch Lomond













Arrochar & Loch Long







Rest and be Thankful



Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park

Yours to Explore

You are standing on the edge of Argyll Forest Park, one of the most dramatic and spectacular areas in Scotland.

Surrounded by rugged mountains and tranquil lochs, the forests of Argyll offer you the chance to explore and discover. Walk the garge at the enchanting Puck's Glen, enjoy a world of trees at Kilmun arboretum or just relax by the sea at Ardentinny.

For toilets, further information and forest trails, visit Ardgartan (3 miles down the road towards Tarbertl or Glenbranter (on the road to Dunoon)

An t-visge glan 's an t-àile Th' air mullach nam beann àrda.

Chuidich e gu fàs mi,

'S e rinn domh slàint' is fallaineachd. Earrann bho Cead Deireannach nam Beann' le Donnchadh Bàn Mac an t-Saoir The clear water and fresh air, That one finds on mountain tops Helped me to grow, Giving me strength and health

Taken from The Final Farewell to the Mountains' by Duncan Ban MacIntyre (Glen Orchy, 1802)



Puck's Glen

(Gleann Urchaidh, 1802) Places of Interest

- Arrochar
- Ardgartan
- O Lochgoilhead
- O Puck's Glen
- 6 Benmore
- 6 Glenbranter
- Corlarach
- () Kilmun
- Ardentinny

Pick up a copy of the Argyll Forest Park leaflet - there's lots more information in there.





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Loch Lamond and The Trossachs National Park

Taking the High Road

Did you walk or cycle here today?
If you did, the name Rest and be Thankful
will feel very appropriate! Many tired
travellers have stopped here over the years,
on this point between Glen Kinglas and Glen Croe.

Rest and be thankful were the words inscribed on a stone here by soldiers who built the military road in the 1740s. The original stone fell into ruin and was replaced by the stone around 30 metres to your right, near the top of the old road. The inscription is hard to read now, but it commemorates the repair of the road in 1768.

An Seann Rathad

Bha an rathad na phàirt de lìonraidh rathaidean armailteach a chaidh a thogail san 18mh linn air feadh na Gàidhealtachd. Rinn na rathaidean e na b' fhasa do shaighdearan a' siubhal bho àite gu àite agus ceannairceas an aghaidh an riaghaltais a chasa.

The Old Road

The road was part of a network of military roads constructed throughout the Highlands in the 18th century. The roads made it easier for soldiers to move from place to place and suppress anti-government revolts.

Inscription Reads

REST & BE THANKFUL

MILITARY ROAD REP^o
BY 93° REG^o 1768
TRANSFERRED TO
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IN THE YEAR 1814

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LochGoilhead















Looking across Loch Fyne to Inverary







Ardnadam On Holy Loch





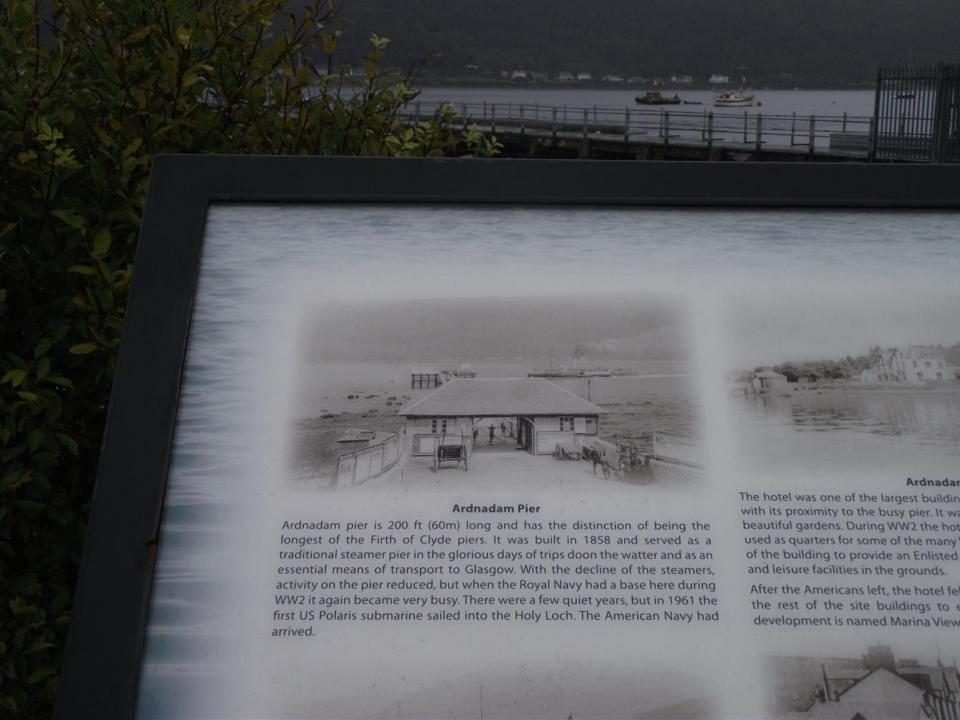












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The Steamers

The era of the Clyde steamer began in August 1812 with the very first successful commercial steamboat service in Europe, when Henry Bell's Comet began a passenger service on the River Clyde between Glasgow and Greenock. With the rapid industrialisation and population growth of 19th century Glasgow great numbers were eager to be released from the grimy city, and when possible went on a cruise down the Clyde. Over 300 Clyde Steamers were operating by 1900, and going doon the watter was still in full swing in the early 1960s. Then competition from more exotic holidays brought the era almost to a close, but the paddle steamer Waverley still continues to provide the leisurely delights of a Clyde steamer and other excursions bring visitors to the Holy Loch Marina.



Ardnadam Hotel

The hotel was one of the largest buildings in the village, and had a good trade with its proximity to the busy pier. It was built in 1860, and was surrounded by beautiful gardens. During WW2 the hotel was taken over by the Royal Navy and used as quarters for some of the many WRNS based here. The US Navy made use of the building to provide an Enlisted Men's Club, with a library, medical centre and leisure facilities in the grounds.

After the Americans left, the hotel fell into disrepair and it was demolished with the rest of the site buildings to enable the site be used for housing. The development is named Marina View.

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Ardnadam Pier

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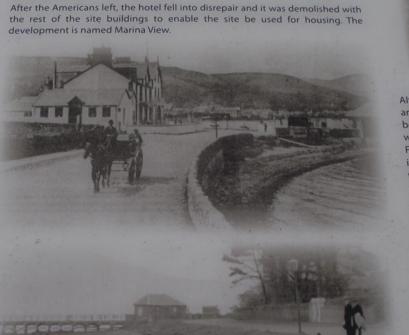
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world carnage were on their doorstep.



The Royal Navy

Although the Royal Navy have long made use of the safe an anchorage of the Holy Loch, it was not until WW11 who became a naval submarine base that a close relationship wit was established. The first depot ship was HMS Titania, follow Forth which served as a permanent base for the many si influx of submariners, sailors and WRNS added to the local the duration of the war, and this resulted in many lasting some marriages.

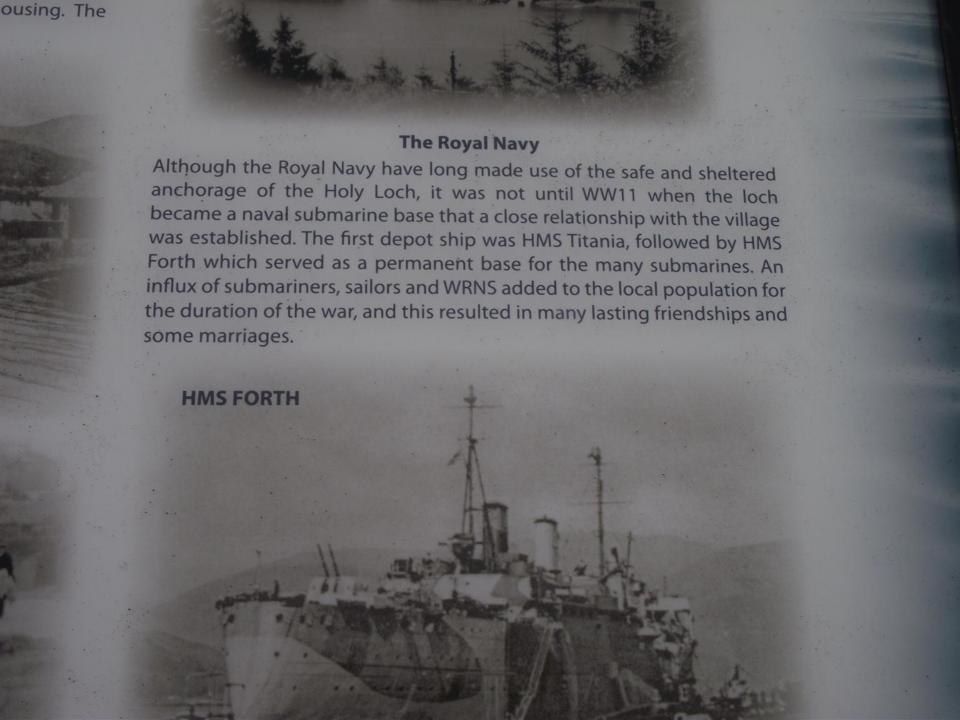


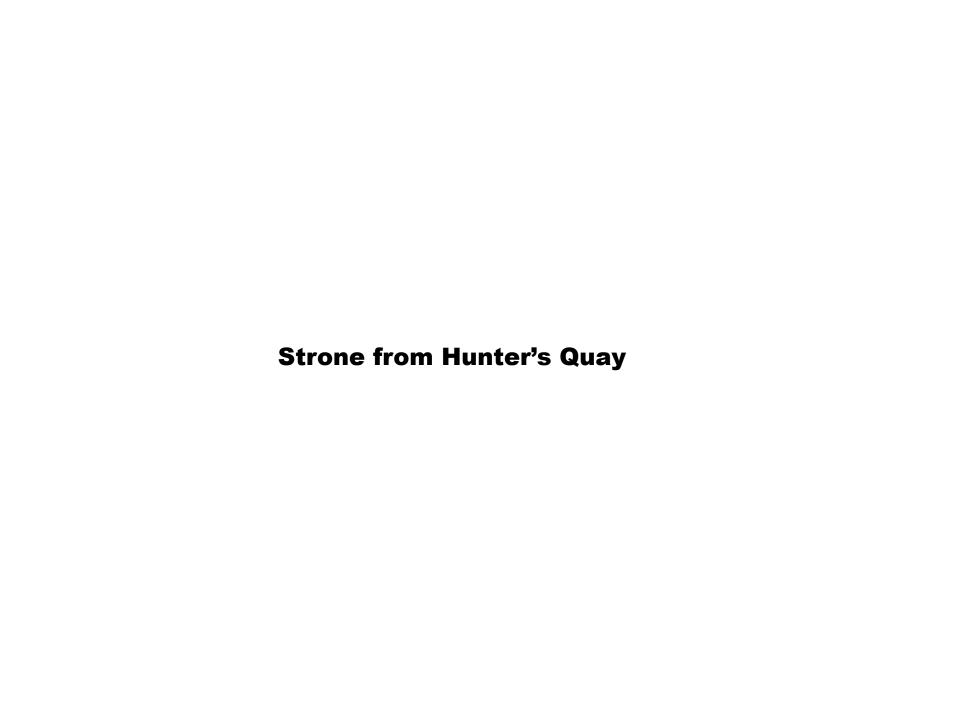
The American Years

The "Cold War" was a time of extraordinary international tension between east and west which seemed to bring the world to the brink of nuclear war. In July 1960 the Holy Loch was designated as 'Site 1', to provide forward servicing facilities for the USA's first SSBN Squadron in the UK. It was the only such base outside US waters and was strategically vital because of the limited range of the Polaris missile. On 3rd March 1961, the American depot ship Proteus arrived in the Holy Loch, to meet one of the most active and sustained campaigns of protest in modern British history, and the pier became the focus of the world's press. People from all walks of life were quite simply terrified by the thought that missiles capable of world carnage were on their doorstep.

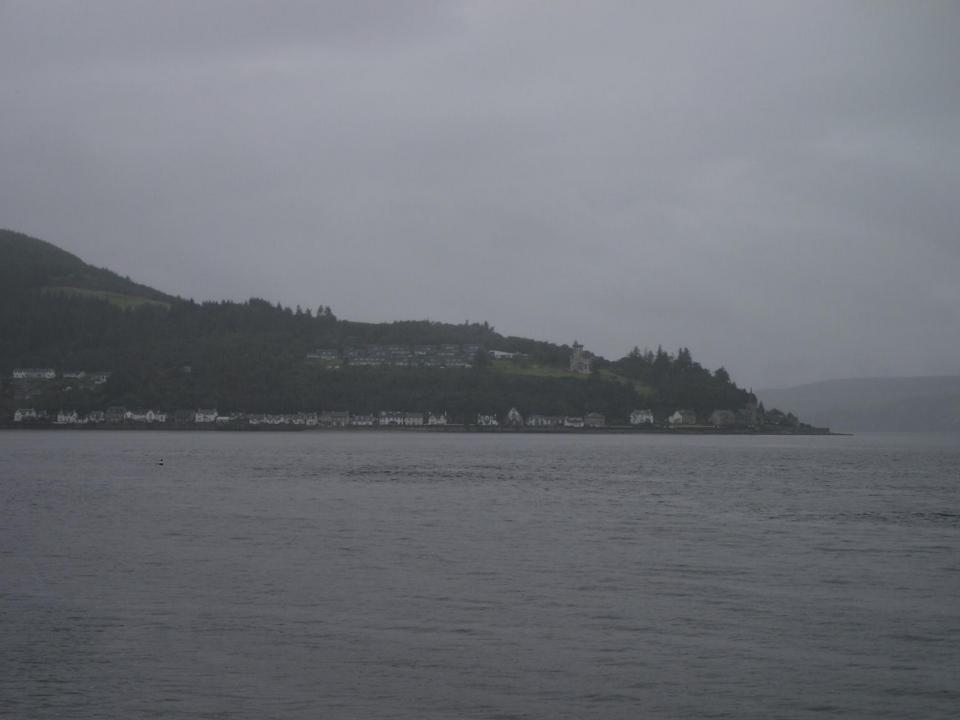
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Hunter's Quay

















Approaching Gourock from Hunter's Quay with Cloch Lighthouse





