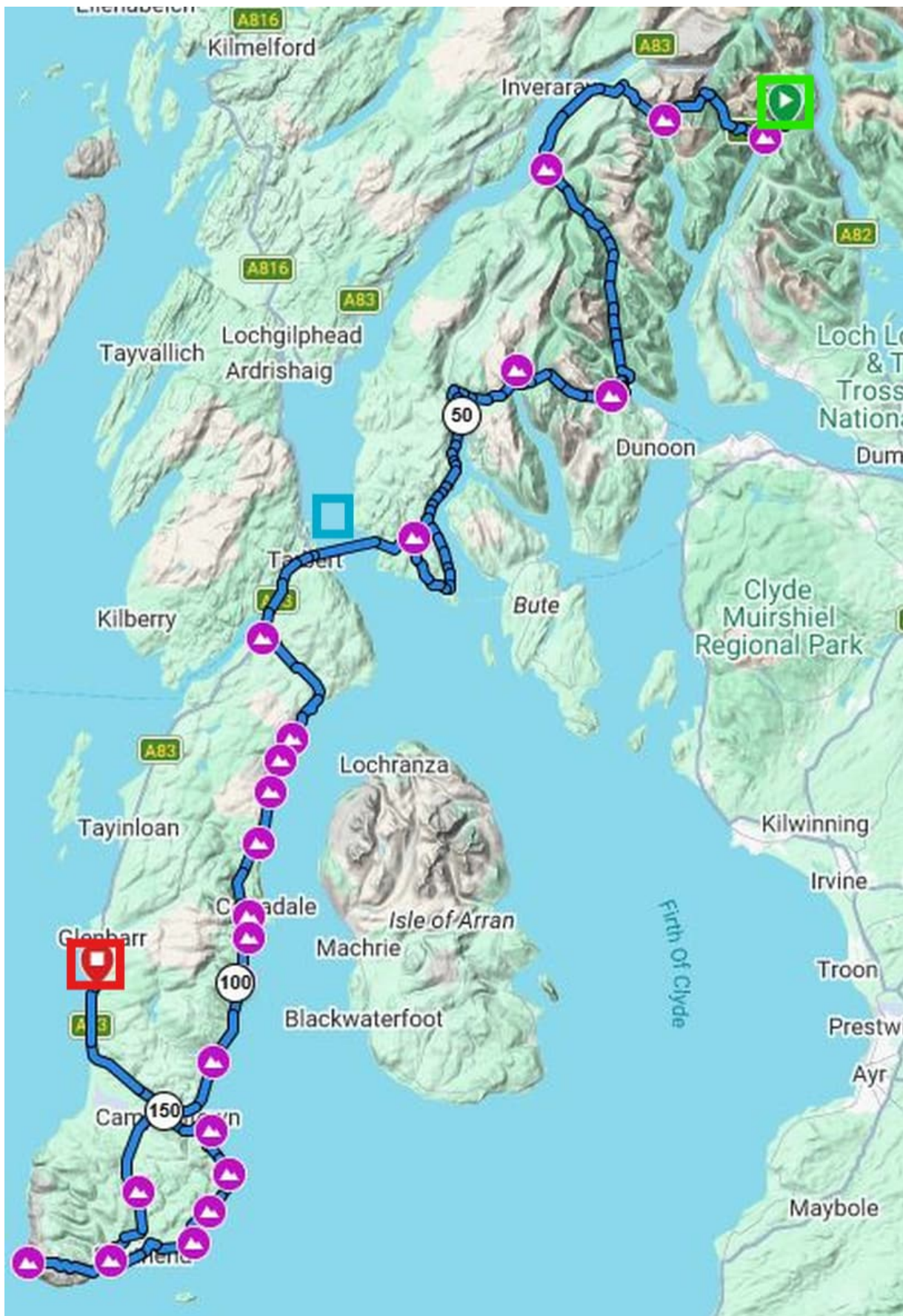


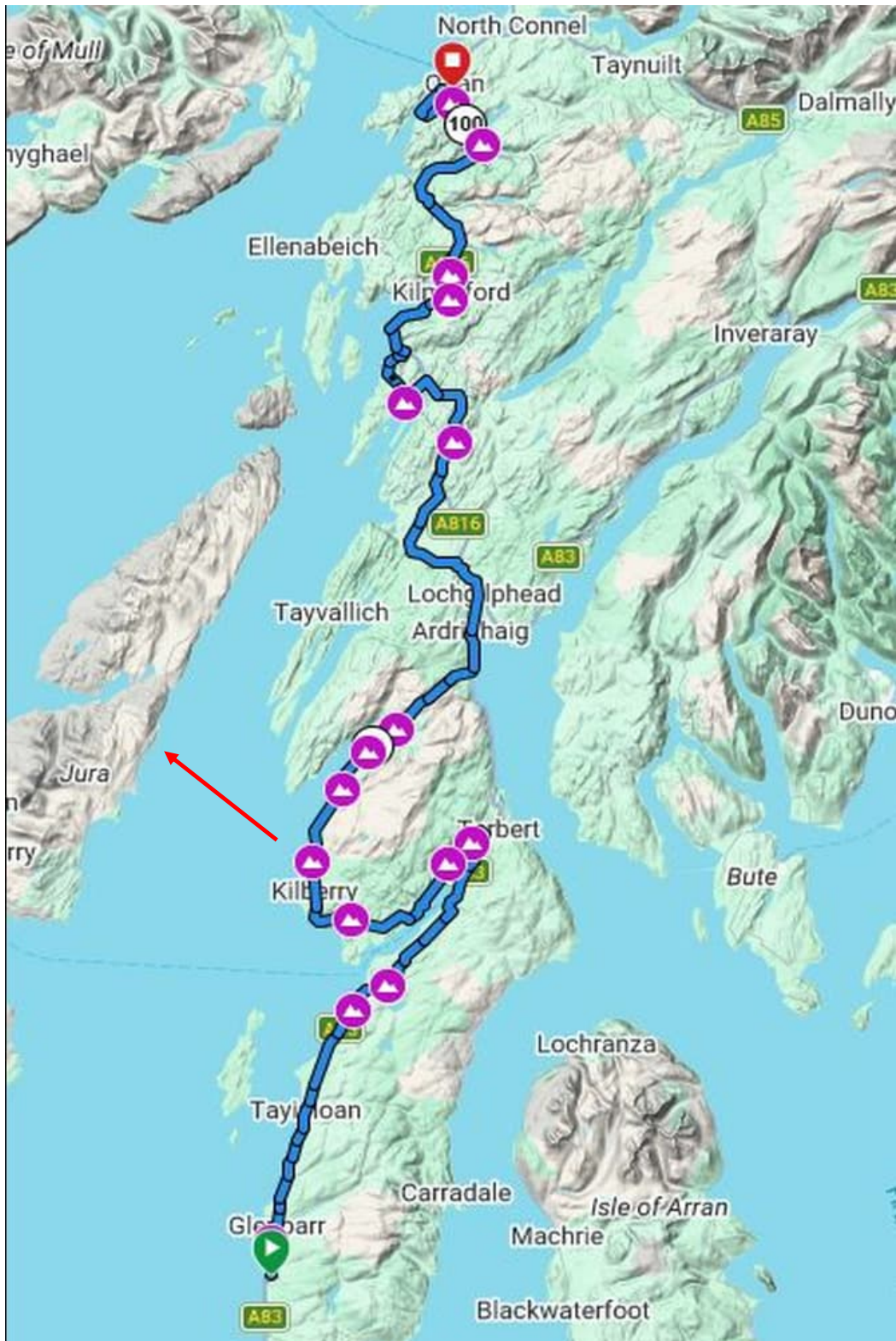
NC500 Extreme route by Ian & Shirley James



Map1 – from Loch Lomond ■ to Tarbet ■ and round via the east side of Loch Fyne on the A815 to Cregans where the road goes southeast on then alongside Loch Eck to Rashfield. ■

From Rashfield goes to Dunoon and back, then west on the B836 to join the A886 to go northwest to Ballochandrain to join the A8003 going south on the west side of Loch Riddon and round to Portavardie with a ferry crossing over Loch Fyne to Tarbert.

From Tarbert the route goes down the Kintyre Peninsula on the B842 to Campbeltown and Southend and on to an overnight stay at the Argyll Hotel on the A 83.

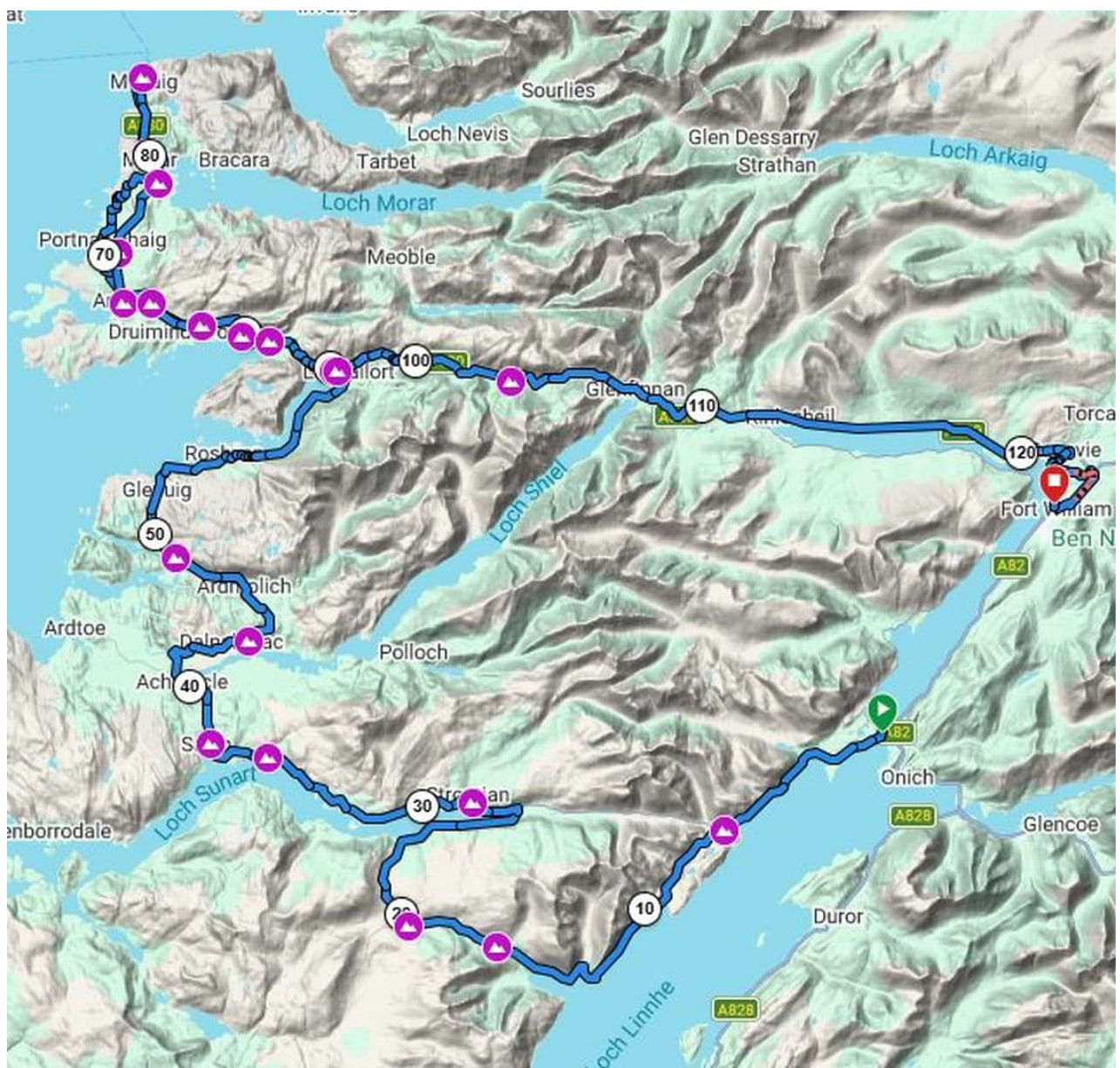


Map2 - The following day continue on the A83 towards Tarbert and then head West to Kilberry with views across to Jura

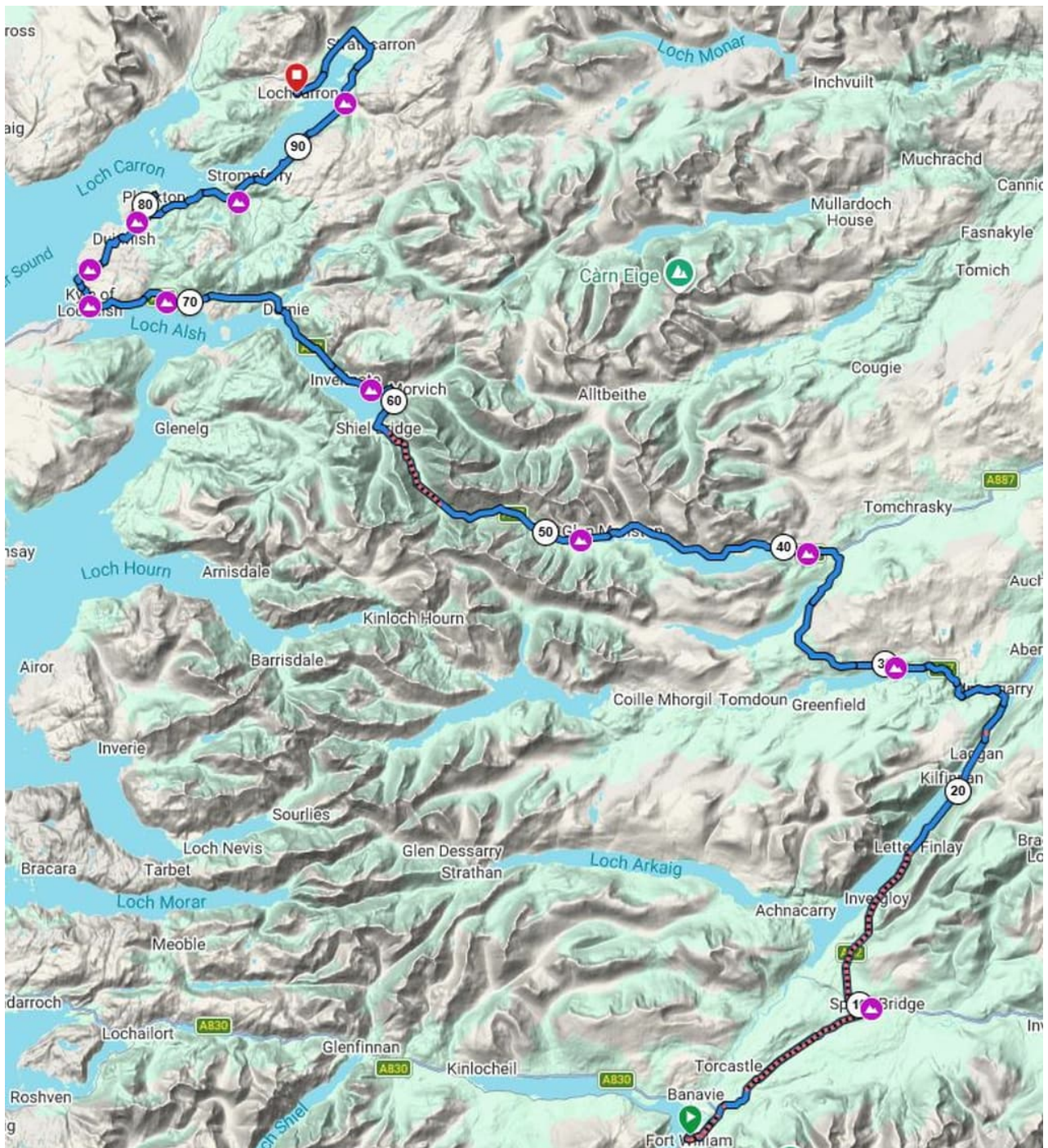
The route heads north to Lochgilphead, Kilmartin, Arduaine Gardens and on to Oban.



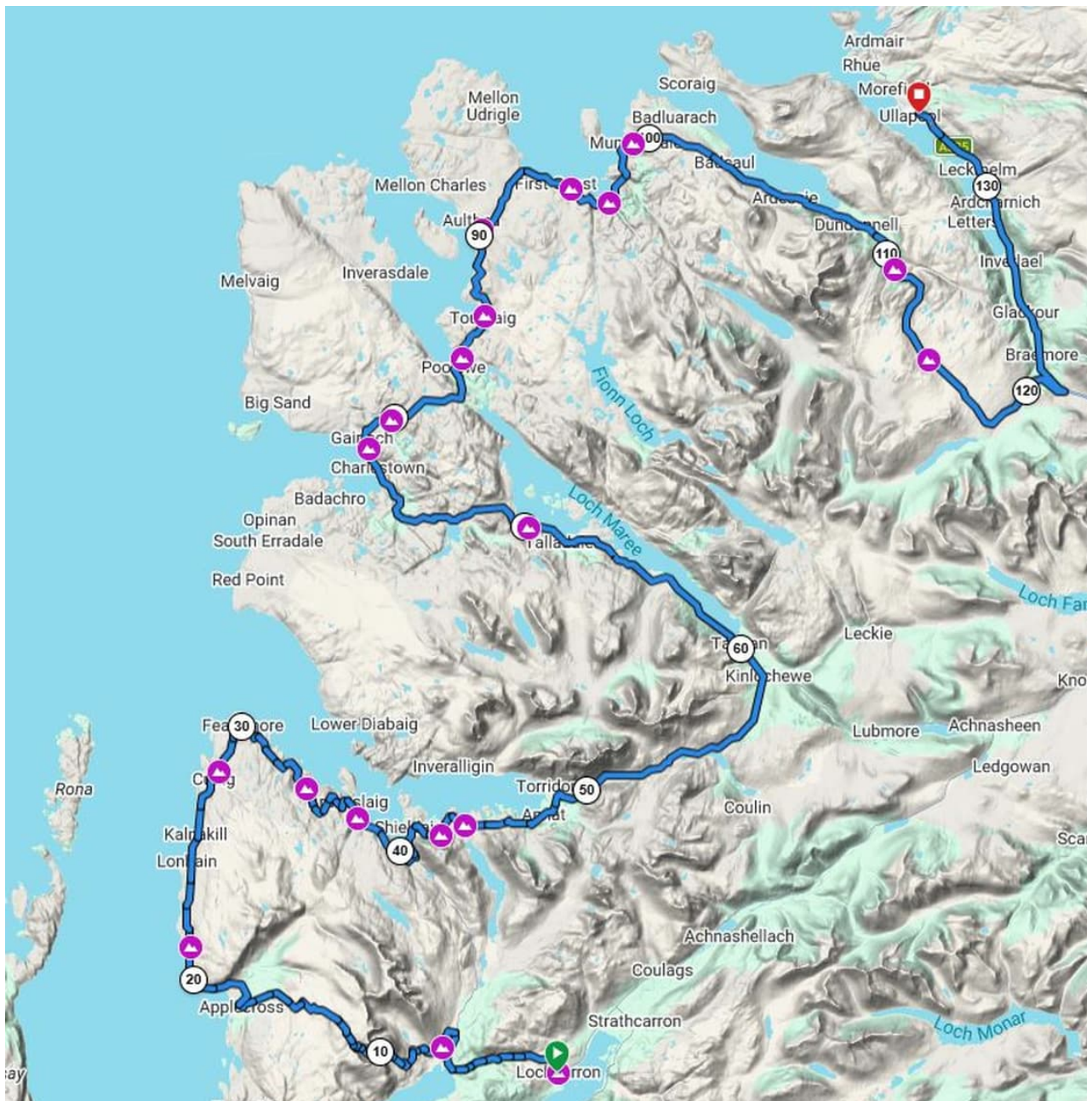
Map3 – Next Day Continue North on the from Oban on the A828 the route is north via Appin alongside Loch Linnhe and round to the Balachulish bridge A85 then A828 then taking the B road loop towards Port Uppin. Joining the A828 again and up to the Corran Ferry across Loch Linnhe.



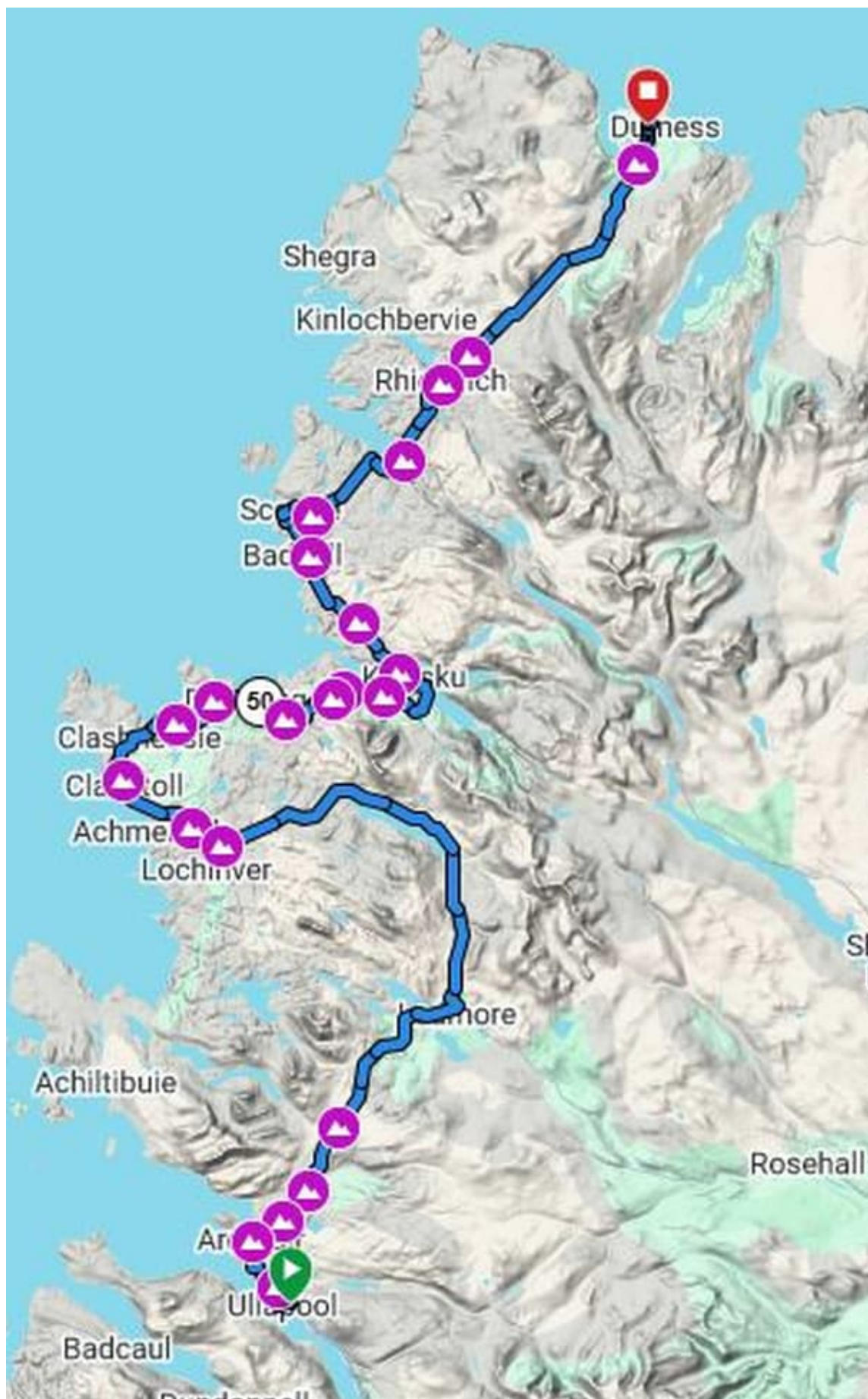
Map 4 –Exiting the Ferry Turn Left and Follow the opposite bank of Loch Linnhe on Single track roads Then on the A861 to Strontian, Loch Sunart, Acharacle and Lochailort. Then turn left on to the A830 heading north along the beautiful coastal road via Arisaig and the “Silver Sands” of Morar to the fishing and ferry port at Mallaig. Then back on the A830 to Glenfinnan with its curved railway viaduct and monument dedicated to the Scottish Highlanders who fought in the Jacobite Army during the Jacobite rising of 1745. The route then heads east on the A830 to Fort William.



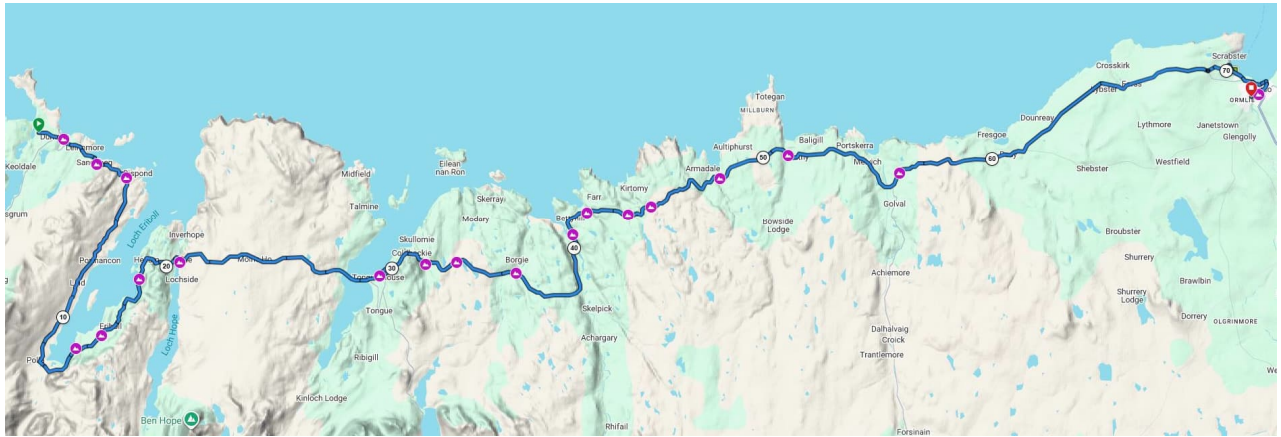
Map 5 – Fort Wiliam to Kyle of Lochalsh via Invergarry on the A87 via Glen Shiel. In the centre of Kyle you head north on a narrow road out to Plockton village. From the village the route is then via Strathcarron on the A890 passing Attadale Gardens to the head of the loch where you turn left on the A896 to Lochcarron village.



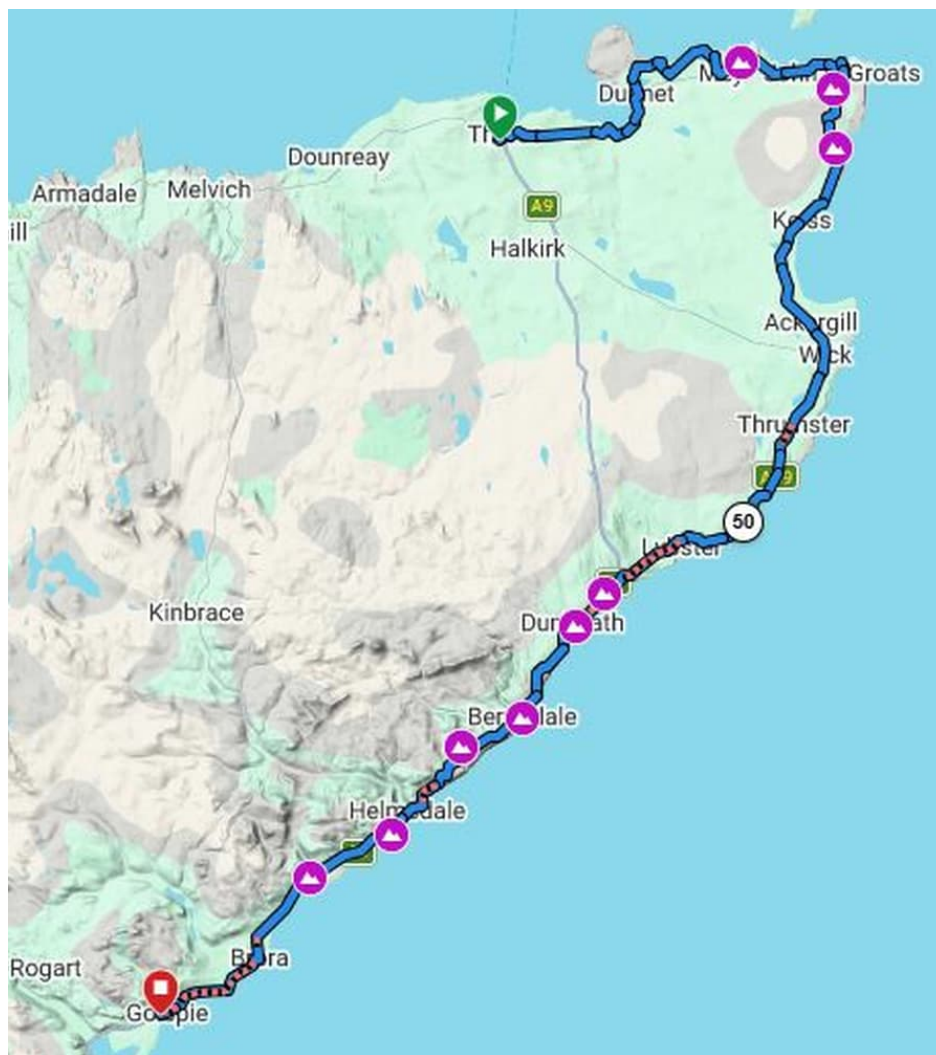
Map 6 – Lochcarron round to Kishorn for the road over to Applecross via the Pass of the Cattle, then North round via Cuaig to Kinlochewe on the A832, Shildaig, Poolewe and Dundonnell on Little Loch Broom, then east to Braemore Junction. There you turn left on to the A835 and then down to Ullapool.



Map 7 – from Ullapool head north on the A835 Taking the Left Loop To Drumbeg on another single-track road returning to the A835 into Assynt via Ledmore Junction where you turn left on to the A837 for Inchnadamph, Lochinver, Kylesku Bridge, Scourie and on to Durness the most north-westerly village on the North Coast.



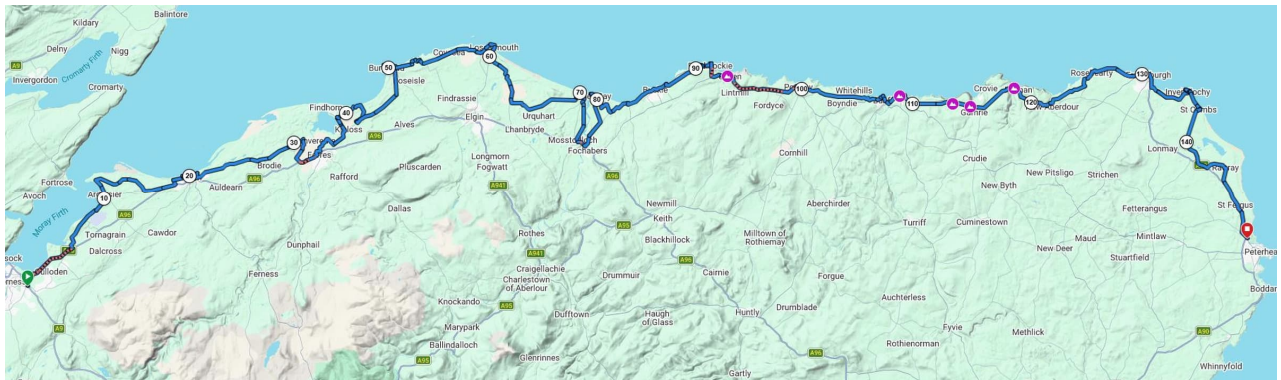
Map 8 – Across the North Coast from Durness to Tongue, Bettyhill, Melvich, Thurso,



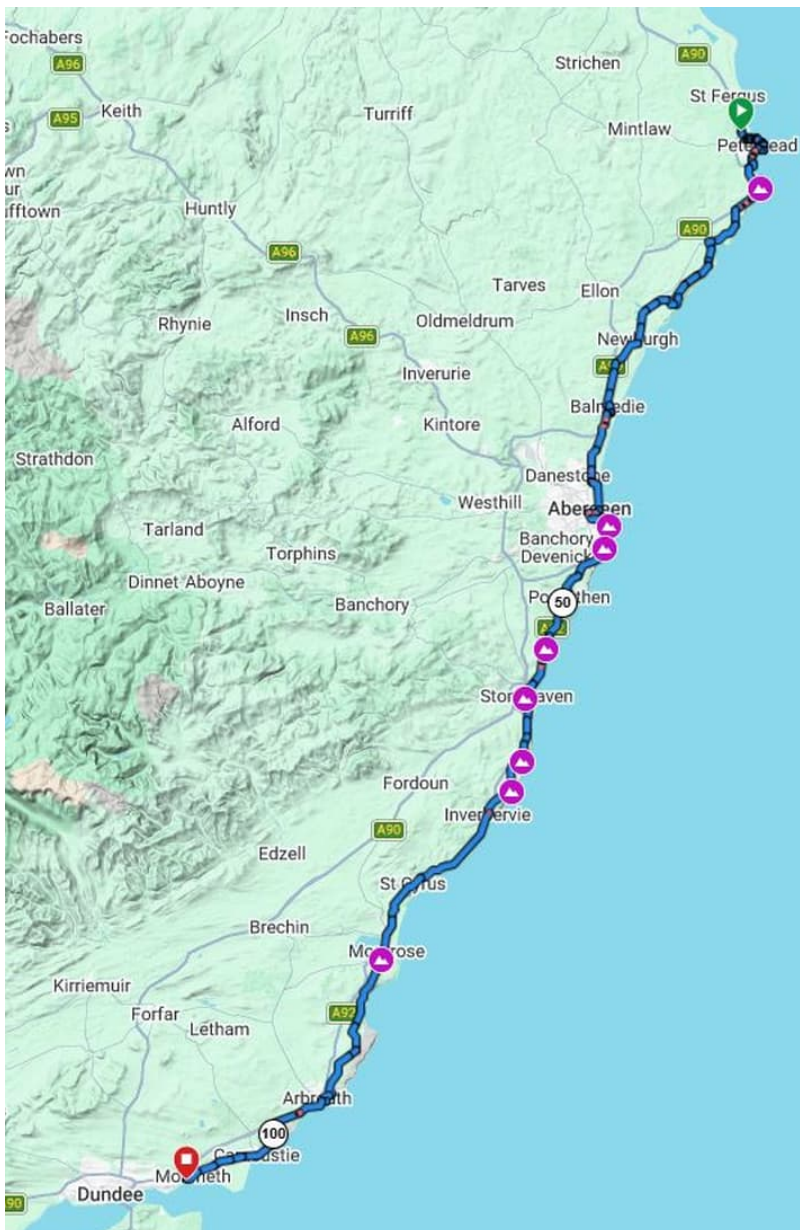
Map 9 - From Thurso continuing East taking in the Castle of Mey, Dunnet Head, John O'Groats. Changing Direction South and overnight stop at Wick. Next day continuing from Wick travelling south down the east coast on the A9 to Badbea Village and a visit to Dunrobin Castle with an overnight stop at Golspie.



Map 10 – Golspie travelling south over the Dornoch Firth, to Tain then heading towards Inver and Rockfield, around and over the Cromarty Firth, to Dingwall and down to Inverness.



Map 11 - Then east on the A96 and round the coastal route on the A96 to Nairn, Elgin and on to Peterhead.



Map 12 – Peterhead on the A892 via Aberdeen, Montrose, Arbroath and Carnoustie to Monifieth outside Dundee.



Map 13 – Monifieth to Glamis Castle, St Andrews, Kirkcaldy, crossing the Forth Bridge and on to Leith on the Firth of Forth by Edinburgh finishing the route at Britannia Dock.

We then skirted South around Edinburgh on the A720 then West on M8 then South on M74, A74M and M6, heading for our last hotel in Carlisle.

Next Day taking a cruise down the M6 detouring through The Lakes then back on the M6 Home.