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ID	Name	NMRS	SMR	NGR	Status	Class	Description
1	Pulpit Rock, preaching site, south of Ardlui	NN31SW 15	21833	NN 3262 1362	Scheduled Monument No 10972	Preaching Site	The monument known as Pulpit Rock comprises a large rock outcrop into which a vestry was excavated in 1825. The local population (mainly shepherds) in the northern part of Arrochar parish complained to the Rev Peter Proudfoot, their minister, about the eight-mile walk to and from their Sabbath devotions. Mr Proudfoot replied that, if they built him a vestry and a pulpit, he would come and preach to them.
							With money from two local worthies, Watson of Glenfalloch House and Grieve of Keilatur, the local men quarried out a 10ft-high hole in the face of the rock. It was large enough to house the minister, an elder and the precentor who led the singing. Explosives were used, and a man called Robert MacFarlane was blinded by the blast.
							A wooden platform with a pulpit was bolted to the rockface and a door was actually fitted to the hole in the rock, a metal hinge of which is still there. Services were held during the summer months for 75 years, until a mission church was established at Ardlui in 1895. At some point, the wooden door and pulpit platform were used by tinkers for fuel. (Freeman 2002)
							There is no evidence that this site has any associations with earlier religious observances.
2	Island I Vow, Castle and Settlement, Loch Lomond	NN31SW 2	1834	NN 3313 1273	Scheduled Monument No 11073; Category B Listed Building HBN No 821	Castle	The castle was built in 1577 by Andrew MacFarlane. The castle stands at the southern edge of the island with a small bay immediately to its south. The bay is now filled with fallen masonry but a retaining wall can be seen on its western edge. In 1581 the dowager of the MacFarlane chief had a life rent on the castle from her son. The castle was occupied by the MacFarlanes as their principal residence after their castle on Inveruglas Isle was destroyed by Cromwell's troops in the mid 17th century. The MacFarlanes moved to a new house at Arrochar in 1697 and the castle was thereafter used as a storehouse.

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3	Tarbet to Crianlarich Military Road		12425	NJ 3273 1344 to 3256 1357; 3257 1360 to 3231 1393		Road	Remains of Major Caulfeild's Military Road from Tarbet to Crianlarich. The Road dates from the mid 18th century. Much of the route of this road has been destroyed by the construction of the railway and the modern road, but in the vicinity of Pulpit Rock, between the cited grid references, it survives as a terrace and causeway, c.5m wide. Between those two sets of grid references it has mainly been destroyed by the railway.

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