

Popular walks
around Atholl Estates



Other Information

Visit atholl-estates.co.uk for more information about estate activities and to see what's on. We have a great selection of cycle routes too. Visit the website for details of these and of other walking routes across the estate.

Off-road Cycling Opportunities on Atholl Estates

We have a countryside trail network north of Dunkeld. Routes start from the Cally Car Park. Trail maps are available from the Blair Atholl Information Centre and download at www.atholl-estates.co.uk

National Cycle Network Route 7

Route 7 runs from Glasgow to Inverness and passes through Blair Atholl. The section between Blair Atholl and Dalwhinnie is particularly spectacular and nearly all on traffic-free paths. Why not cycle it one way and get the train back? For further information on the route visit www.sustrans.org.uk

Further Information

Atholl Estates Ranger Service
Phone 01796 481355
or email Julia@atholl-estates.co.uk
or visit www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Or visit Blair Atholl Information Centre in Blair Atholl, open Easter to October.

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Welcome to Atholl Estates

Atholl Estates is one of Scotland's best known Highland estates. Its history dates back to the 13th century, but throughout the ages it has adapted to the times, and today it manages a range of operations in the tourism, events, forestry, farming, property, hydropower and country sport sectors.

This map highlights some of the 50 miles of tracks for walking available on the estate. They take you through woodlands, beside rivers, past waterfalls and out onto open moorland. There is a great variety of wildlife for the observant walker to spot.

The routes are waymarked and can be joined together to provide a longer day's walking if desired. Some parts of the routes may be rough, wet and uneven in places and good walking boots are recommended.

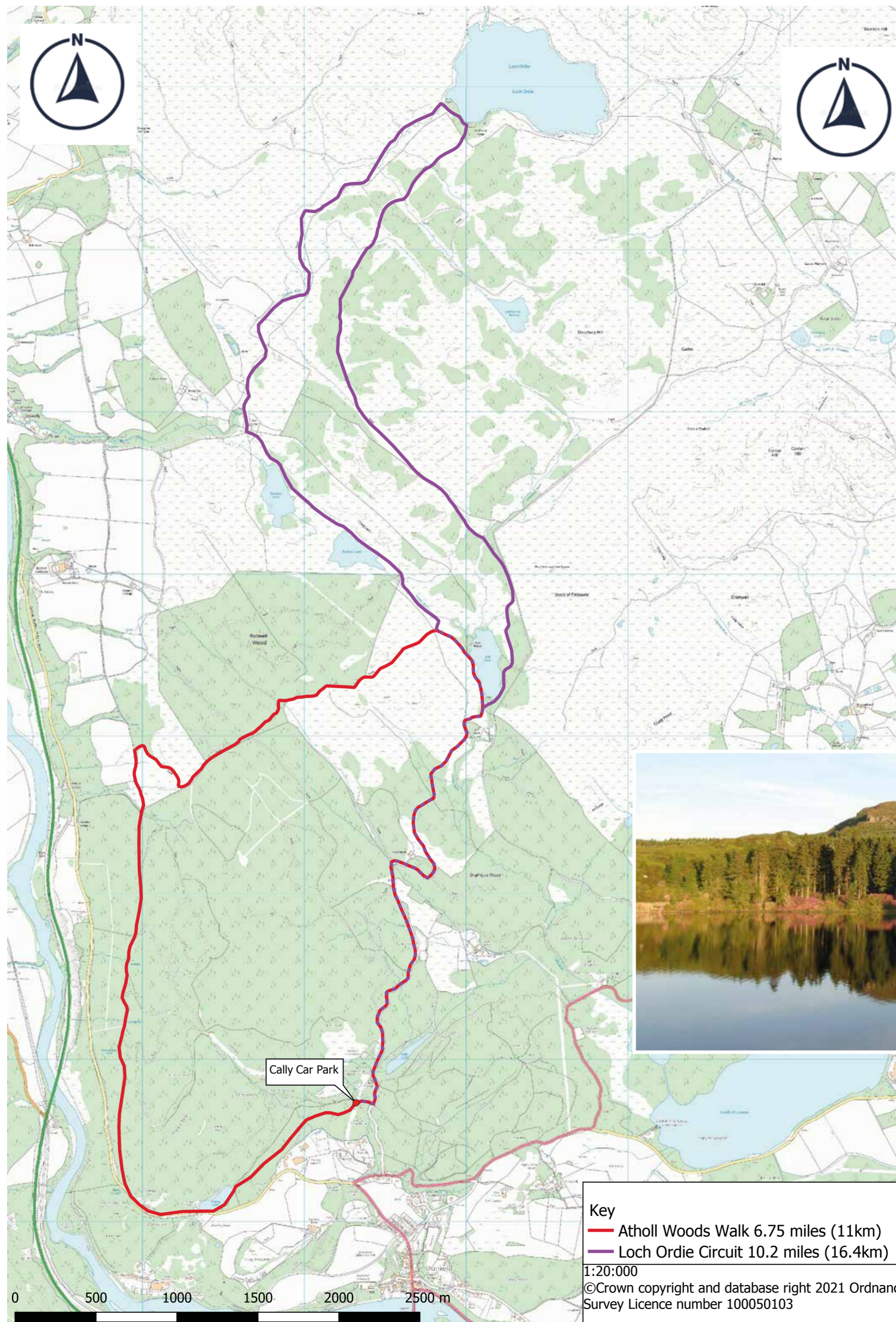
Occasionally sections of routes may need to be closed for safety for timber harvesting or other operations. In this instance alternative routes will be signed.



Walkers Code of Conduct

In Scotland we have a right to access land if we behave responsibly. This means taking account of any land use operations happening and following relevant advice on the ground. For example be aware of forestry machinery, livestock or deer management.

Also be aware that you may be sharing the routes with cyclists and horse riders so be prepared to give way if necessary. Make sure you take litter home, including dog waste and please keep your dog under close control at all times.



Route One – Atholl Woods Walk 6.75 miles

Follow the signs for Loch Ordie as far as Mill Dam. At the top end of Mill Dam take the track, L, through a gate and then uphill. Follow this track up, then along the edge of a field (often muddy) and into conifer woods. Here the shorter return route goes off to the L – follow this back to reach the outward route shortly before the car park. Continue straight on for the longer route, to a gate and then down through a rough field, with great views up the Tay. At the bottom of the field, turn L, and follow this track back through the woods to the road. Follow the road briefly then pick up the path, L, at the far end of the Polney Loch, which will take you back to the car park.

Route Two – Loch Ordie Circuit 10.2 miles

Follow the main sign posted track up to Loch Ordie, past The Glack, Mill Dam and Rotmell and Dowally Lochs. At Raor Lodge make sure to turn R past the house. Once you reach Loch Ordie, turn R, through the rhododendron bushes, and just before the house, turn R uphill to a gate in the deer fence. Go through the gate and follow the rough track along the side of the hill, enjoying lovely views of your outward route. As you reach the bottom of Mill Dam you will pick up the main track of your outward route, follow this back to the car park. You may see fallow deer or if you're lucky in the spring time you may spot an osprey fishing on one of the lochs. Signs of our resident beavers are easy to see along Mill Dam too.

Key
— Atholl Woods Walk 6.75 miles (11km)
— Loch Ordie Circuit 10.2 miles (16.4km)

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Route Three – Glen Tilt Trail
10 miles

From the car park follow the yellow arrows which leads through the woods along the river Tilt. Your walk will take you to the top of the rifle range where a viewpoint affords fantastic views of the glen. Consult the rifle range timetable to check for shooting – a red flag shows when shooting is taking place. (This timetable is also available in advance at the Glen Tilt Car Park or on the ranger service website.)

Back at the bottom of the hill you have the option to shortcut across Gilbert's Bridge for the 6 mile walk. The longer trail continues through the gate, the river, inside the electric fence, getting young trees to. After crossing the small bridge over the Allt Mhairc, take the small detour to the viewpoint and ruins above. At Gow's Bridge, your walk turns to head back down the glen.

Route Four – Glen Banvie Trail
9 miles

From the car park follow the road uphill to Old Blair and turn left at the crossroads. Follow the road sharply right, over the Banvie Burn, and then take the track uphill on your right into the Banvie Woods. Head through a gate which takes you out onto open moorland. Further up the track on your right is a grassy area with stone ruins – the remains of Bail an t'Sepail (Chapel Town), which was settled until the 1850s. Now it is a good spot to see red deer enjoying the sweet grazing.

At the bottom of the hill, a detour to the Falls of Bruar viewpoint will reward you with stunning views over this series of waterfalls. As you return towards Blair Castle, views of the River Garry and Ben Vrackie, above Pitlochry, fill the scene.

Route Five – Estate Walk
8.4 miles

From the Glen Tilt Car Park, follow the road up the hill to Old Blair. At the crossroads turn left and follow the road round to the right. Follow the road round and turn right again, following the blue arrows. They have a thick coat allowing them to live outside all year round. Walking along the West Drive you get a lovely view of the parkland around Blair Castle.

Entering the woodland, the route takes you uphill. After reaching the top of the hill, you follow the tumbling Banvie Burn down to the road again. Retrace your steps but this time at the Old Blair crossroads head up the steep hill, now following green arrows. Eventually you pass through a lovely birch wood before emerging on the Glen Tilt track which will lead you back to the car park.

Route Six – Craig Urrad
7.6 miles

To begin follow the Banvie Burn walk (black waymarkers) from the Glen Tilt car park. Once you reach the top bridge, follow the track and briefly join the blue waymarker trail, turning off to your right rather than following the path back down the burn. Turn right again to start to follow the track as it starts to climb, it can be steep and rough in sections. Keeping left at the fork continue uphill and into an area of native Scots Pine and blaeberry, whilst taking in the views of Glen Banvie. Continue the climb as views of Glen Garry are revealed to the south. Just before you reach a stone wall a path detours to the right to the hill summit where 360 degree views from the old stone beacons are spectacular. When you re-join the main track, it continues through larch woodland as it gradually descends with views towards Glen Bruar. Turn left when you reach a track and from here you can follow the orange waymarkers - taking in a detour to the Falls of Bruar viewpoint if the legs are still fresh - all the way back to the car park.

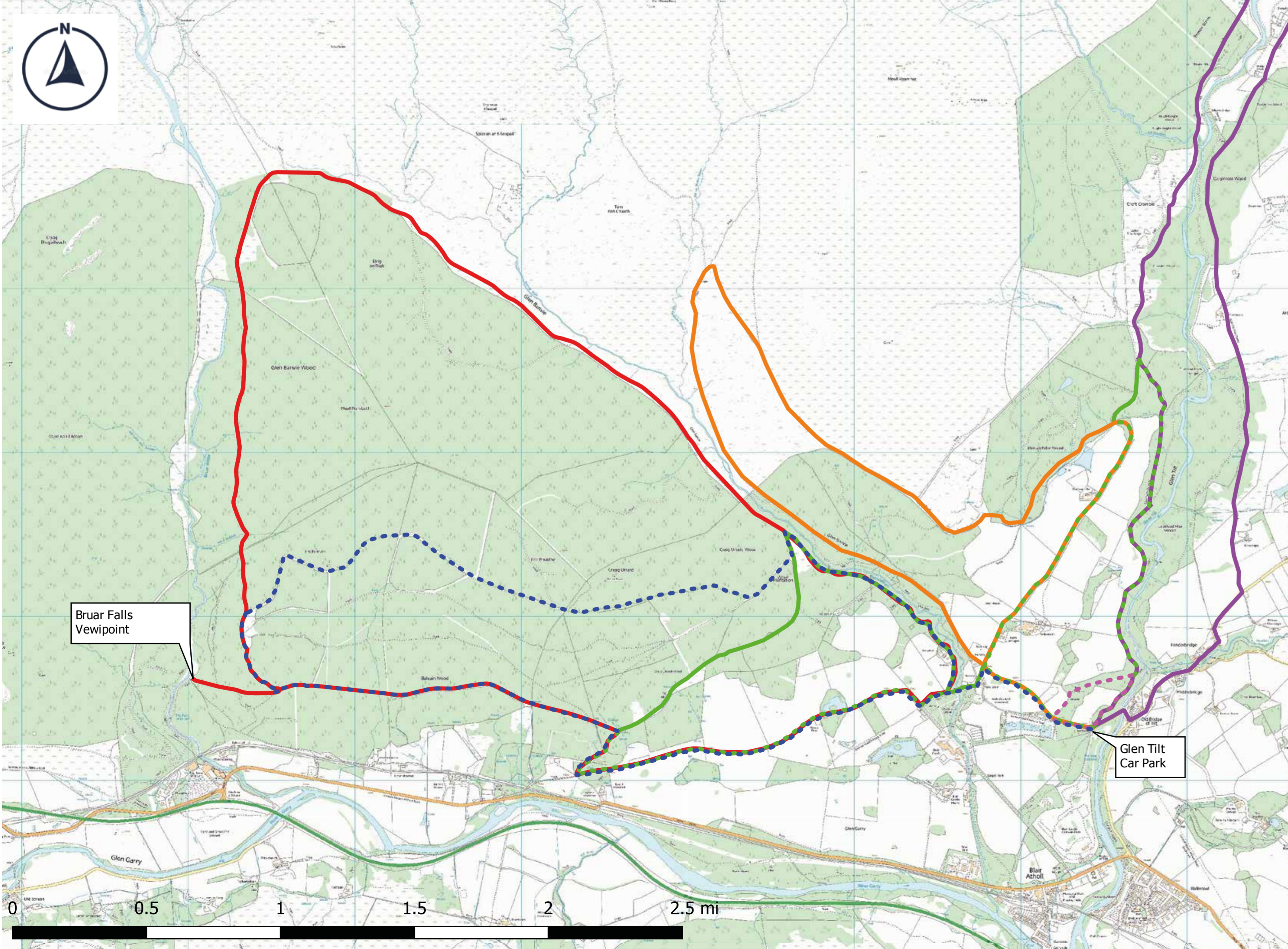
Route Seven – Lady March's Cairn
5.8 miles

This un-waymarked route takes you up onto the open moor so boots and outdoor clothing are required. Follow the Farm and Forest trail from the Glen Tilt car park but instead of following the track towards the viewpoint, double back and pass the Blairuachdar reservoir. Follow this track round and then uphill before going through a gate onto the hill. Follow this track (which can be wet at times) as it runs parallel to the woodland. This is a great place to see red deer and the views back to Ben Vrackie are exceptional. Keep following this track as it narrows and becomes rougher. It should turn downhill and you will arrive at Lady March's cairn which she started to build in a quiet moment while picnicking. Upon reaching the cairn follow the track south to follow the Banvie Burn back towards the crossroads at Old Blair.

Route Eight – Red Squirrel Trail
0.8 miles

This is a short wander through quiet woodland and makes a great addition to the Glen Tilt trail if time allows. From the Glen Tilt car park follow the light blue arrows, which takes over the road and into the woods. Part of the path follows an historic route which led to the Hanging Tower, or Balvenie Pillar.

Watch out for roe deer and red squirrels on this short trail.



Bruar Falls Viewpoint

Glen Tilt Car Park

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