

## 5 Key Tourist Attractions in Badenoch & Strathspey

The following sections provide information about 51 key visitor attractions and outdoor recreation areas within the Cairngorms National Park. The CNPA identified and compiled this list of key tourist attractions in the Badenoch and Strathspey area using data from the Cairngorms Visitor Guide and the Moffat Attractions Monitor. These 51 attractions are not intended to be an exhaustive list of attractions in the Badenoch and Strathspey area but an indicative and manageable selection based on the resources available for the study.

A key aim of this study was to review the transport provision to key visitor attractions located along the Badenoch and Strathspey transport corridor and engage with those responsible for managing each site, gathering information to review transport provision and providing a baseline for future reviews of transport in the area.

A web-based site audit questionnaire was developed to gather information on each site, identifying information such as the nature of the site, the number of visitors, transport links, and so on. Those responsible for managing each attraction were then contacted by the CNPA and invited to participate and provided with a link to this questionnaire. Where destinations did not have a specific person responsible for their management, data was gathered from key stakeholders.

Data from completed questionnaires was collated and additional information was gathered for some larger sites as appropriate. Two attempts were made to contact sites where no questionnaire was returned and CNPA Officers supplied information where this proved unsuccessful.

The following sections provide information on each of the 51 visitor attractions identified by the CNPA. Most attractions are identified on a map provided by The Highland Council with a highlighted 1 mile radius (indicative of comfortable walking distance for most able bodied adults) and identifying bus stops and popular paths where this information is available. Each site also includes a table showing information provided by those responsible for managing each attraction or other key stakeholders.



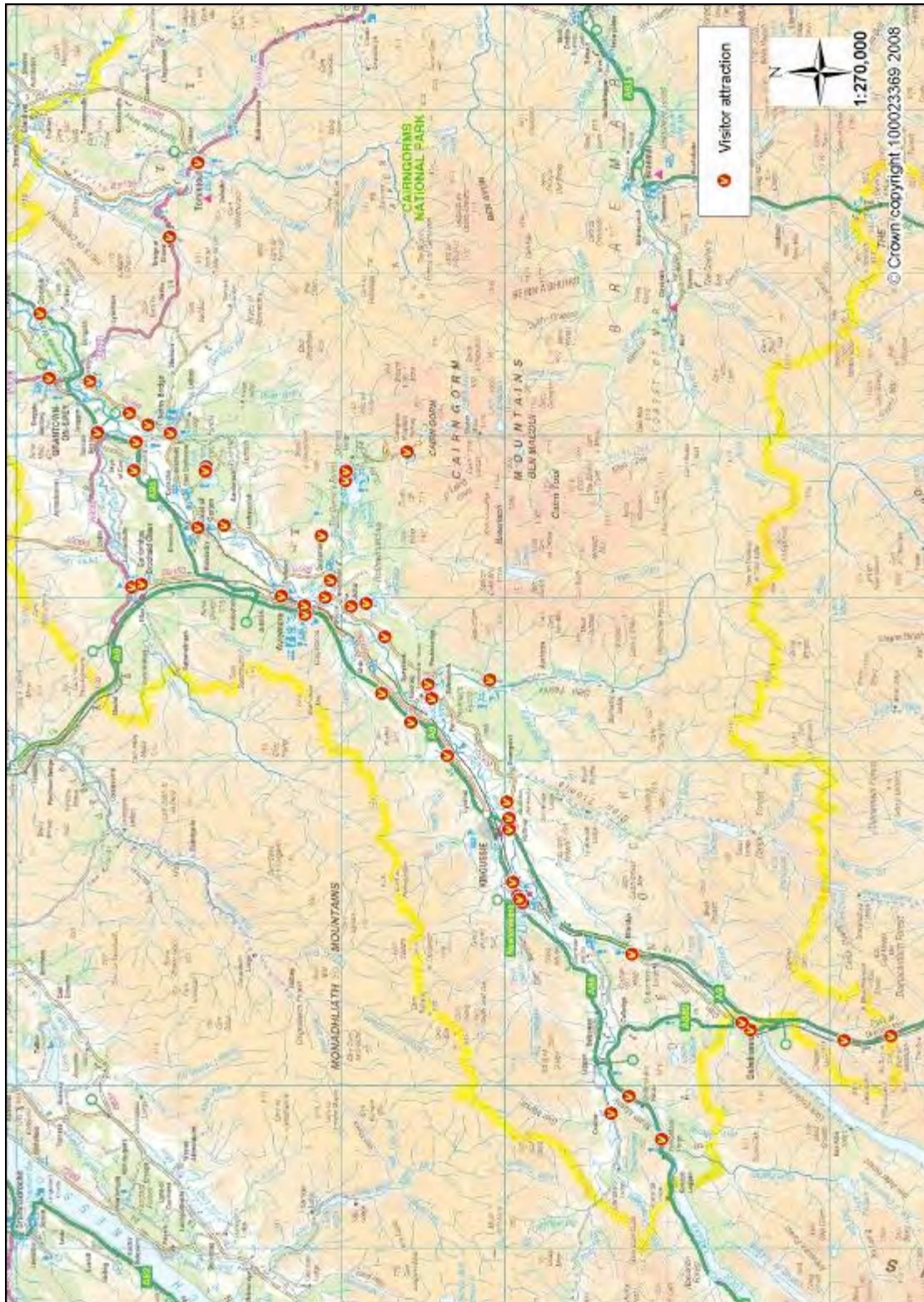


Figure 4 – The distribution of key tourist attractions within the Cairngorms National Park along the Badenoch and Strathspey Corridor.



## 5.1 Cairn Gorm Mountain

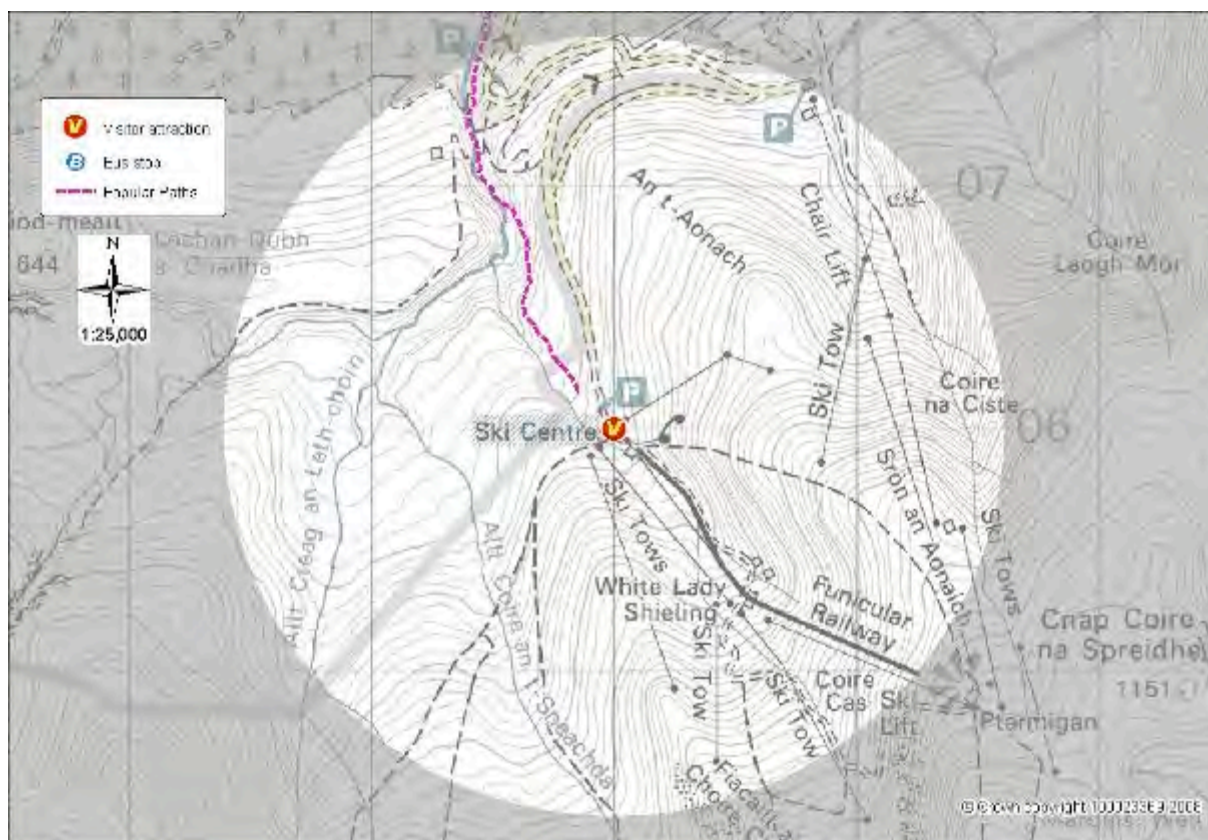


Figure 5 - Cairn Gorm Mountain.

Cairn Gorm Mountain ([www.cairngormmountain.org.uk](http://www.cairngormmountain.org.uk)) is a year round visitor attraction with a funicular railway, offering Ranger walks, events, weddings, and ceilidhs in summer and offering a range of snow sports in the winter. Cairn Gorm Mountain is one of the ten highest summits in the UK and is synonymous with The Cairngorms mountain range.

CairnGorm Mountain Ltd											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
210,000	1	x	✓	x	✓	✓	<100 metres	✓	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Road safety, poor public transport links and car park at capacity at peak times.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
There is an hourly service to Aviemore and on to Grantown. But bus timetable accuracy and the frequency of services during evenings and Sundays could be improved.											



## 5.2 Glenmore Forest Park

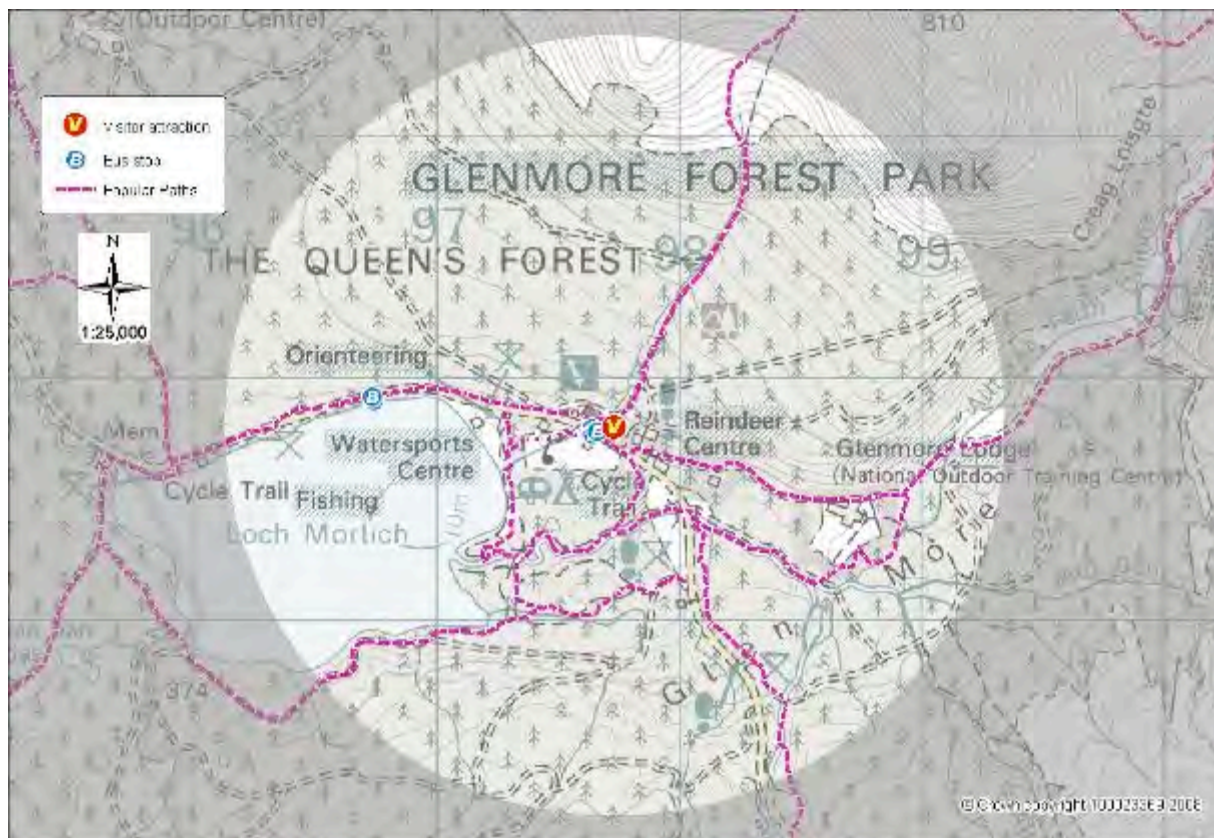


Figure 6 - Glenmore Forest Park.

Created in 1948, Glenmore Forest Park is a woodland, covering 3,500 hectares, located between Coylumbridge and Cairn Gorm Mountain. managed by the Forestry Commission. ([www.forestry.gov.uk/website/Recreation.nsf/LUWebDocsByKey/ScotlandHighlandGlenmoreForestPark](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/Recreation.nsf/LUWebDocsByKey/ScotlandHighlandGlenmoreForestPark)). The Park is one of the few remaining pockets of ancient Caledonian Pinewood in Scotland. Major work is underway to preserve this important habitat.

Glenmore Forest Park												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
300,000	5	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	<100 metres	✓	x	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Road safety, unauthorised parking and damage to the physical environment.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
There is an hourly service on the Aviemore-Cairngorm route, which could cater for cyclists.												



### 5.3 Glenmore Lodge

Glenmore Lodge ([www.glenmorelodge.org.uk](http://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk)) is located in Glenmore Forest Park close to Cairn Gorm Mountain in the heart of the National Park. Glenmore Lodge is a training centre in outdoor pursuits such as mountaineering, kayaking, canoeing, sea kayaking, rock climbing, ski mountaineering and rescue for beginners, leaders and instructors.

Glenmore Lodge												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
6,000	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-3 Km	✓	x	✓	✓	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Road safety concerns, unauthorised parking can block forest track to emergency vehicles such as mountain rescue, poor public transport links, car park at capacity and bus times limited to season and during schools term.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
There is an hourly service on the Aviemore-Cairngorm route, which could be upgraded to include bicycles. A new off-road route to Aviemore has greatly increased provision for cyclists.												



## 5.4 Loch Morlich Watersports

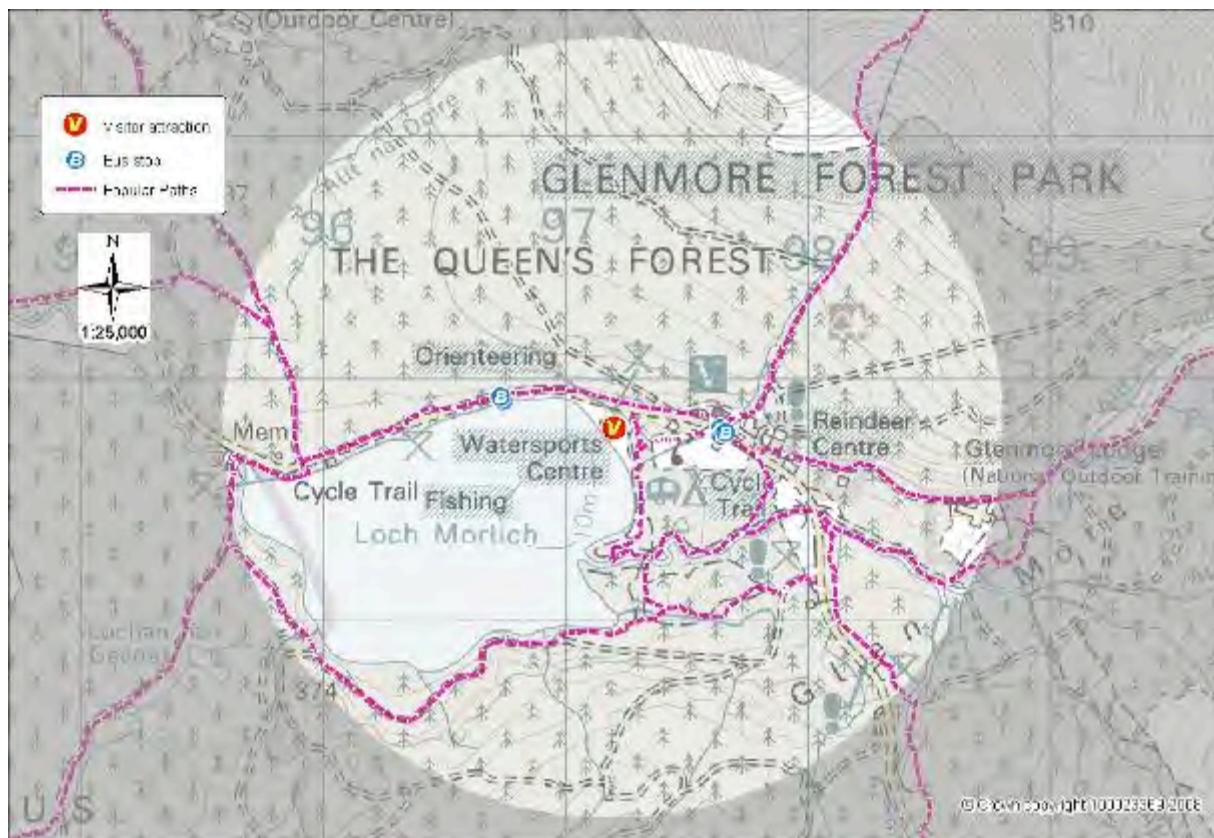


Figure 7 – Loch Morlich Watersports

Loch Morlich ([www.lochmorlich.com](http://www.lochmorlich.com)) is situated in Glenmore Forest Park and at the foot of the Cairn Gorm Mountain in the heart of the National Park. The site includes a watersports centre and cafe.

Loch Morlich Watersports											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not available	4	x	✓	✓	x	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Car park at capacity.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More and better bike racks on buses.											



## 5.5 Cairngorm Reindeer Centre

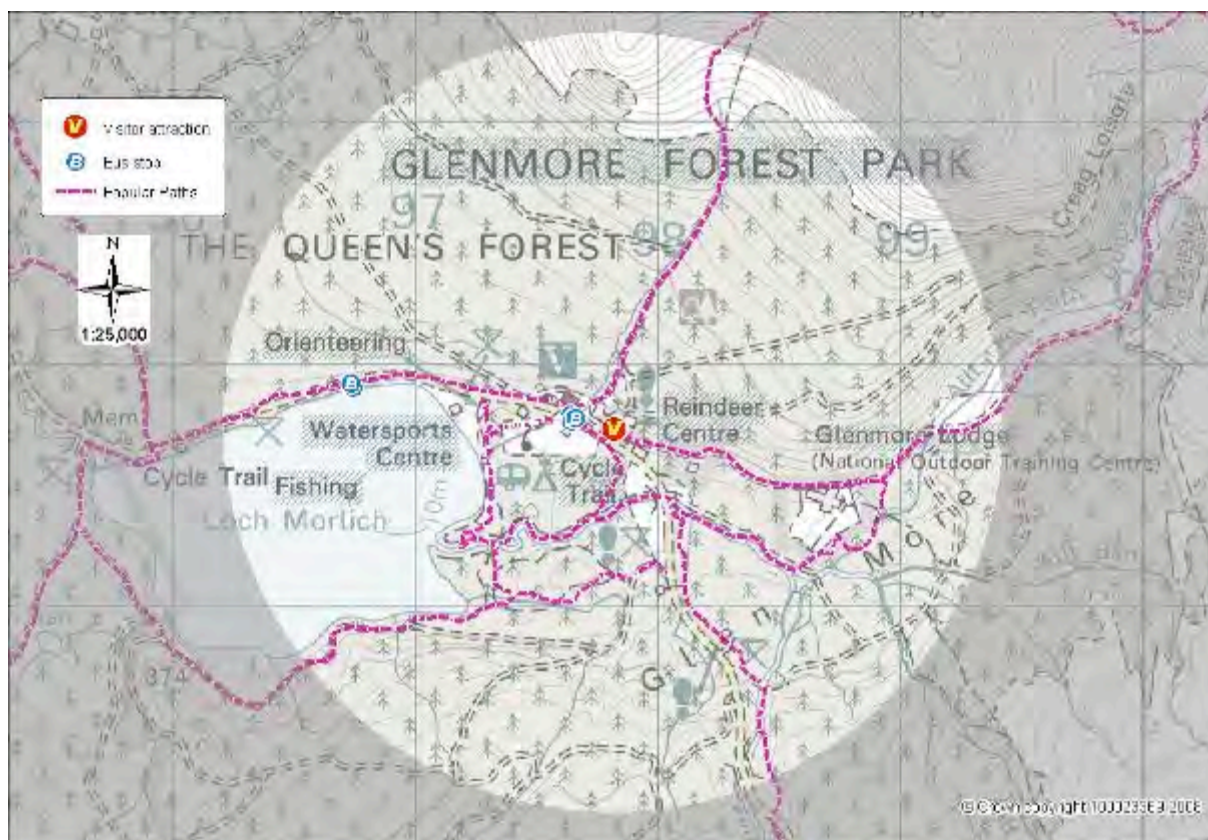


Figure 8 – The Cairngorm Reindeer Centre.

The Cairngorm Reindeer Centre ([www.reindeer-company.demon.co.uk](http://www.reindeer-company.demon.co.uk)) is situated in Glenmore Forest Park. The Centre is home to Britain's only free ranging herd of reindeer, which live on the Northern slopes of the Cairngorms.

Cairngorm Reindeer Centre												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
20,000	1	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	<1 Km	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Road safety concerns, traffic congestion entering and leaving site, congestion on local roads, high level of parking in local streets and lack of dedicated car park for visitors to Centre. Visitors park their cars on the "ski road" and walk up to the Reindeer Centre.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
Cheaper public transport fares and better information about sustainable transport on attraction website and brochures.												



## 5.6 The Cairngorm Sleddog Centre

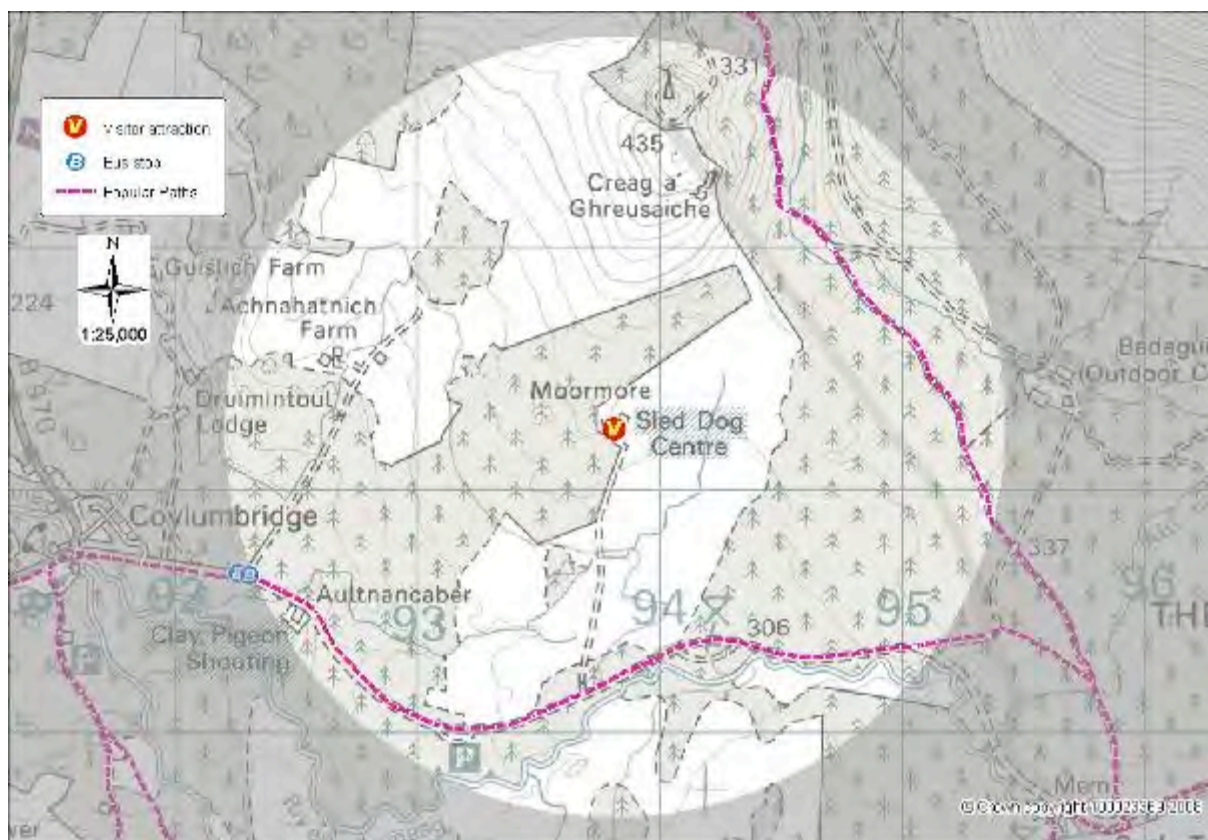


Figure 9 – The Cairngorm Sleddog Centre.

The Cairngorm Sleddog Centre ([www.sled-dogs.co.uk](http://www.sled-dogs.co.uk)) is situated within Rothiemurchus at the foot of the Cairngorm Mountains. The Cairngorm Sleddog Centre offers a wide range of activities, from kennel and museum Tours to sleddog trips and safaris.

The Cairngorm Sleddog Centre												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
1,000	2	✓	x	x	x	✓	1-3 Km	✓	x	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
No designated pedestrian / cycle route - however road is wide / sight lines are good / traffic levels low.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
Visitor shuttle bus from local settlement/public transport stop, cheaper public transport fares, package deals that include travel to site by sustainable modes, and discounted entrance fee to sites for visitors travelling by sustainable modes.												





## 5.7 The Funhouse, Hilton Coylumbridge

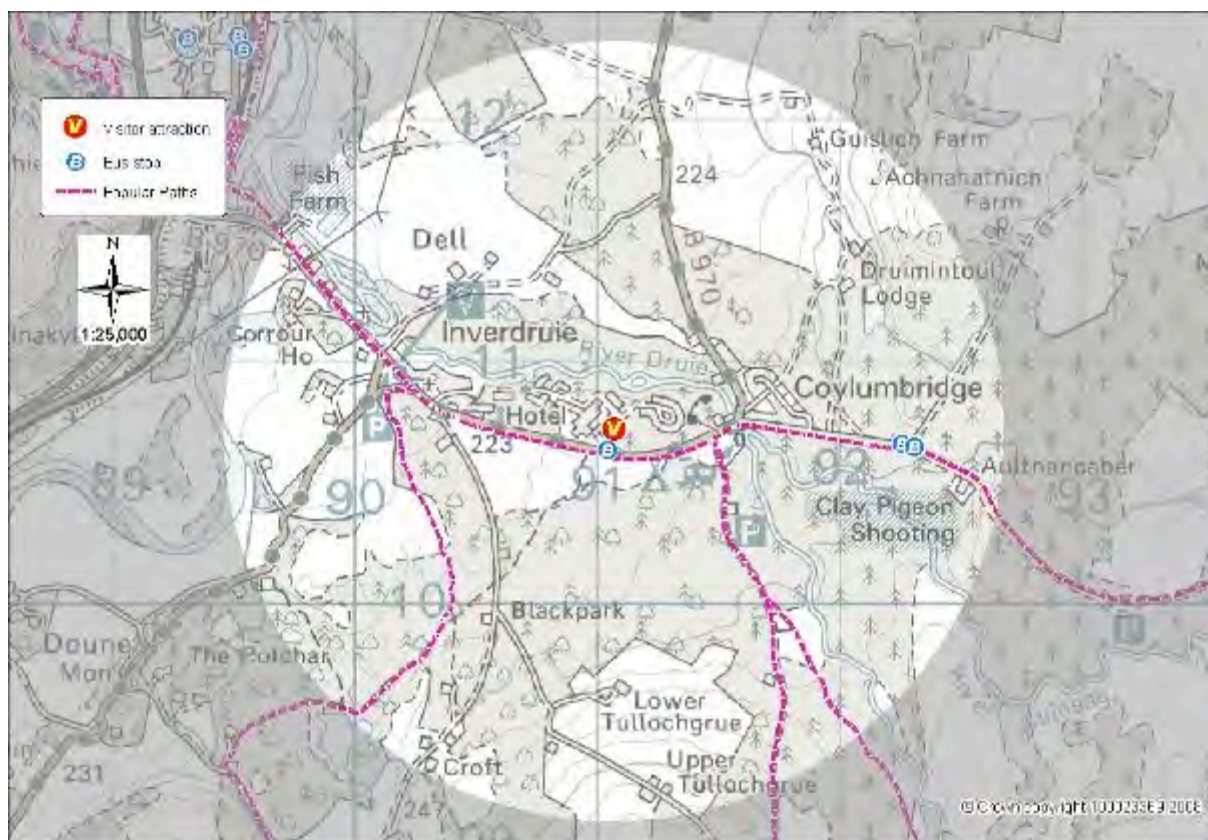


Figure 10 – The Funhouse, Hilton Coylumbridge.

The Fun House is located in the Hilton Coylumbridge hotel in Coylumbridge ([www.hilton.co.uk/property/1212\\_ServiceDetails.jsp?hid=11001807&fid=11001945](http://www.hilton.co.uk/property/1212_ServiceDetails.jsp?hid=11001807&fid=11001945)). The Fun House is an indoor children's facility, offering soft-play activities, indoor/outdoor golf, arcade including bowling, an American diner and a crèche offering a childcare and babysitting service.

The Funhouse, Hilton Coylumbridge												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
50,000	1	✓	x	x	✓	✓	<100m	✓	✓	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Congestion on local roads. No Sunday bus service.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
More frequent public transport services, better public transport service information at bus stops and train stations and better information about sustainable transport options on website and brochures.												



## 5.8 The Rothiemurchus Estate, The Rothiemurchus Centre

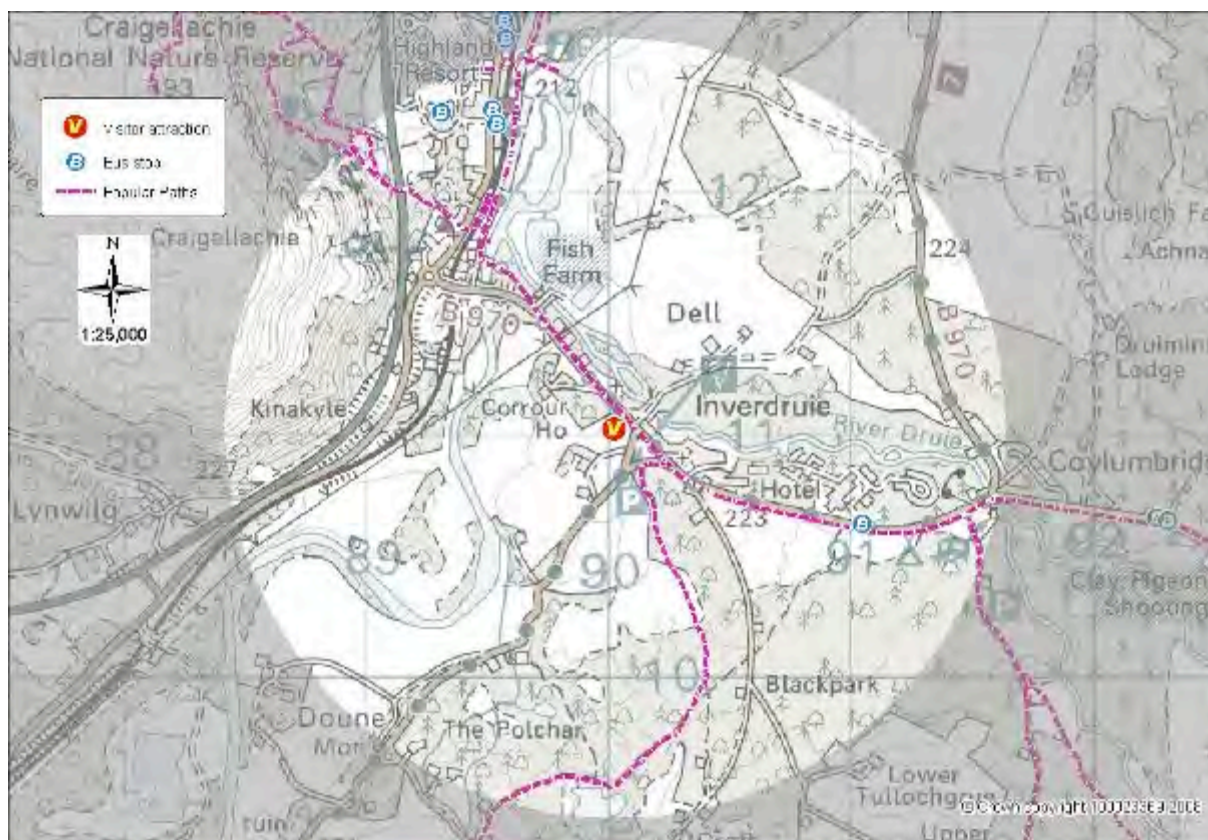


Figure 11 – The Rothiemurchus Centre.

The Rothiemurchus Estate ([www.rothiemurchus.net](http://www.rothiemurchus.net)) is located between Aviemore and Cowlumbridge on the B970. The Estate has two visitor centres; Rothiemurchus Centre and Loch an Eilein. Rothiemurchus Centre has a gift shop and cafe, and offers local information, activity bookings. It is the start of walking and cycling routes and other outdoor activities.

Rothiemurchus Centre											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
250,000	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-3km	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Small carpark which can fill at peak times.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Better public transport information and improved quality waiting facilities at bus stops and train stations, enhanced information about sustainable transport options on website and brochures.											



## 5.9 The Rothiemurchus Estate, Loch an Eilein

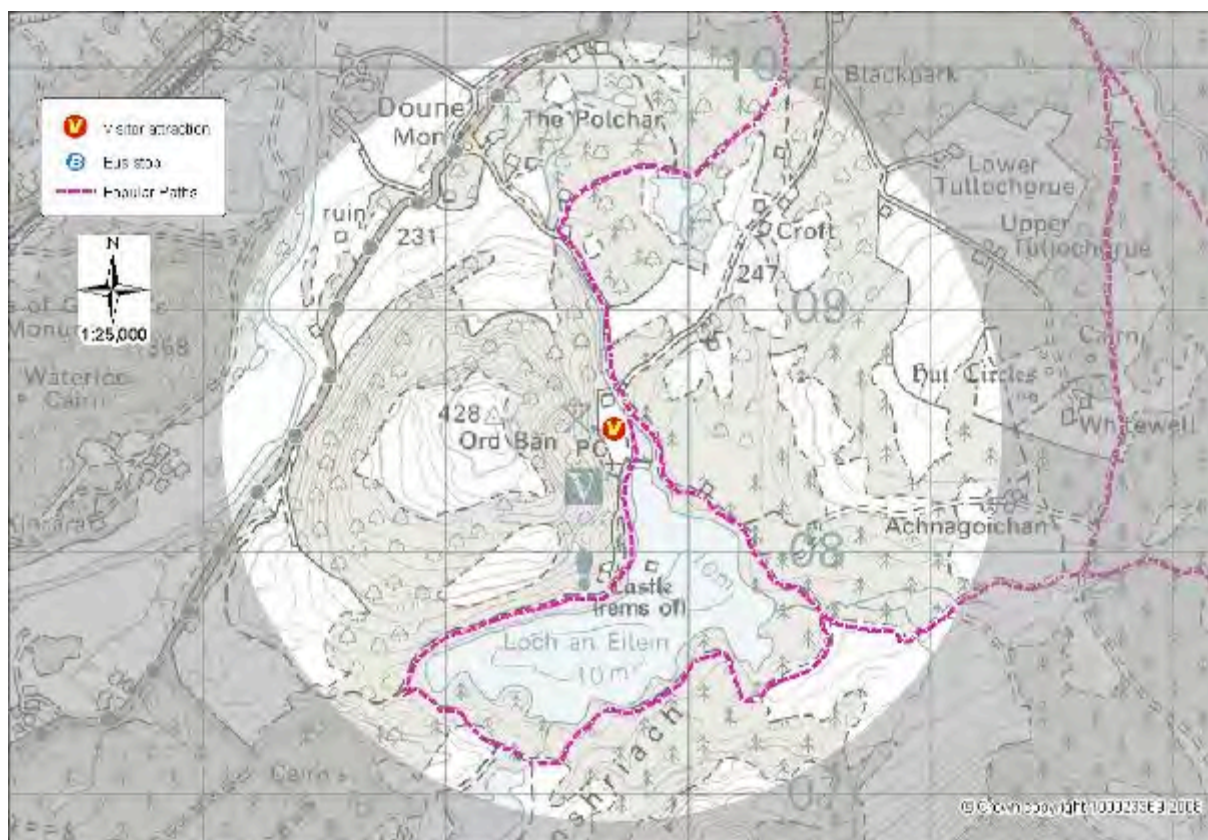


Figure 12 – Loch an Eilein.

Loch an Eilein, provides access to picturesque walking routes and Loch an Eilein Castle. The Loch an Eilein Visitor's Centre also provides a seasonal gift shop and a special 'Touch corner' for children with information about flora and fauna on the estate.

Loch an Eilein											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
250,000	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	4km	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
No direct bus service, nearest is at Rothiemurchus Centre on Aviemore-Cairngorm route.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Better public transport service information at bus stops and train stations, better quality waiting facilities at bus stops and train stations, better information about public transport, walking, cycling and car sharing schemes on attraction website and brochures											



## 5.10 The Cairngorm Brewery

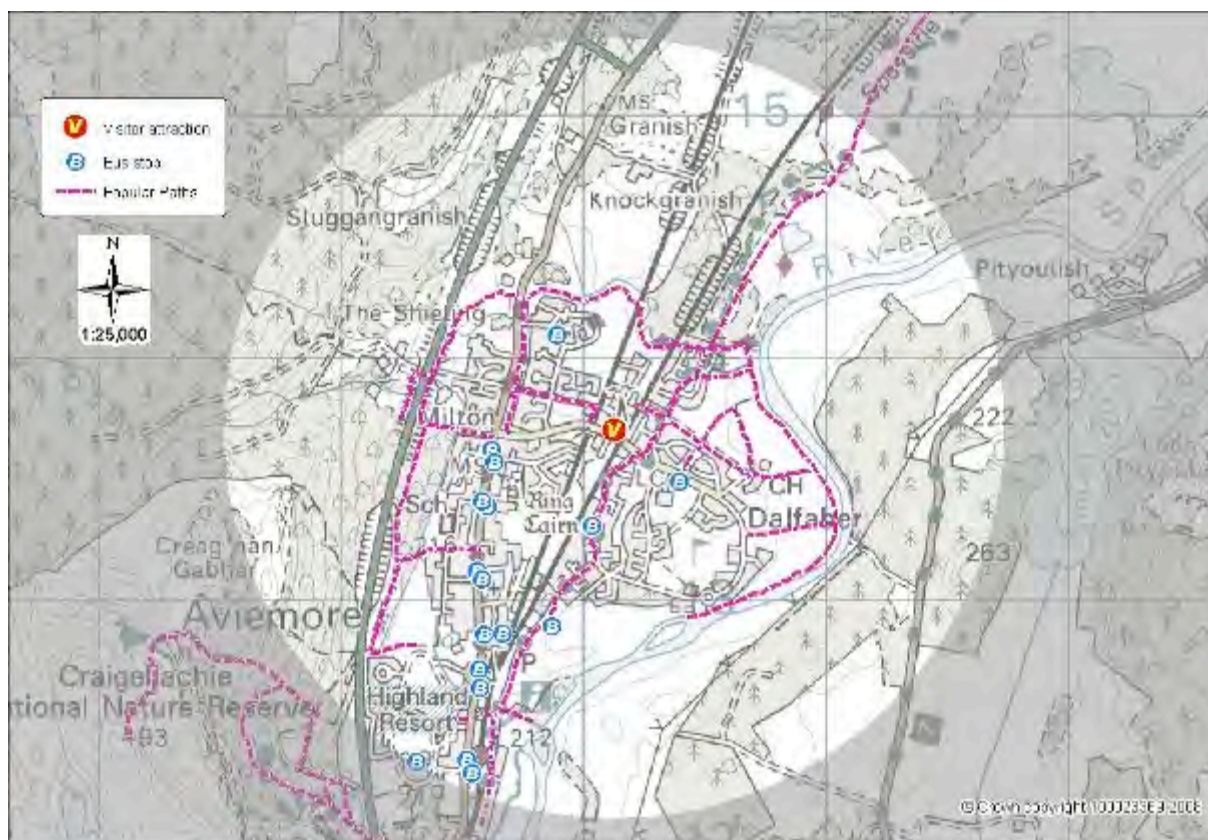


Figure 13 – The Cairngorm Brewery.

The Cairngorm Brewery Company, ([www.cairngormbrewery.com](http://www.cairngormbrewery.com)) established in 2001 and situated on an industrial park in Aviemore, is a 10-barrel brewery, producing 360 gallons (1620 litres) of traditional and new ale each day. The Cairngorm Brewery has a range of permanent and seasonal cask beers, 8 of which are available throughout the year in 500ml bottles. Cairngorm Brewery includes a small retail area for sales and a tour reception and tasting area, taking up to 15 people at a time.

Cairngorm Brewery, Aviemore											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
1,000	1	x	x	x	x	✓	<100m	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The brewery is well situated to take more advantage of Aviemore train and bus services.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
No Response.											



## 5.11 Craigellachie National Nature Reserve

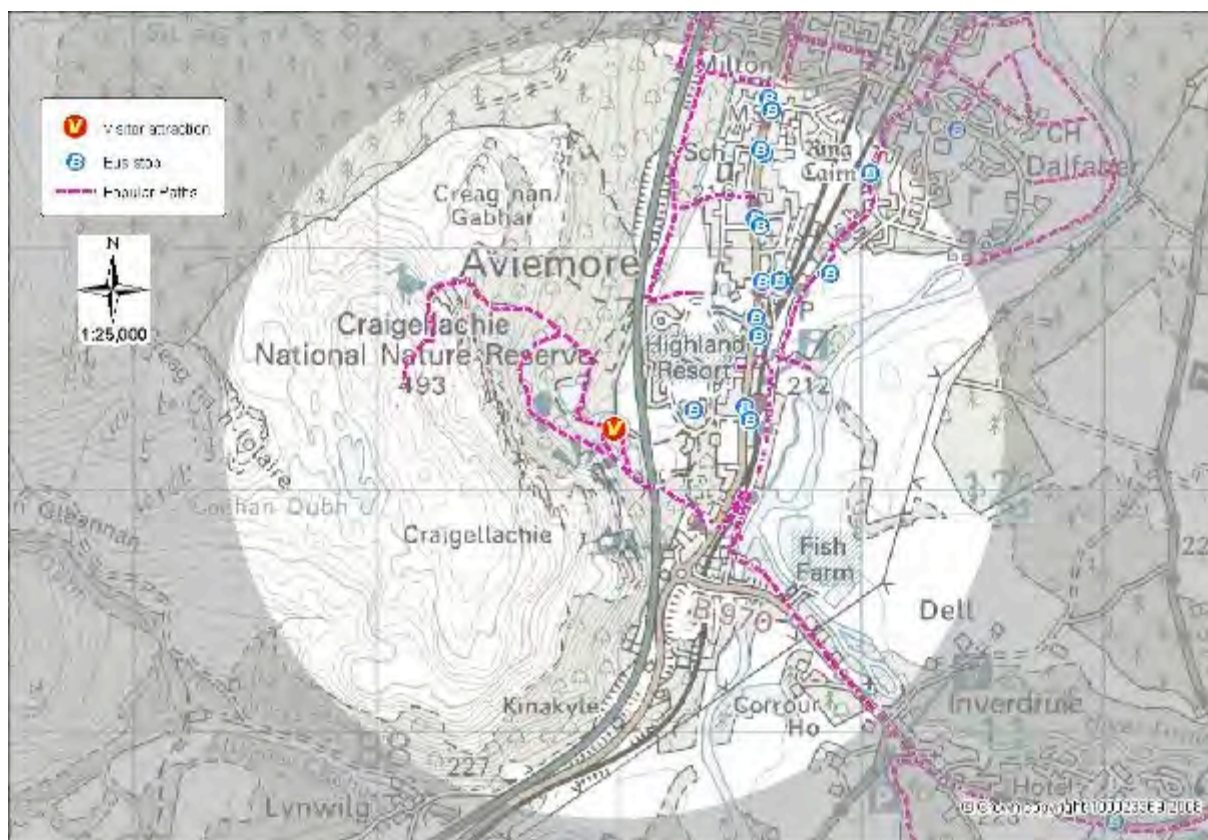


Figure 14 – Craigellachie National Nature Reserve.

Craigellachie is a national nature reserve managed by Scottish natural heritage. ([www.snh.org.uk/nnr-scotland/reserve.asp?NNRId=18](http://www.snh.org.uk/nnr-scotland/reserve.asp?NNRId=18)) The Nature Reserve is located directly to the west of Aviemore on the hill of Craighallachie, the lower slopes of which are cloaked in mature birch woodland.

Craigellachie National Nature Reserve											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
10,000	1	✓	✓	x	x	✓	<1 km	x	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Poor pedestrian access, paths are not ideal for cyclists, there may be conflicts with walkers, and Craighallachie has no designated parking and no signage from the centre of Aviemore.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent public transport services, cheaper public transport fares, improved/provision of secure storage facilities/lockers and better information about sustainable transport on website and brochures.											



## 5.12 Inshriach Nursery

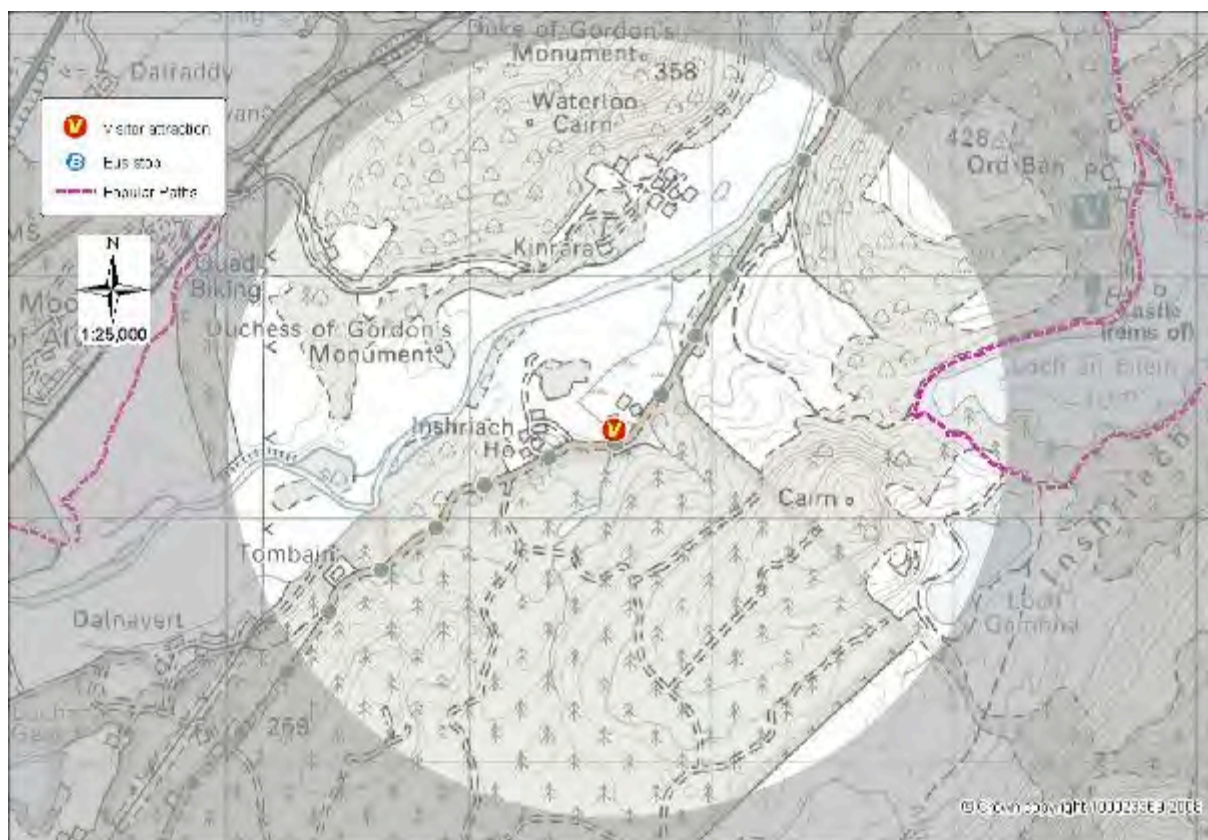


Figure 15 – Inshriach Nursery.

Inshriach Nursery is open mid-February to mid-November and offers a wide range of plants, gardens, a bird wildlife area and catering facilities.

Inshriach Nursery											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	x	4km	✓	x	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
No local bus stop, nearest is 4km away on the CairnGorm road at Rothiemurchus. 6km away is Aviemore train station. The road to the nursery, the B970, is narrow and winding but is suitable for cycles. It is on NCN Route 7.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Some bus services could be adapted, to run a bus service to the site, linking Aviemore and Kingussie; better cycle signage and facilities.											



## 5.13 Loch an Eileen Pottery

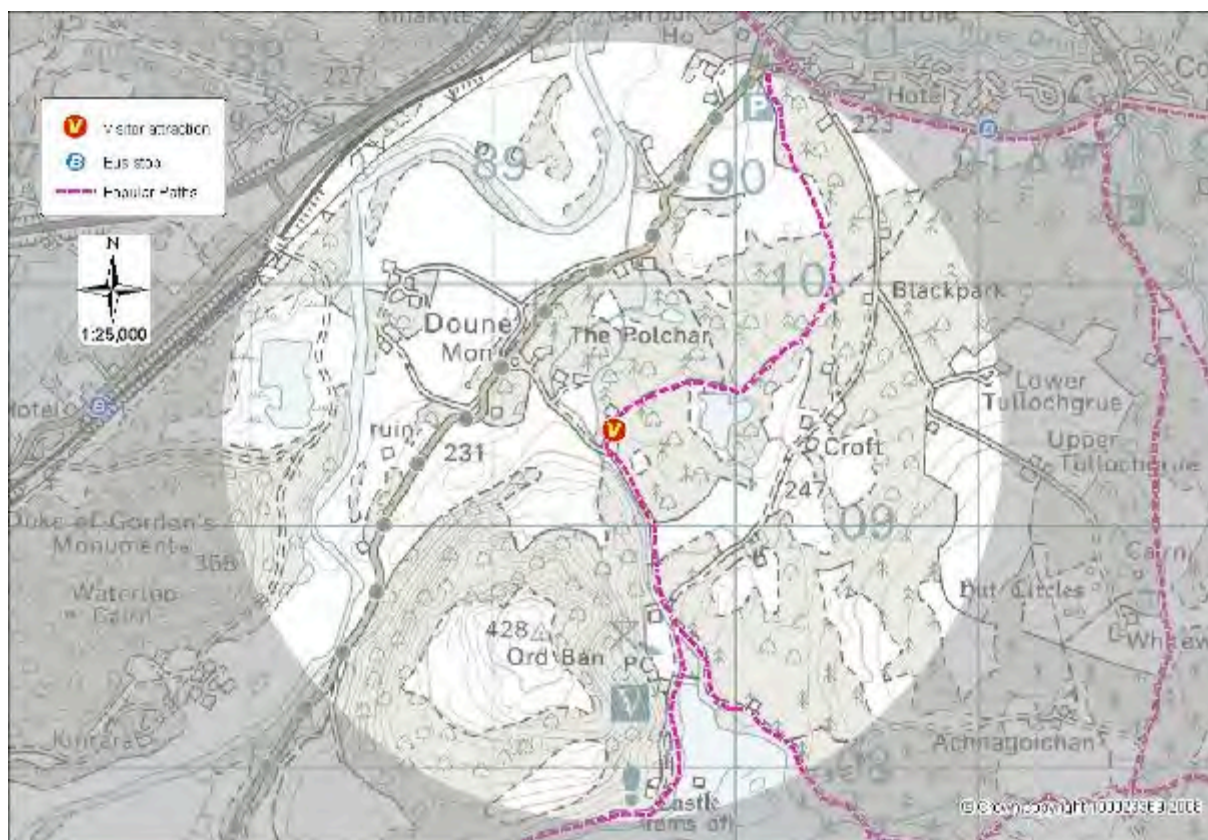


Figure 16 – Loch an Eileen Pottery.

Loch an Eileen Pottery is a popular visitor shop.

Loch an Eileen Pottery											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	x	4km	✓	x	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The pottery is about 4km from the CairnGorm road and bus services, and 6km from Aviemore and more bus and train links. It is near NCN Route 7.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Running a bus from Rothiemurchus to Kinraig or Kingussie along the B970 and into the Loch area.											



## 5.14 Strathspey Railway, Aviemore Station

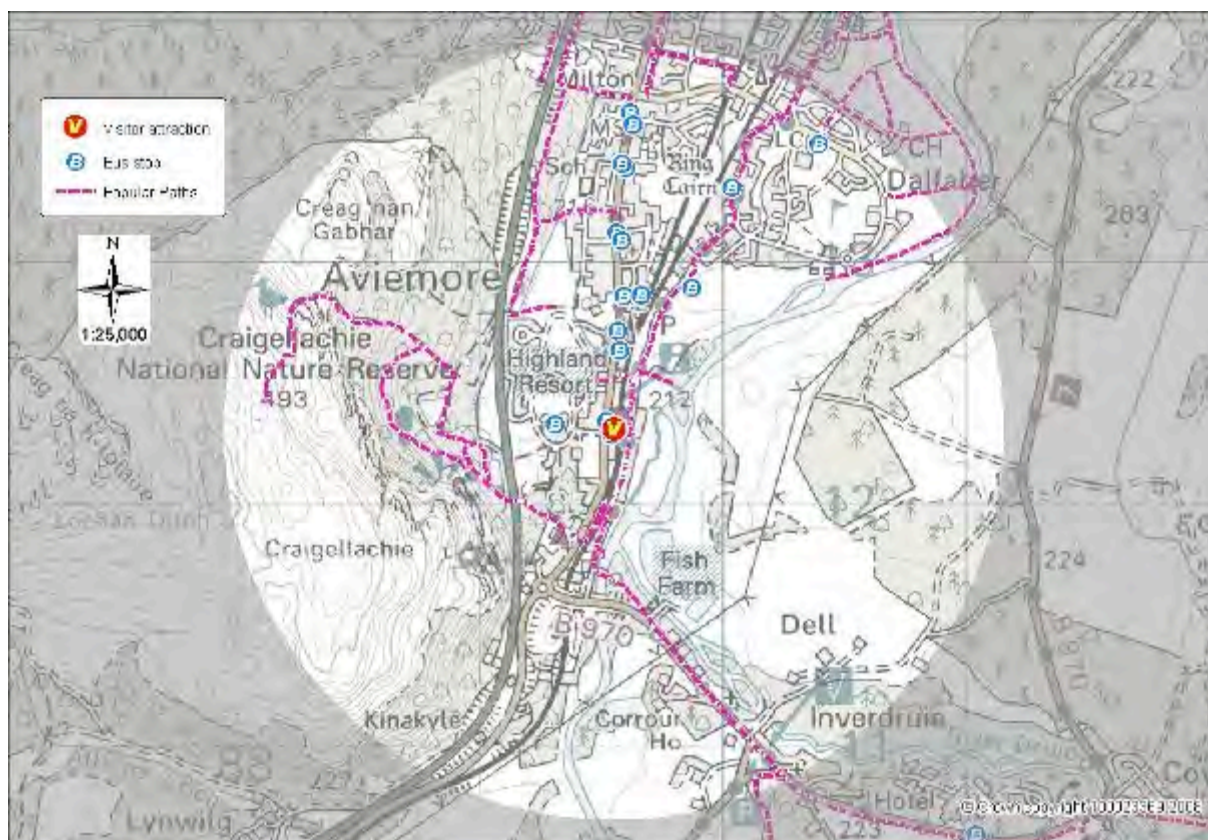


Figure 17 – Strathspey Railway, Aviemore Station.

The Strathspey Railway ([www.strathspeyrailway.co.uk](http://www.strathspeyrailway.co.uk)) is a heritage railway run almost entirely by volunteers. Aviemore Station shares the First ScotRail managed Aviemore Station on the Highland Mainline in Aviemore, off the B9152 / Grampian Road.

Strathspey Railway, Aviemore Station											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
100,000	2	✓	x	x	x	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Access to the steam railway is over the mainline railway. Better signage would help attract visitors											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent public transport services, better quality waiting facilities at bus stops and train stations, better information about public transport, walking, cycling and car sharing schemes on attraction website and brochures and package deals that include travel to site by sustainable modes.											





## 5.15 Strathspey Railway, Boat of Garten Station

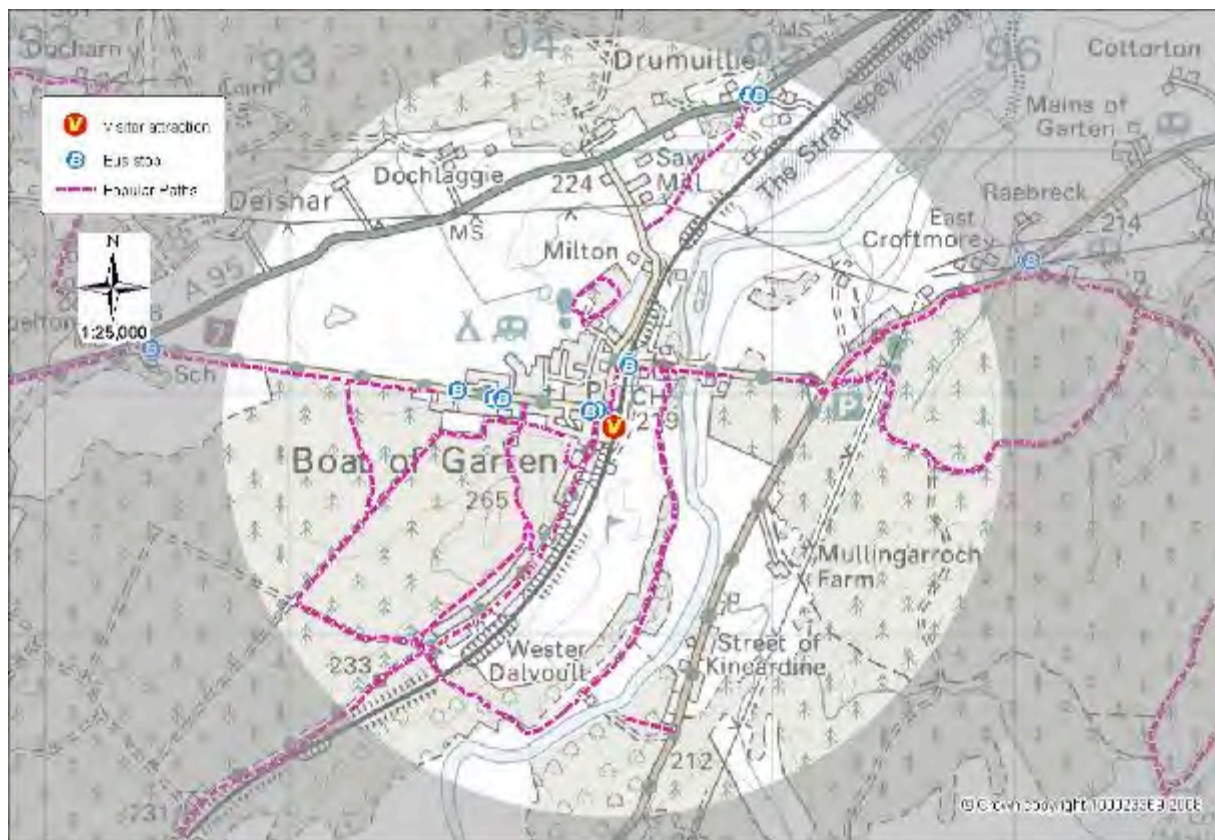


Figure 18 – Strathspey Railway, Boat of Garten Station.

Boat of Garten Station is located in Boat of Garten between the A95 and B970, a short distance from the centre of Boat of Garten.

Strathspey Railway, Boat of Garten												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
100,000	2	x	✓	x	x	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Poor public transport links, high level of parking in local streets and difficulty in attracting visitors.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
More frequent public transport services, there is no service on Sunday which is generally the busiest day, better quality waiting facilities at bus stops and train stations, improved/provision of secure storage facilities/lockers, better information about public transport, walking, cycling and car sharing schemes on attraction website and brochures and package deals that include travel to site by sustainable modes.												



## 5.16 Strathspey Railway, Broomhill Station (Nethy Bridge)

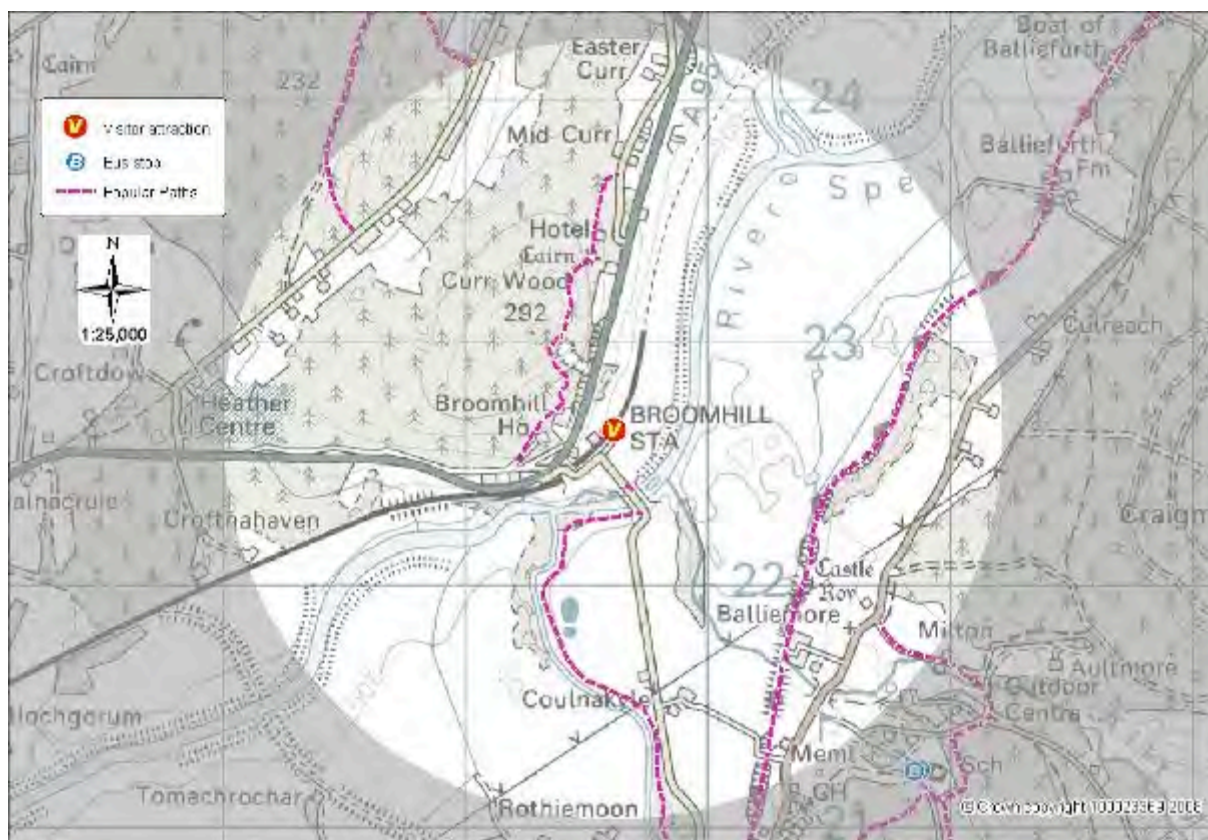


Figure 19 – Strathspey Railway, Broomhill Station.

Strathspey Railway, Broomhill Station terminus is located close to the A95 roughly half-way between the villages of Nethy Bridge and Dulnain Bridge.

Strathspey Railway, Broomhill Station												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
100,000	1	x	x	x	x	✓	1-3 Km	✓	✓	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Poor public transport links, high level of parking in local streets and difficulty in attracting visitors.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
More frequent public transport services, there is no service on Sunday which is generally the busiest day, better quality waiting facilities at bus stops and train stations, improved/provision of secure storage facilities/lockers, better information about public transport, walking, cycling and car sharing schemes on attraction website and brochures and package deals that include travel to site by sustainable modes.												



## 5.17 The Alvie and Dalraddy Estates

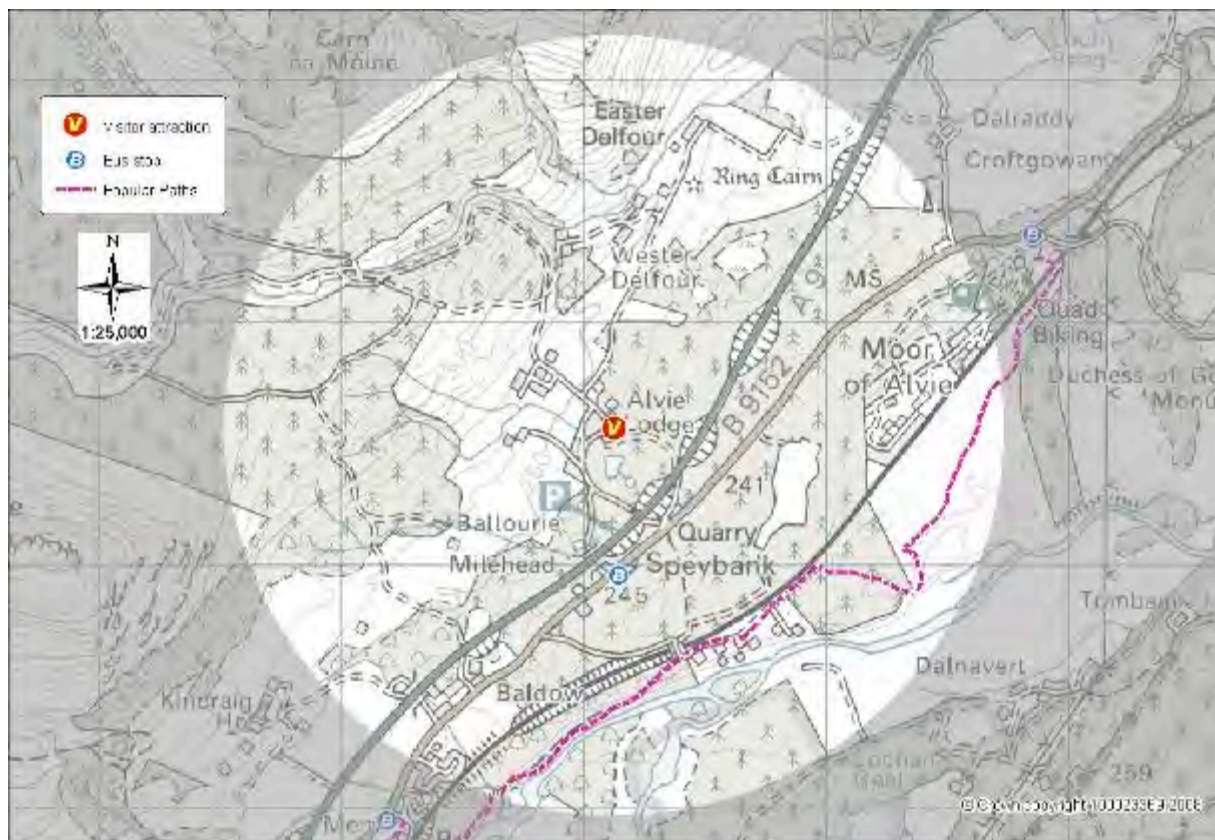


Figure 20 – The Alvie and Dalraddy Estates.

The Alvie and Dalraddy Estates ([www.alvie-estate.co.uk](http://www.alvie-estate.co.uk)) are located off the A9 and B9152 between Aviemore and Kincaig and are traditional Highland Estates extending into the Monadhliath hills from the River Spey. Activities on the estates include grouse, hare and rough shooting, clay pigeon shooting, archery, horse riding, fishing and estate tours.

Alvie and Dalraddy Estates											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
300	4	x	x	x	x	✓	<1km	✓	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Poor pedestrian access, poor cycle access, road safety concerns and limited public transport links.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Visitor shuttle bus from local settlement/public transport stop, cheaper public transport fares, better public transport service information at bus stops and train stations and improved/provision of pedestrian/cycle paths.											



## 5.18 Loch Insh Watersports

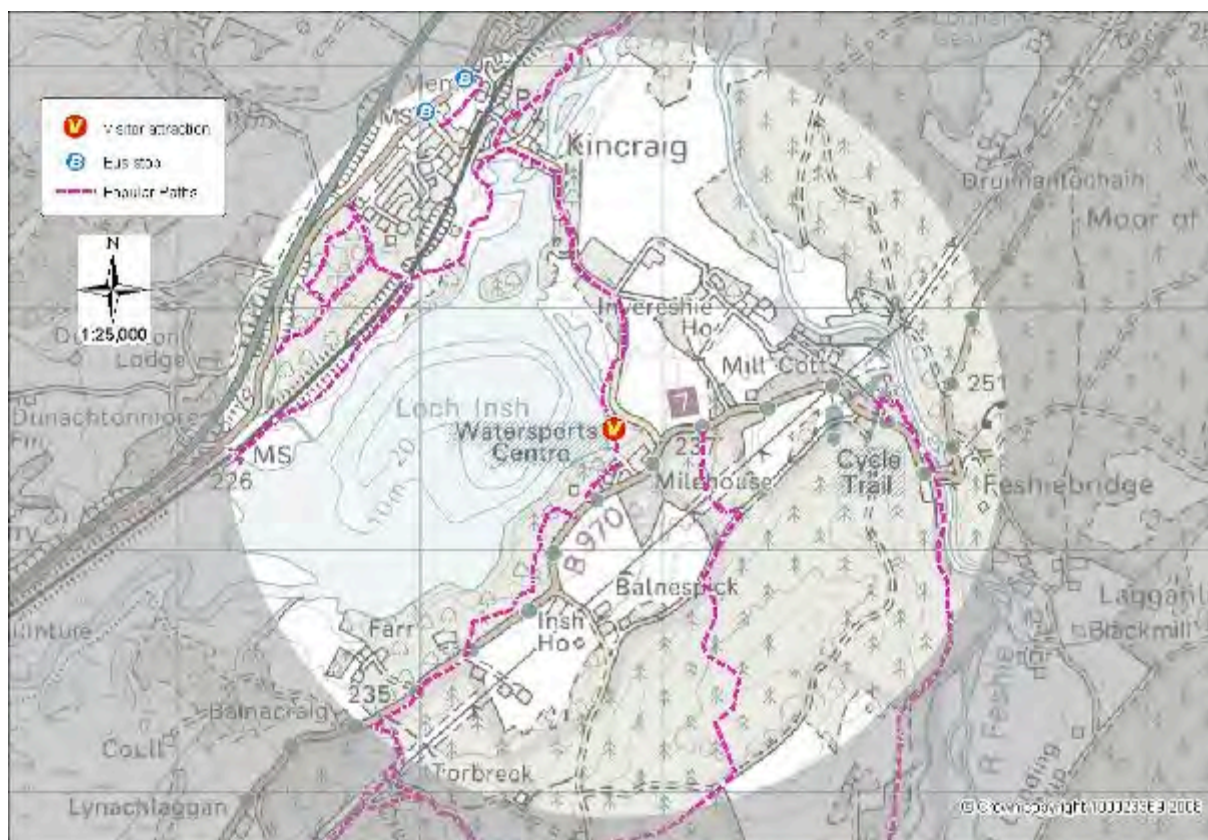


Figure 21 – Loch Insh Watersports.

Loch Insh Watersports ([www.lochinsh.com](http://www.lochinsh.com)) is located between the A9 / B9152 and the B970 next to Kinraig between Aviemore and Kingussie. Loch Insh Watersports offer Watersports, winter sports, archery mountain biking and hill walking, 3 children's play areas, basket ball and volley-ball courts. The site also offers a shop, restaurant, as well as bed and breakfast and chalets accommodation.

Loch Insh Watersports											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
100,000	1	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-3km	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Lack of public transport provision, there are no convenient local services except the school bus.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Spey Valley bus between Aviemore and Newtonmore.											



## 5.19 Working Sheepdogs Leault Farm

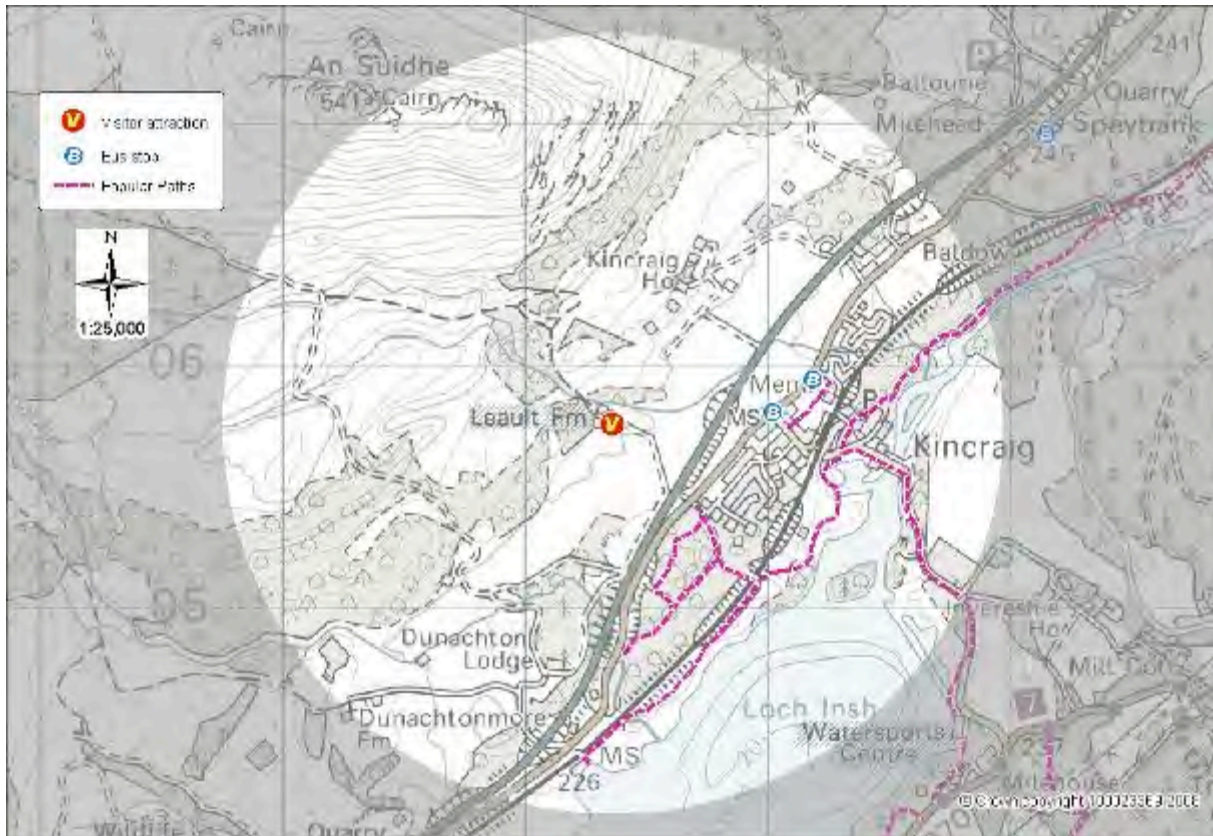


Figure 22 – Working Sheepdogs Leault Farm.

Leault Farm is located on the A9 and B9152 between Aviemore and Kingussie at Kinraig. The farm offers visitors the opportunity to participate in the working day of a highland shepherd and his dogs, watch up to 8 dogs working sheep and ducks, help to shear a sheep, bottle feed orphan lambs and meet friendly collie pups.

Working Sheepdogs Leault Farm											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	x	1-3km	x	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Poor pedestrian, access poor cycle access and poor public transport links.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent public transport services and more direct public transport routes and improved/provision for pedestrians and cyclists.											



## 5.20 Glenfeshie Hostel

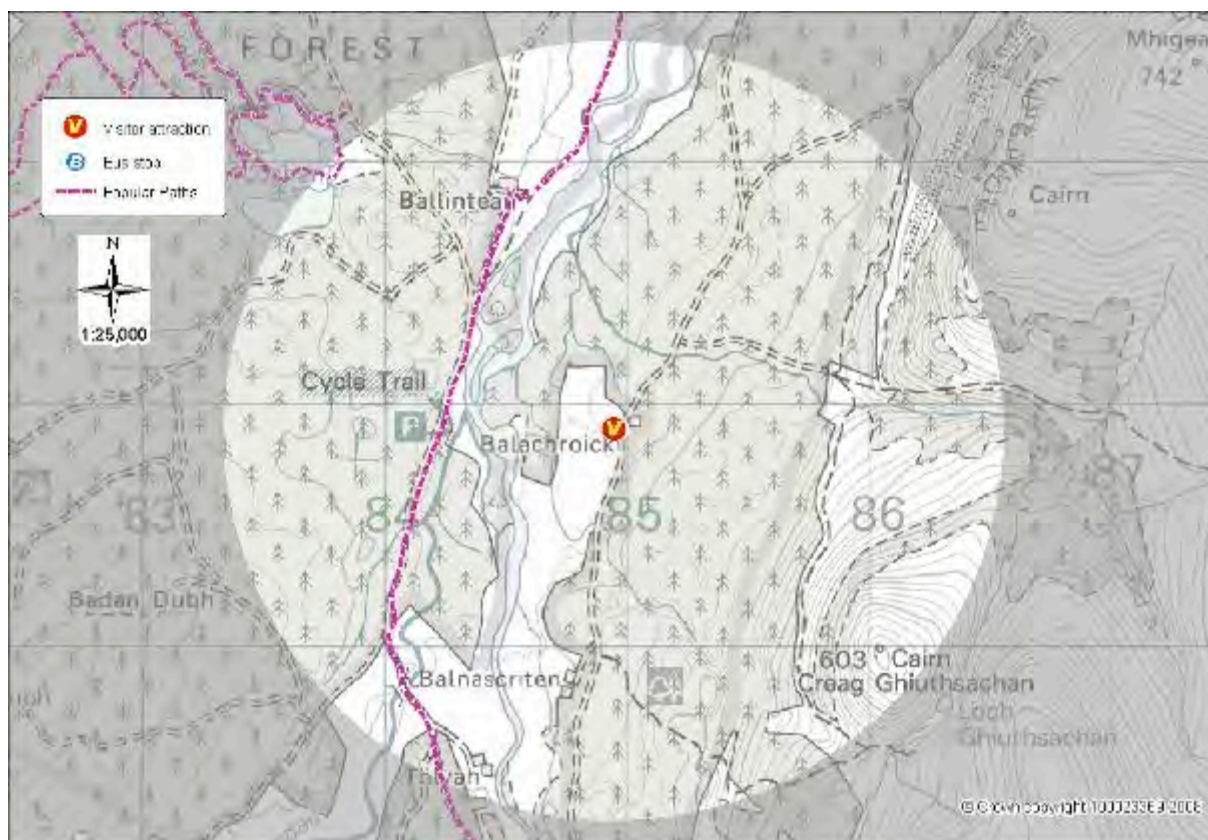


Figure 23 – Glenfeshie Hostel.

The Glenfeshie Hostel is located approximately 2km from Kinraig and provides access to a wealth of walking and cycling opportunities.

Glenfeshie Hostel											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	✓	×	×	×	✓	7km	✓	✓	✓	×
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Both Aviemore and Kingussie rail and bus links are around 15km away. A bus stops in Kinraig 7km from the hostel. NCN Route 7 goes through Glenfeshie.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Glenfeshie would be better served by a visitor bus going up the Glen and better links through Kinraig.											



## 5.21 The Frank Bruce Sculpture Trail

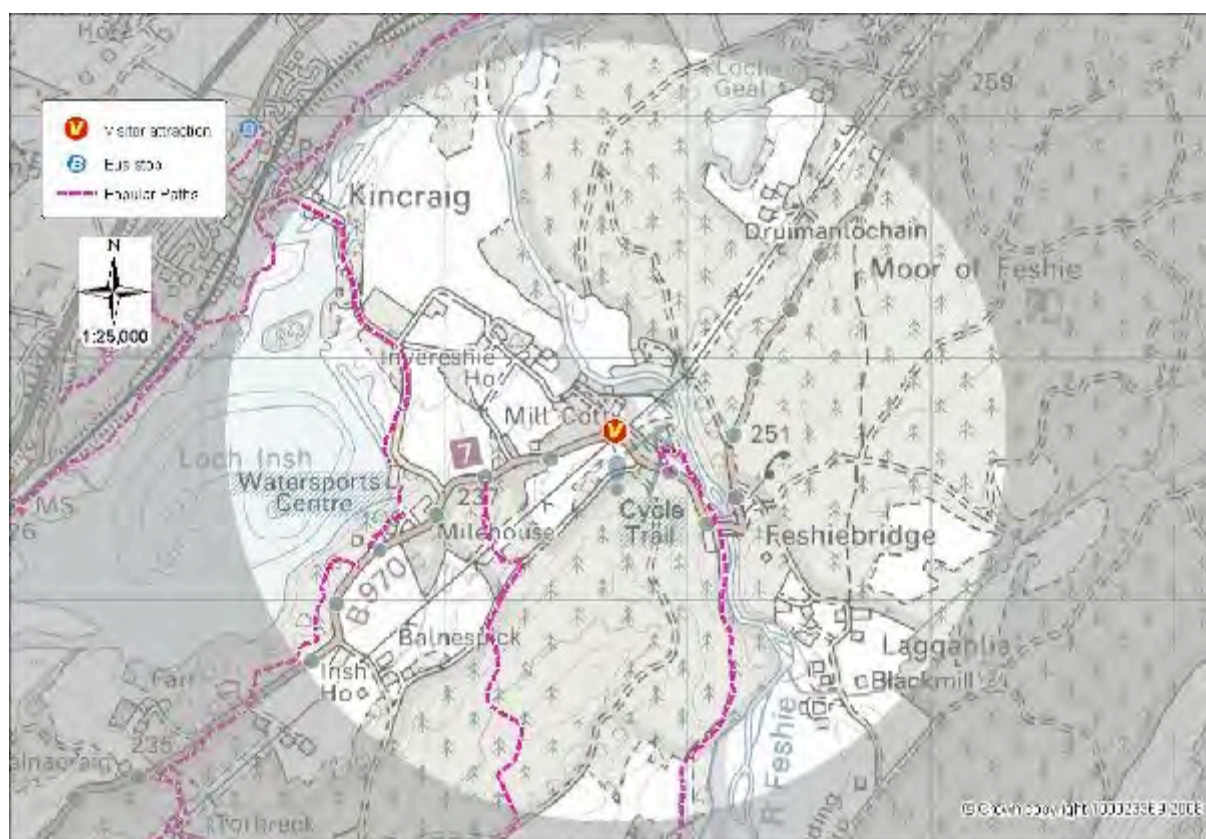


Figure 24 – The Frank Bruce Sculpture Trail.

The Frank Bruce Sculpture Trail ([www.frank-bruce.org.uk](http://www.frank-bruce.org.uk)) is situated 10km south of Aviemore in the Cairngorms National Park, and provides a set of sculptures by Frank Bruce accessible via paths that are and suitable for buggies and wheelchairs.

Frank Bruce Sculpture Trail											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
8,000	3	x	x	x	x	x	3-5 km	x	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Some local cycle trails, but can be poor access for pedestrians and cyclists, poor public transport links, difficulty in attracting visitors.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent and more direct public transport routes, closer stops with better service information and better quality waiting facilities, improved/provision for pedestrians and cyclists including sheltered cycle parking and better information on sustainable transport on attraction website and brochures.											



## 5.22 The Highland Wildlife Park

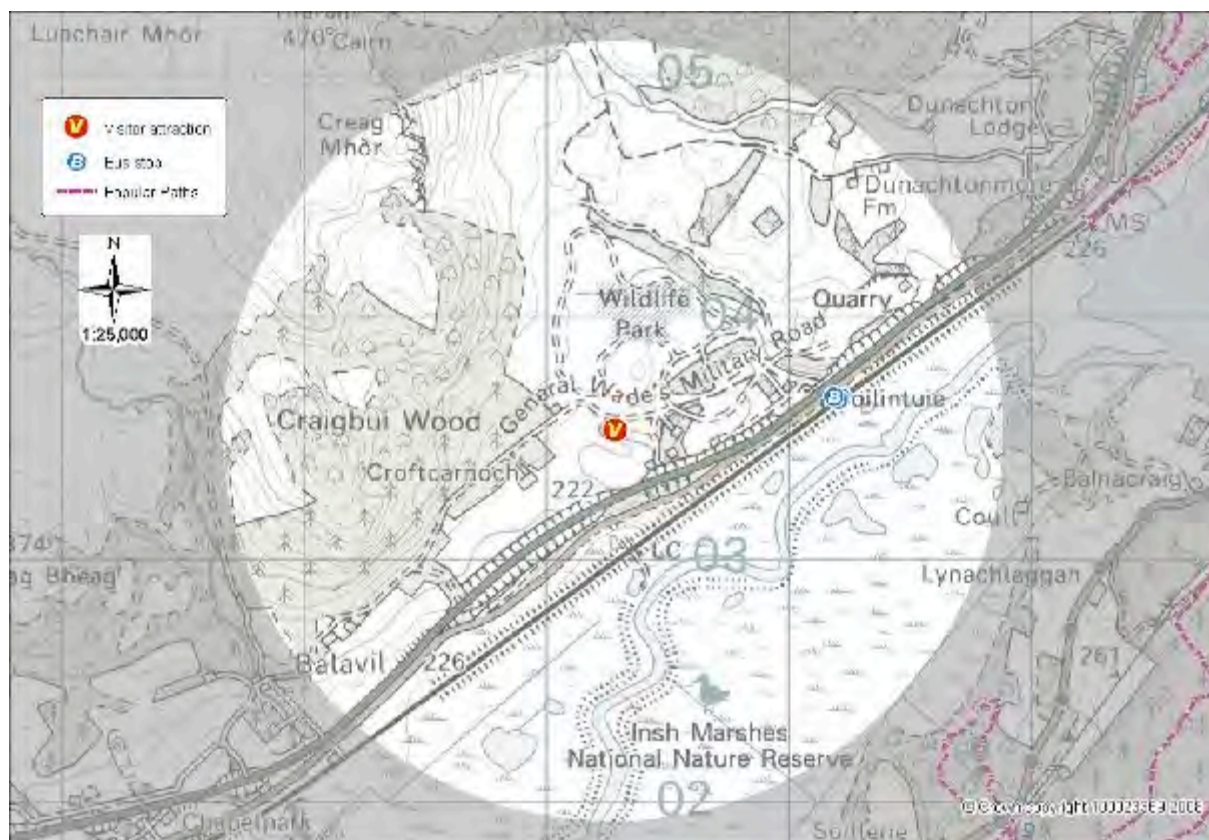


Figure 25 – The Highland Wildlife Park.

The Highland Wildlife Park ([www.highlandwildlifepark.org](http://www.highlandwildlifepark.org)) opened in 1972 and is run by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. The Wildlife Park is located between Aviemore and Kingussie near Kincaig and includes a visitor centre, shop and cafe.

The Highland Wildlife Park												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
65,000	2	x	x	x	x	✓	<1km	✓	x	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Poor pedestrian and cycle access, road safety concerns, no public transport links and car park at capacity.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
More frequent and a direct public transport link, a visitor shuttle bus, improved/provision of pedestrian/cycle paths and package deals that include travel to site by sustainable modes.												





## 5.23 Ruthven Barracks

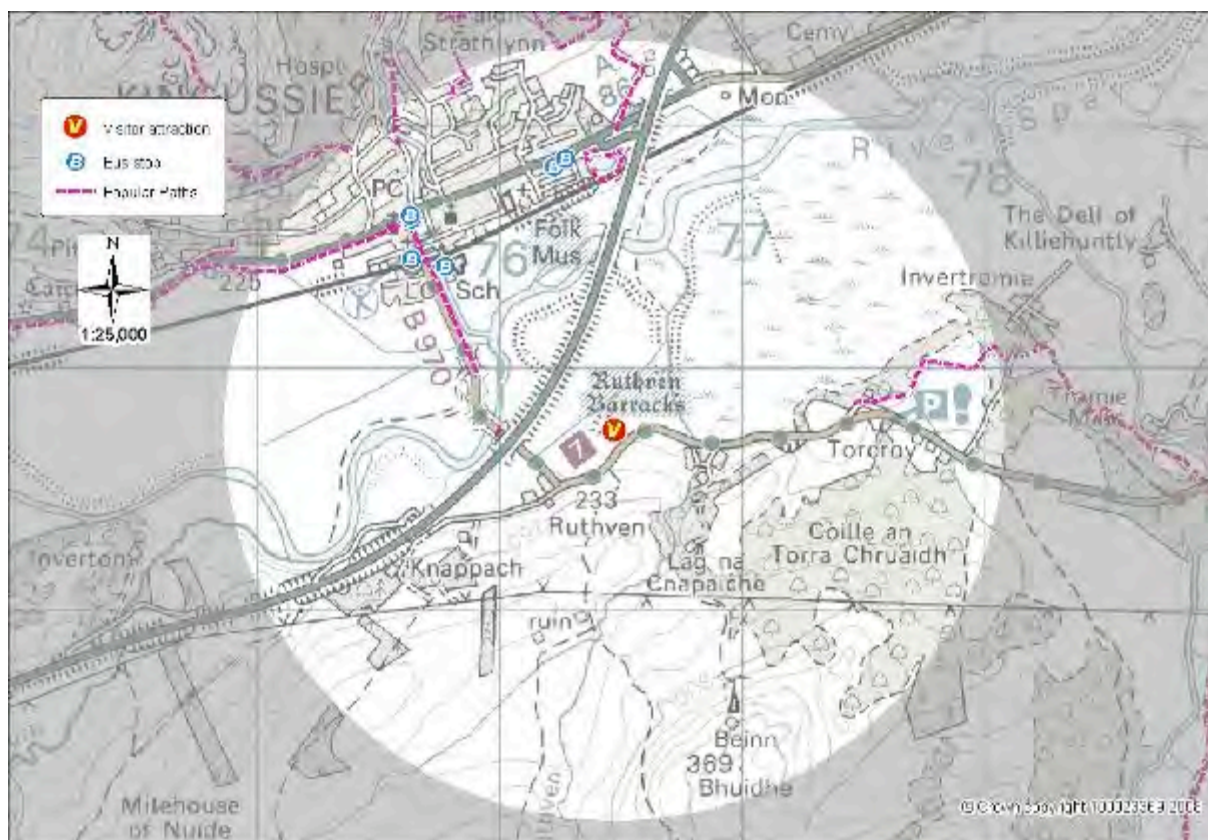


Figure 26 – Ruthven Barracks.

Ruthven Barracks ([www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/kingussie/ruthvenbarracks](http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/kingussie/ruthvenbarracks)) is located on the B970 between Kingussie and Insh, approximately half a mile outside Kingussie. Ruthven Barracks is open to the public and is the ruin of a military barracks completed in 1721 to house British troops opposing the Jacobites.

Ruthven Barracks											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	✓	✓	x	x	1-3 km	x	✓	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Links at Kingussie for public transport trains and express coaches, but no direct service.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More direct public transport services and more direct public transport routes.											



## 5.24 Grantown Museum

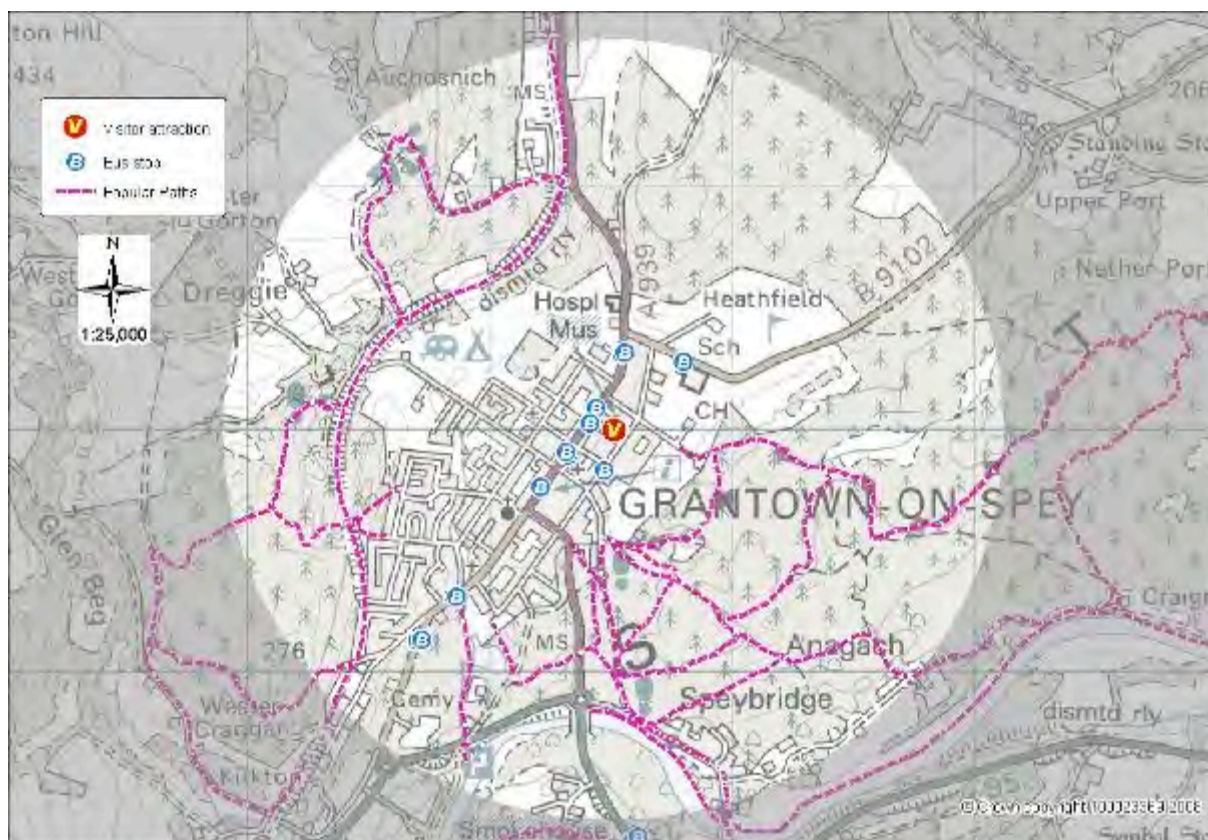


Figure 27 – Grantown Museum

Grantown Museum ([www.grantownmuseum.co.uk](http://www.grantownmuseum.co.uk)) is located in Grantown-on-Spey and tells the story of the town's beginnings, hosts meetings of the Grantown Society, houses its archives and provides research facilities for genealogy and local history.

Grantown Museum												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
6,000	1	x	x	x	x	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Poor pedestrian access, road safety concerns, hourly weekday service between Aviemore and Grantown												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
Highlight public transport services available, and provide more cycle parking.												



## 5.25 Revack Estate

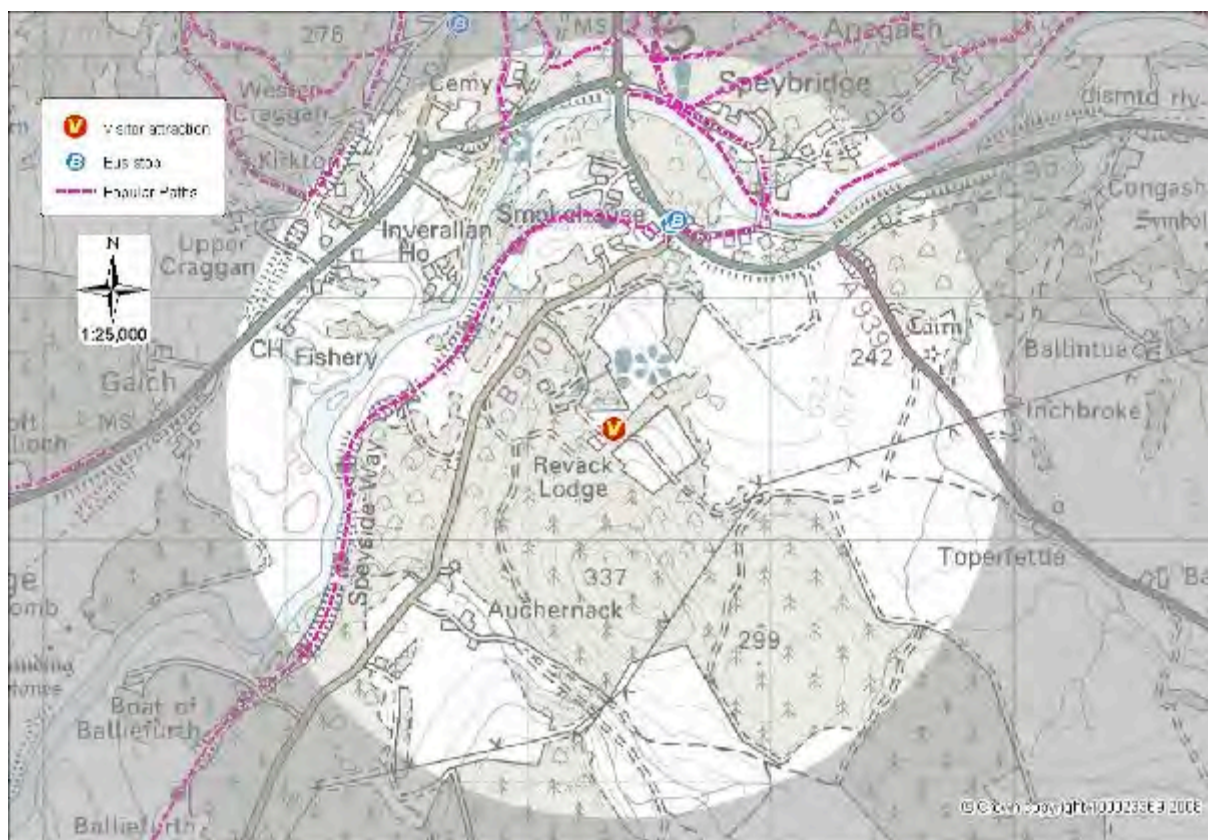


Figure 28 – Revack Estate.

Revack Estate is located on the B970 between Nethy Bridge and Speybridge. Revack Estate is a visitor attraction set in 350 acres of outstanding scenery, offering a walled garden, ornamental lochs, 10 miles of walks and trails, an adventure playground, a stocked fishing area, a garden centre, exotic orchid houses, a gift shop and a licensed restaurant.

Revack Estate											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
25,000	1	x	✓	x	x	✓	1-3 km	✓	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
About 2km walk or cycle from Grantown, some of which is on the main A95. There is an hourly service to Grantown, and a less frequent service passes by the entrance to Revack.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent bus service, and the estate promoting bus travel.											



## 5.26 Dulnain Bridge Roches Moutonnee

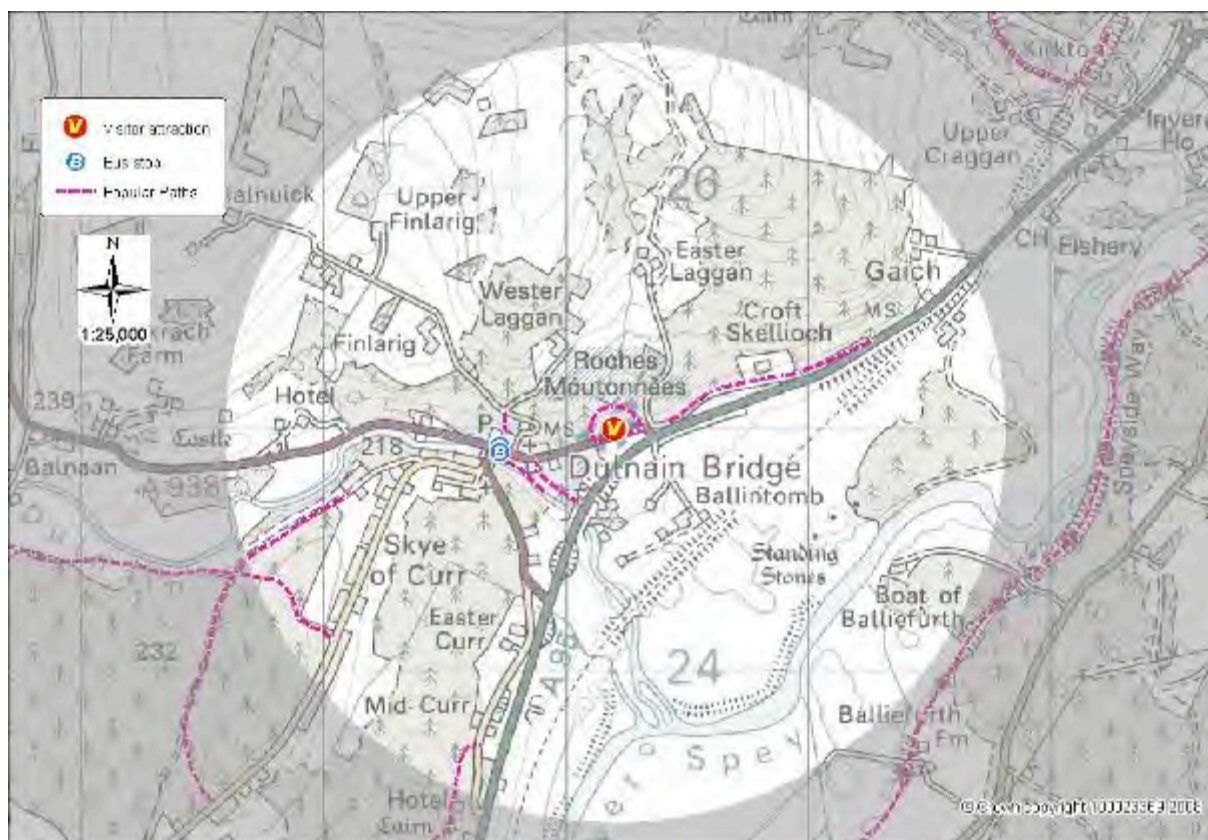


Figure 29 – Dulnain Bridge Roche Moutonnee.

Dulnain Bridge is a small village about 4km from Grantown-on-Spey on the bus link from Grantown-on-Spey to Inverness and some Grantown-on-Spey to Aviemore services. The Roches Moutonnee are a glacial, geological feature located just off the main road before the centre of the village.

Dulnain Bridge Roches Moutonnee											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	✓	x	x	✓	<1km	x	✓	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The village is served by buses to Inverness, Grantown-on-Spey and Aviemore. The Roches Moutonnee has a lay-by and pre-arrival and on-site signage to encourage visitors to stop.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Cycle parking provision.											



## 5.27 Explore Abernethy

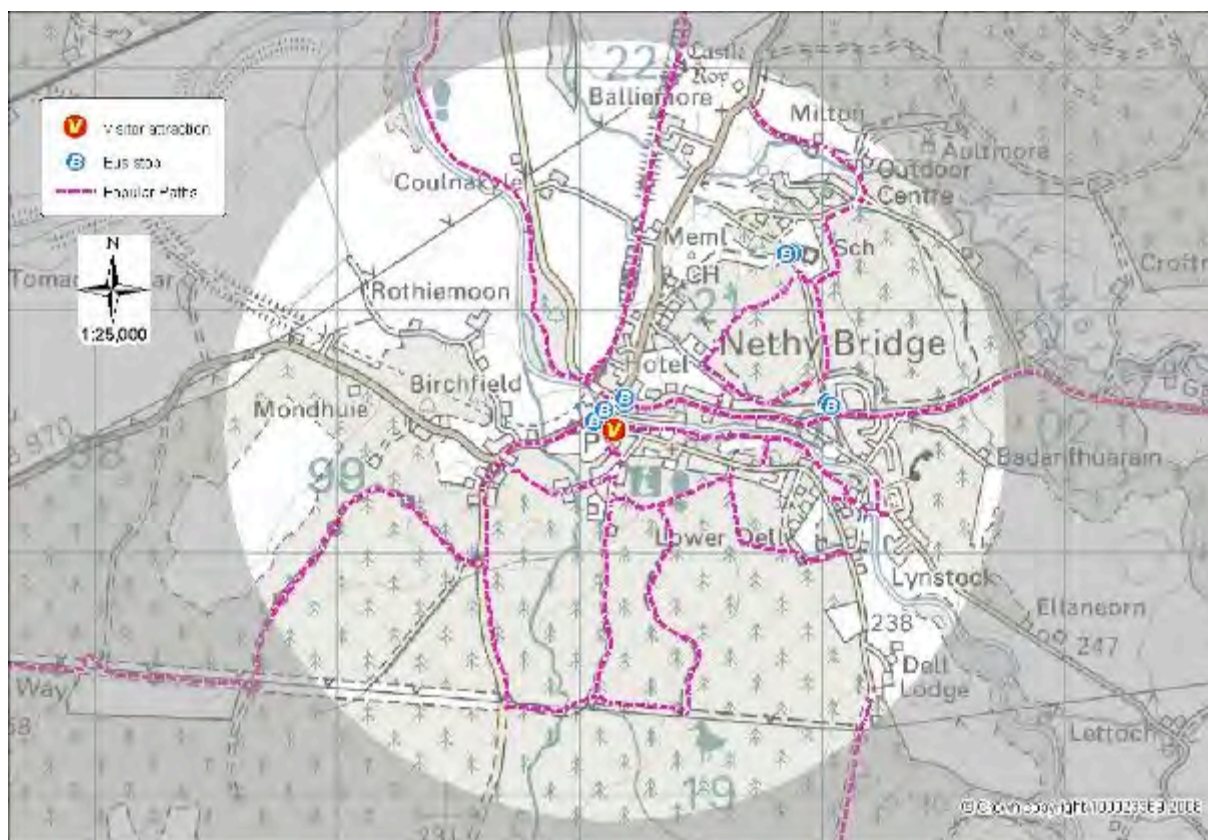


Figure 30 – Explore Abernethy.

The Explore Abernethy Visitor Centre ([www.exploreabernethy.co.uk](http://www.exploreabernethy.co.uk)) is located in the Nethy Bridge Community Centre and provides a ranger service, tourist information and maintains eight way-marked walks in and around Nethy Bridge. Guided walks and events also take place in the summer months.

Explore Abernethy												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
2200	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
The village is served by buses to Grantown and Aviemore, but has no Sunday service.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
More frequent public transport services, improved/provision of secure and sheltered cycle parking and better information about sustainable transport on website and brochures.												



## 5.28 Nethybridge Pottery

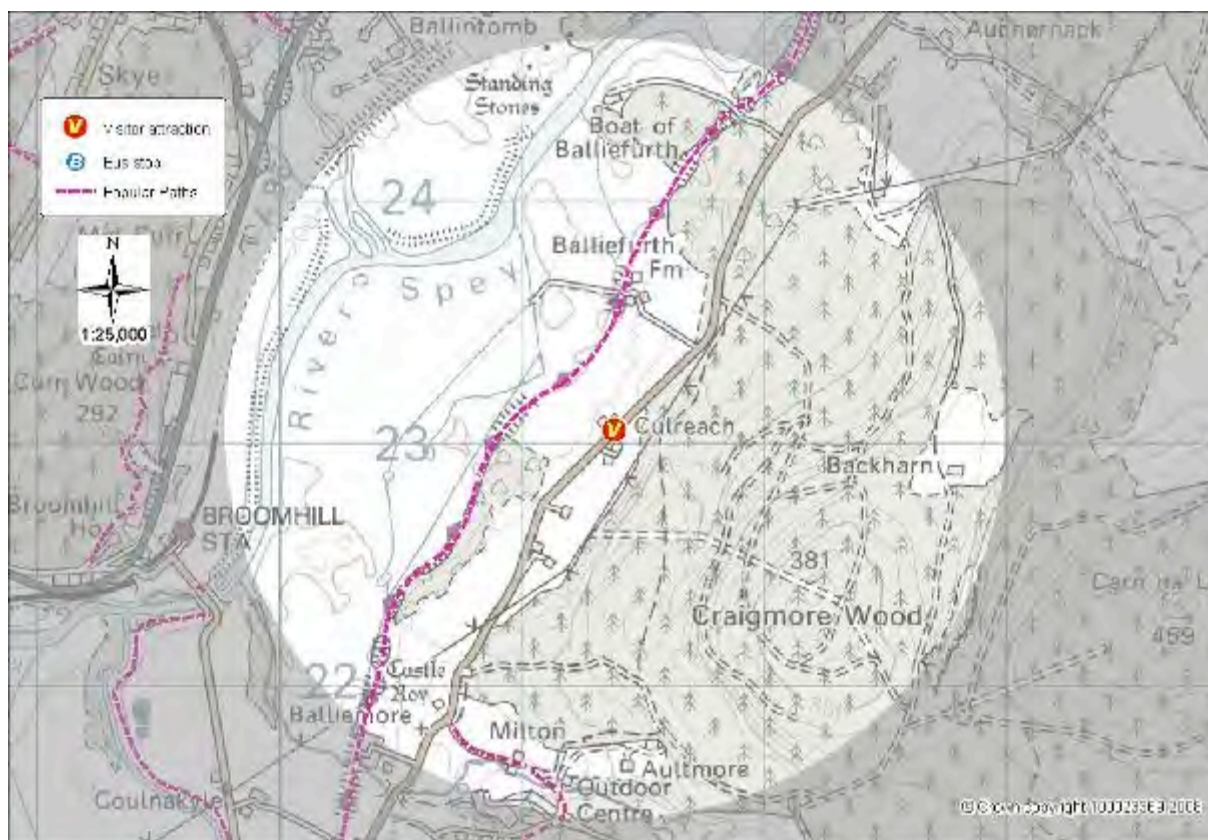


Figure 31 – Nethybridge Pottery.

Nethybridge Pottery ([www.nethybridgepottery.co.uk](http://www.nethybridgepottery.co.uk)) is located around 1km from Nethybridge.

Nethybridge Pottery												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	✓	1-3km	x	✓	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
There is a direct bus to Aviemore and Granttown-on-Spey. NCN Route 7 runs through the village.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
Nethybridge is well served during the day, but like the rest of B&S has no late evening or Sunday public transport												



## 5.29 Auchgourish Gardens, Boat of Garten

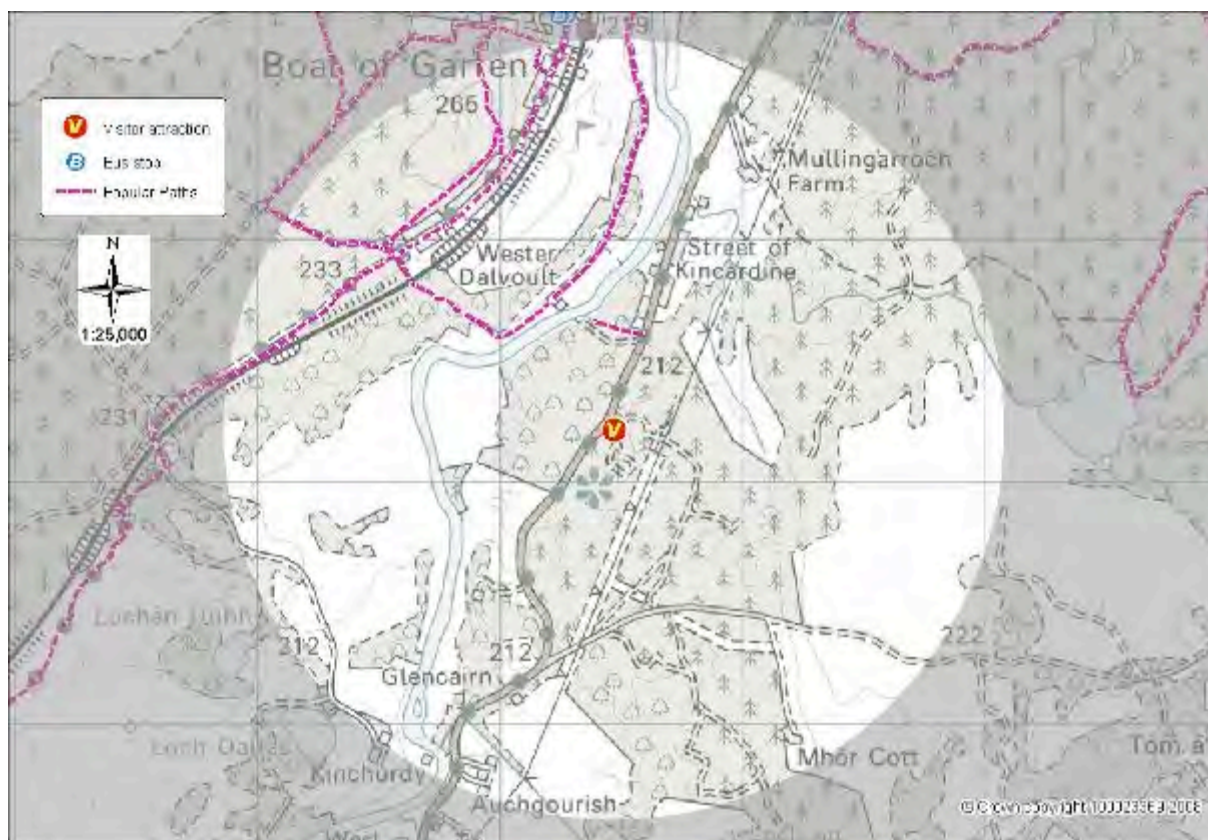


Figure 32 – Auchgourish Gardens, Boat of Garten.

Auchgourish Gardens ([www.auchgourishgardens.org](http://www.auchgourishgardens.org)) are the most northerly botanical gardens in Scotland and cover 4 hectares. Open April to October.

Auchgourish Gardens, Boat of Garten											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	x	6km	x	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Boat of Garten is around 6km from the Gardens, where there is a bus stop. Aviemore train and bus links are around 10km. It is on NCN Route 7, on a section of narrow road.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Running bus service to the site, linking Boat of Garten to Coylumbridge.											



## 5.30 Castle Roy

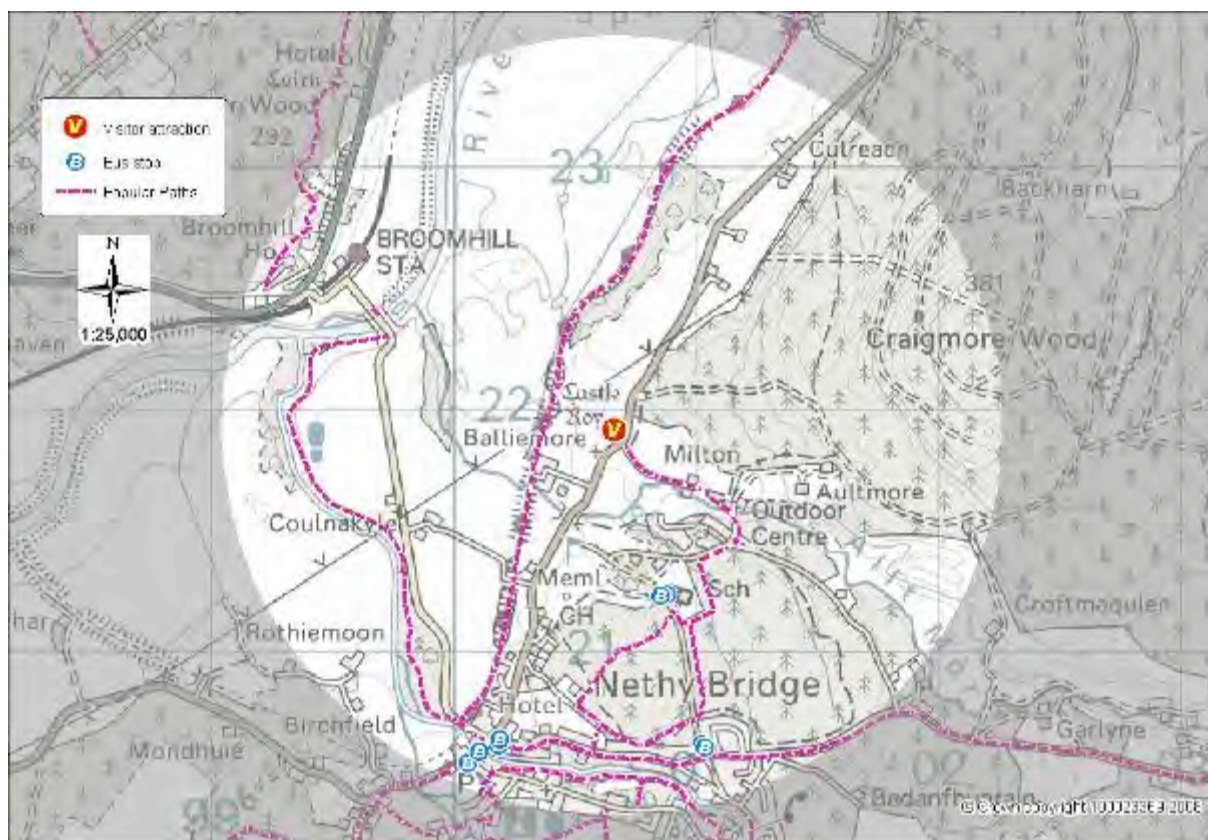


Figure 33 – Castle Roy.

Castle Roy ([www.nethybridge.com/html/community/castleroy.php#trust](http://www.nethybridge.com/html/community/castleroy.php#trust)) is one of the simplest and oldest thirteenth-century fortresses in Scotland. Situated on the edge of Nethy Bridge, the castle is managed by the local community through the Castle Roy Trust with the ultimate aim of preserving the castle as a visitor attraction for future generations.

Castle Roy											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not available	1	x	x	x	x	✓	3-5 km	x	✓	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The site is near Nethybridge, which has a bus service to Grantown and Aviemore. There is no pavement for walkers, but cycling access is easy from the village.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent public transport services, better pedestrian access.											





## 5.31 Speyside Heather Visitor and Garden Centre

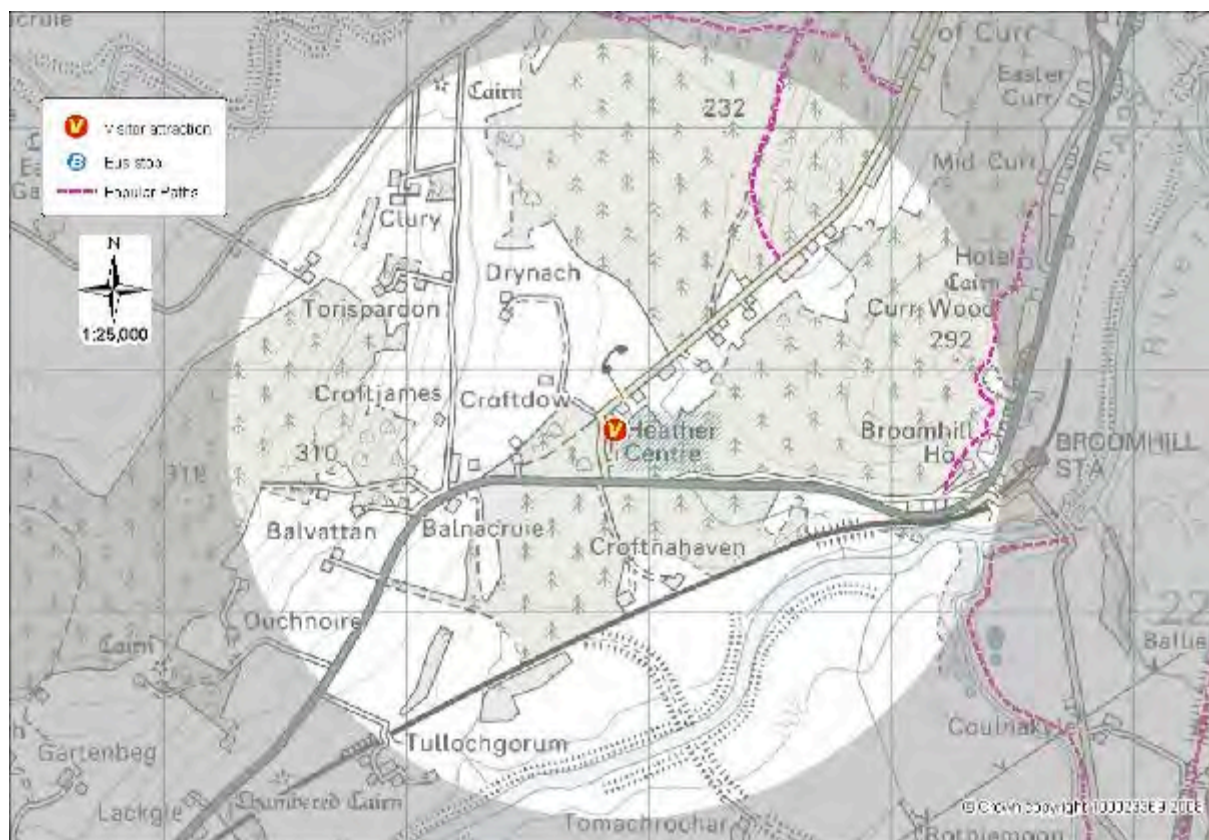


Figure 34 – Speyside Heather Visitor and Garden Centre.

Speyside Heather Visitor and Garden Centre ([www.heathercentre.com](http://www.heathercentre.com)) is located at Skye of Curr, near Dulnain Bridge on the A95 between Aviemore to Grantown on Spey. Speyside Heather includes a heather story exhibition, wildlife viewing stations, a gift shop, art gallery, antiques shop, heather trail, garden centre and the Clotie Dumpling Restaurant.

Speyside Heather Visitor and Garden Centre											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Known	Not Known	✓	✓	✓	x	x	1-3 km	✓	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The Centre is on the main Aviemore to Grantown road and bus services,											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Bus stop at the centre. Better promotion of services available, Sunday service.											



## 5.32 Landmark Forest Adventure Park



Figure 35 – Landmark Forest Adventure Park.

Landmark Forest Adventure Park ([www.landmark-centre.co.uk](http://www.landmark-centre.co.uk)) is situated to the south of Carrbridge, just off the A9. The Adventure Park offers a range of indoor and outdoor activities.

Landmark Forest Adventure Park											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
125,000	3	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The site is on the no15 bus route to Inverness, and there is a train station within walking distance.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent and more direct public transport routes, visitor shuttle bus from local settlement/public transport stop, cheaper public transport fares, better public transport service information at bus stops and train stations and better quality waiting facilities at bus stops and train stations.											



## 5.33 Carrbridge Studios

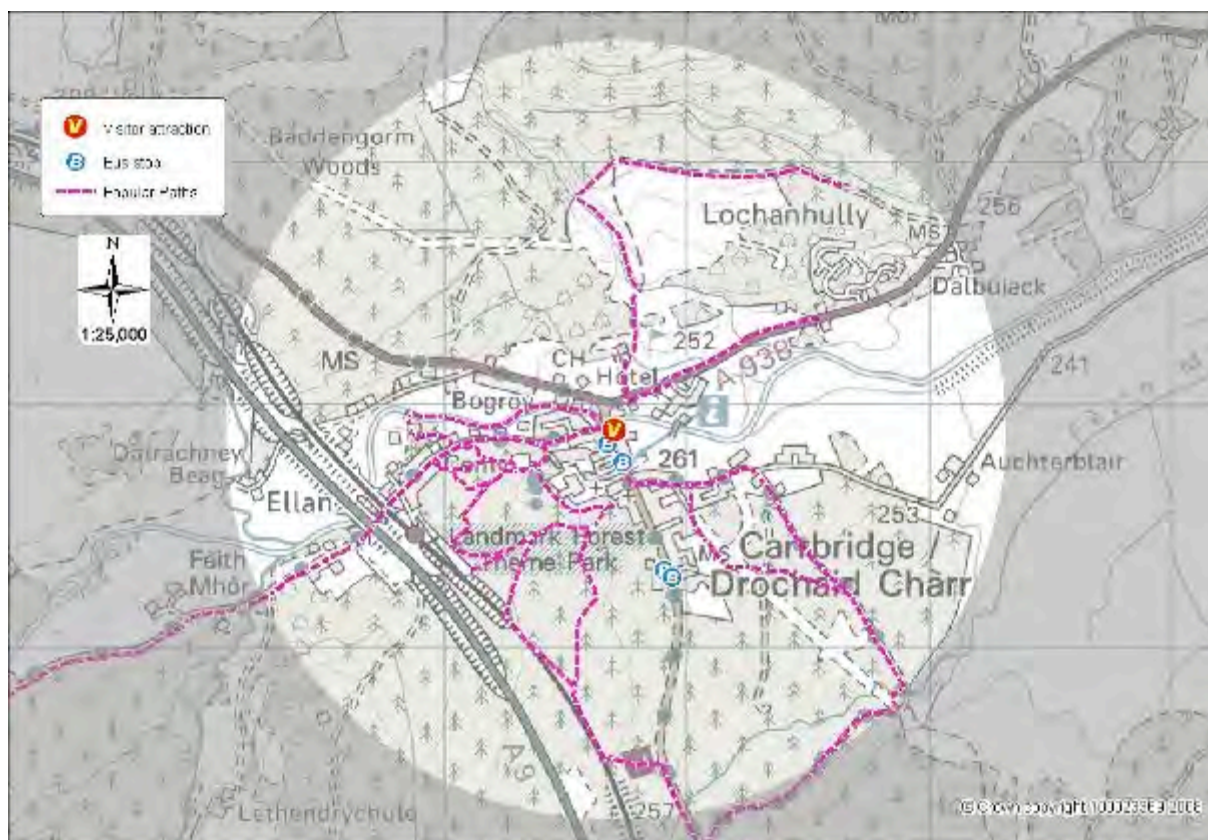


Figure 36 – Carrbridge Studios.

Carrbridge Studios ([www.carrbridgestudios.com](http://www.carrbridgestudios.com)) is devoted to the work of landscape/wildlife artist Jeff Buttress and Potter/Sculptress Alice Buttress.

Carrbridge Studios											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The site is on the 15 bus route to Inverness, and there is a train station within walking distance											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Carrbridge has no Sunday bus service, and trains stop less frequently there than at larger stations in the Park. Better promotion of public transport alternatives would help visitors use their car less.											



### 5.34 Loch Garten RSPB Osprey Centre and RSPB Abernethy Forest Nature Reserve

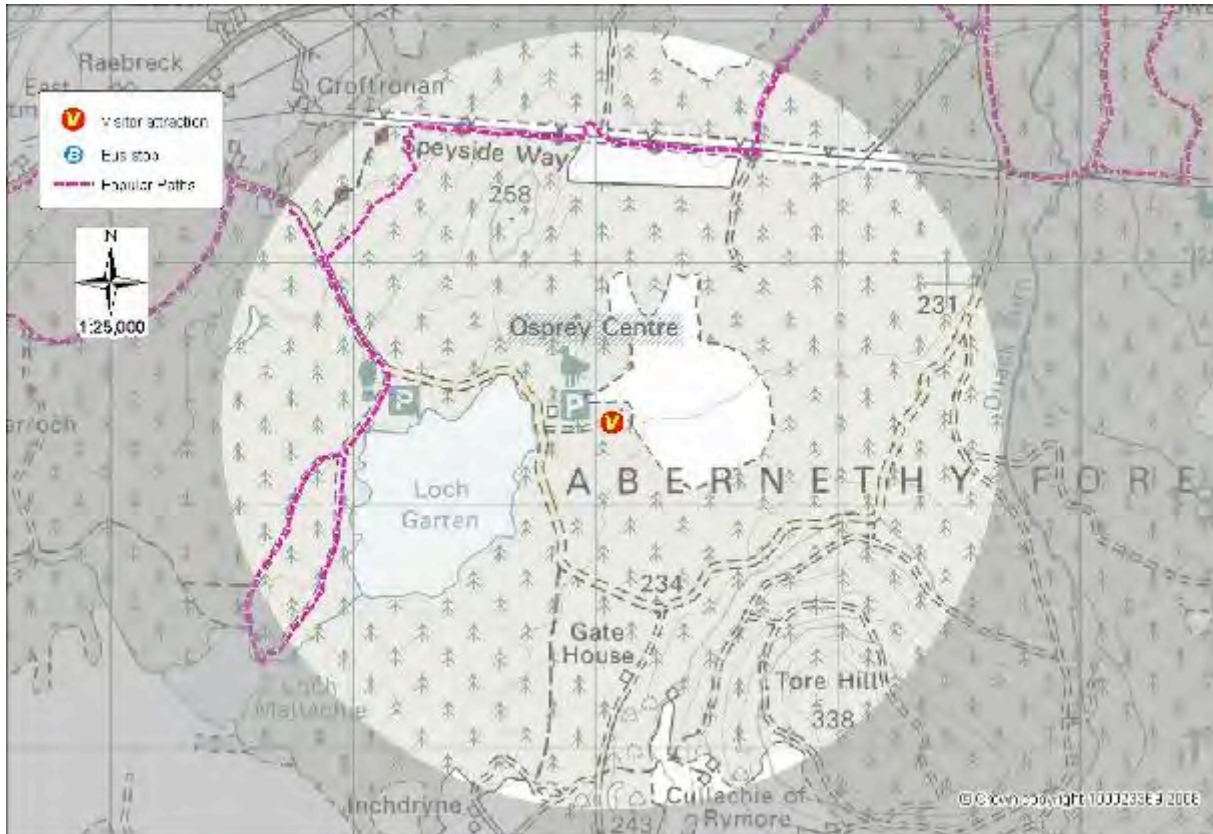


Figure 37 – Loch Garten RSPB Osprey Centre.

Loch Garten and the RSPB Abernethy Forest Nature Reserve ([www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/l/lochgarten/index.asp](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/l/lochgarten/index.asp)) are located off the B970 near Boat of Garten. The RSPB Osprey Centre is open daily from April to the end of August.

Loch Garten RSPB Osprey Centre											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	2	x	✓	✓	Not Available	✓	1-3 km	✓	x	✓	✓
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The bus from Grantown to Aviemore stops 2km from site. The Speyside Way runs past the site.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
A more direct public transport route and better promotion of the existing service.											



## 5.35 Cromdale and the Speyside Way

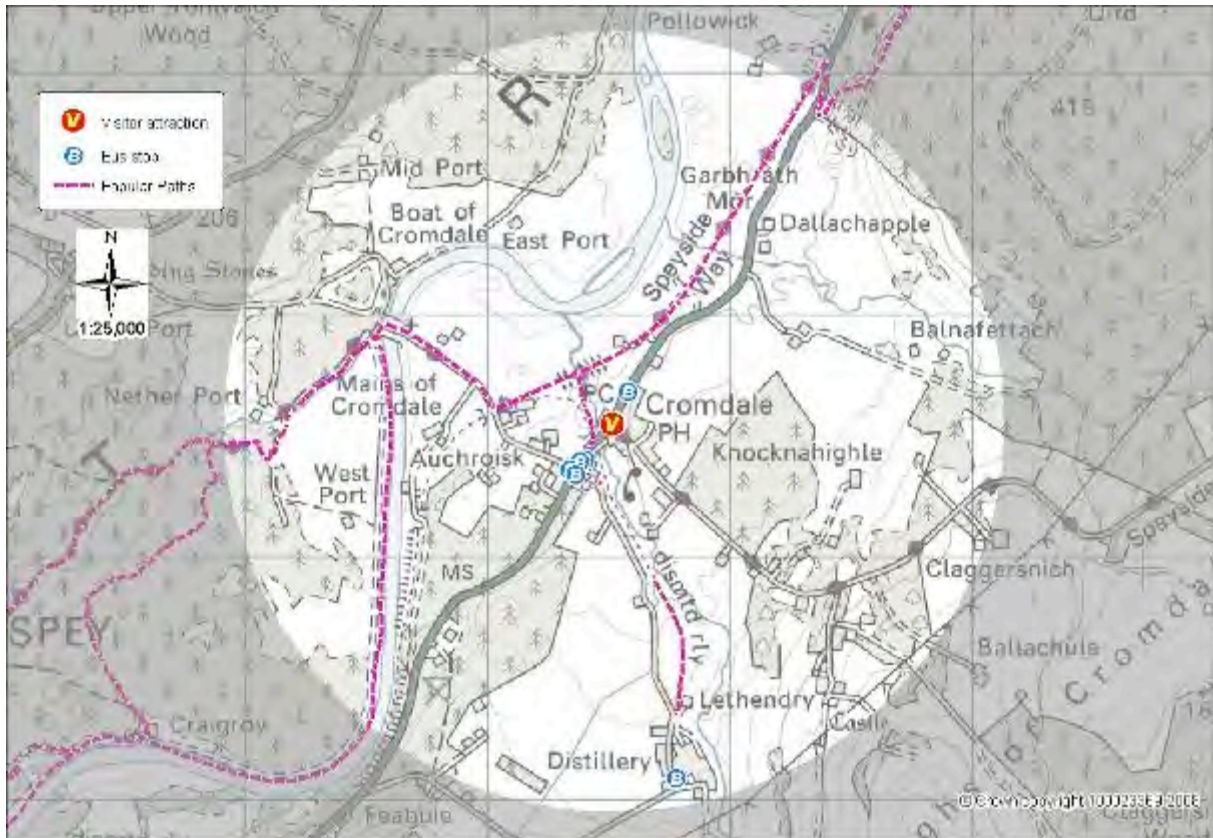


Figure 38 – Cromdale and the Speyside Way.

The Speyside Way runs from the Moray coast to Aviemore and through the small village of Cromdale. There is a hotel and distillery in the village.

Cromdale and the Speyside Way											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	6+	✓	✓	x	x	✓	<100m	✓	✓	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
A limited bus service runs from Aviemore to Granttown-on-Spey through the village. The nearest train station is at Aviemore, 28km away.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More cycling infrastructure would help cyclists to stop in Cromdale, as would more bus carriage on buses. Walkers and cyclists on the Speyside Way could be encouraged to rest or transfer at Cromdale.											



## 5.36 Kingussie Camanachd (Shinty) Club

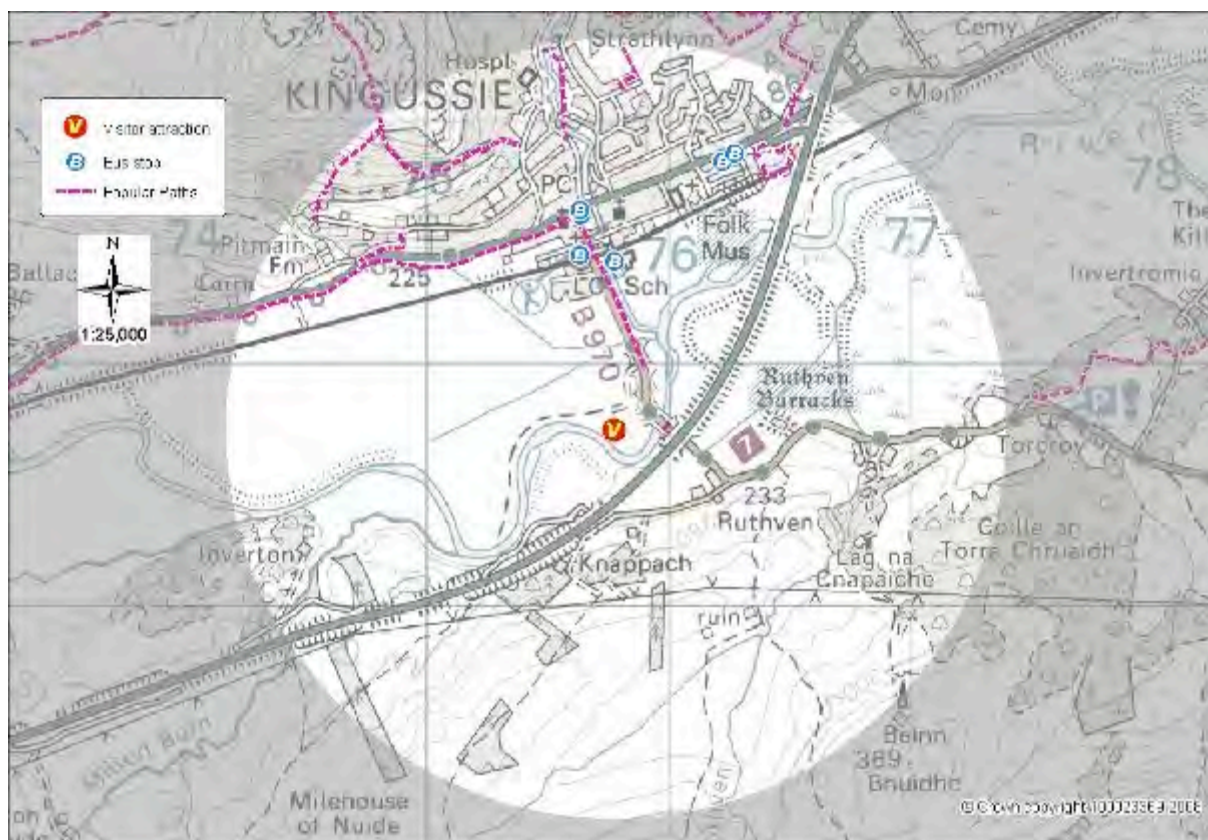


Figure 39 – Kingussie Camanachd (Shinty) Club.

Shinty is a major sport in the Highlands, drawing many visitors and residents to games. Kingussie Camanachd (Shinty) Club ([www.kingussie-shinty-club.co.uk](http://www.kingussie-shinty-club.co.uk)) is one of the top clubs in Scotland and plays at The Dell, Kingussie.

Kingussie Camanachd (Shinty) Club											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	✓	<1km	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Kingussie is well served by a mainline train service, and twice hourly Citylink buses between Inverness and the central belt. It is on NCN Route 7.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Better public transport information and special buses on match days.											



## 5.37 RSPB Insh Marshes Nature Reserve

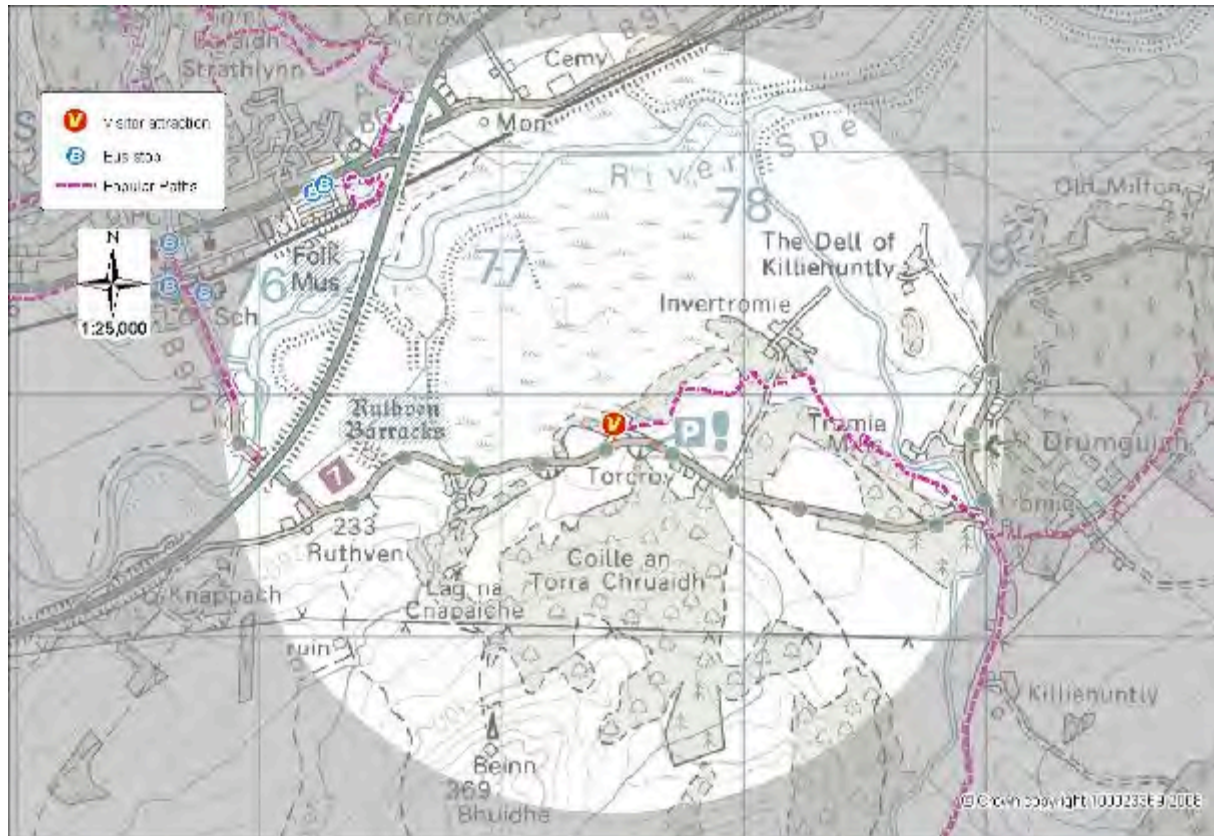


Figure 40 – RSPB Insh Marshes Nature Reserve

RSPB Insh Marshes Nature Reserve ([www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/i/inshmarshes](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/i/inshmarshes)) is one of the most important wetlands in Europe and provides a seasonal home for nesting lapwings, redshanks and curlews.

RSPB Insh Marshes Nature Reserve												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
15,000	1	x	x	x	x	✓	1-3km	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
No local bus stop, nearest is 1.5km away in Kingussie, where there is also a train station. It is on NCN Route 7.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
Running bus service to the site, better cycle signage and facilities.												



## 5.38 The Highland Folk Museum

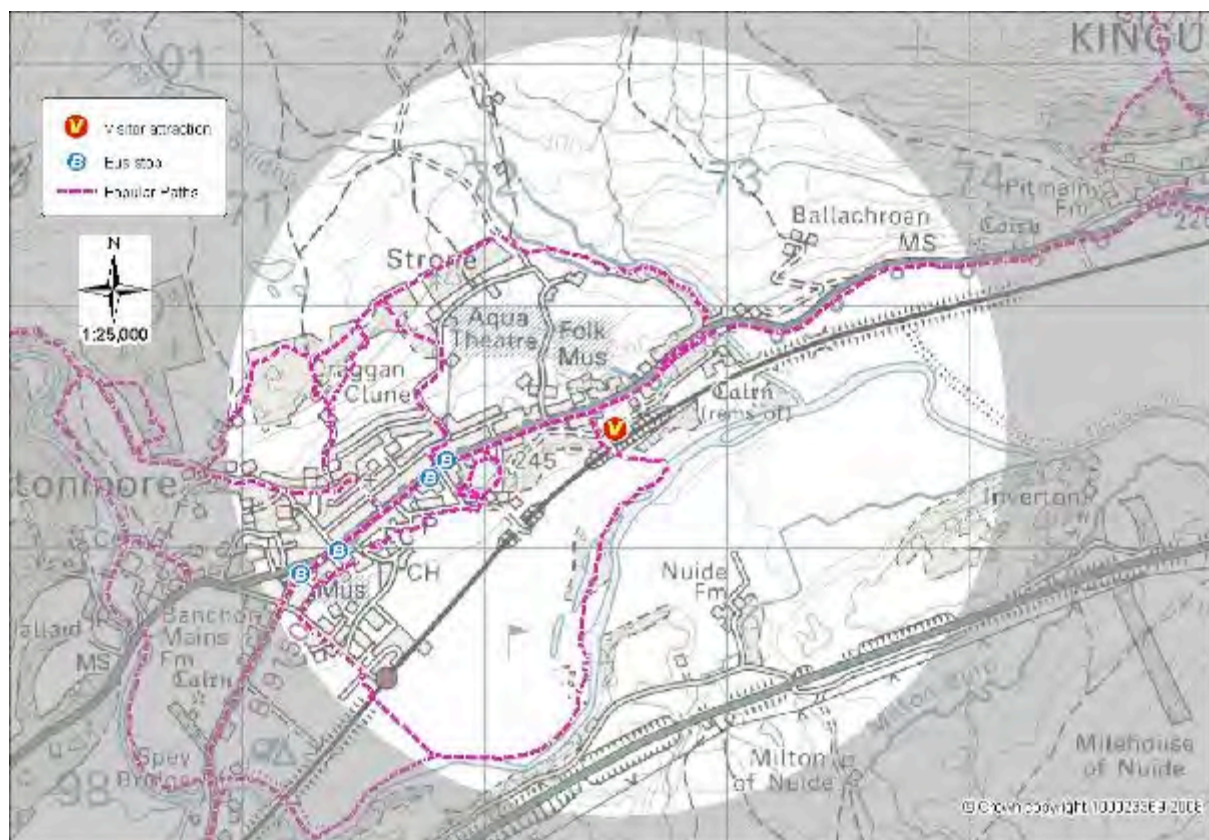


Figure 41 – The Highland Folk Museum.

The Highland Folk Museum ([www.highlandfolk.com](http://www.highlandfolk.com)) is located in Newtonmore. An award winning 80 acre attraction, the Museum offers visitors the opportunity see how the population of the Highland lived from the 1700's to the present day.

The Highland Folk Museum												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
35,000+	3	x	x	x	✓	✓	<1 km	✓	✓	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Newtonmore is served by the express coach service north and south on the A9 but users are required to walk to Newtonmore from bus stop.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
More frequent public transport services, more direct public transport routes, closer bus stops, visitor shuttle bus from local settlement/public transport stop and bicycles available to hire from nearest settlement/ public transport stop.												





## 5.39 The Clan Macpherson Museum

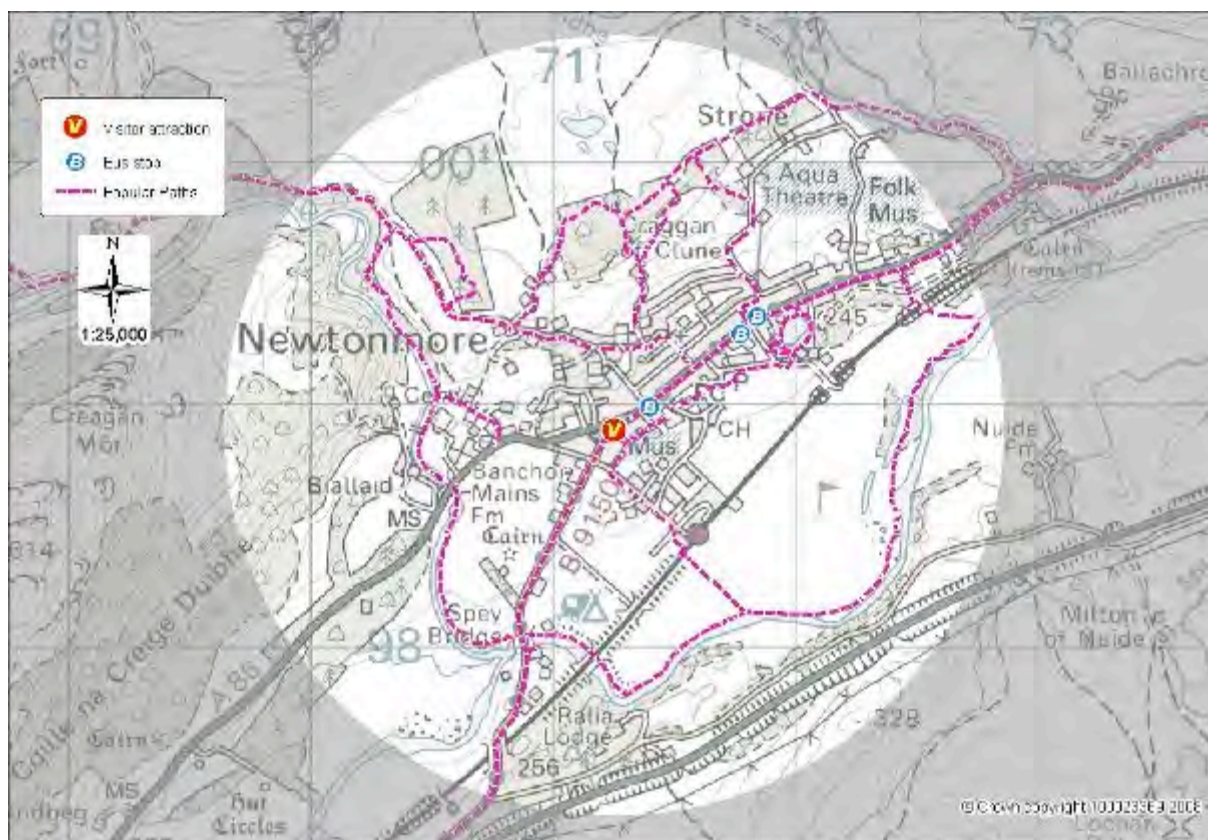


Figure 42 – The Clan Macpherson Museum.

The Clan Macpherson Museum ([www.clan-macpherson.org/clan4.php](http://www.clan-macpherson.org/clan4.php)) is located in Newtonmore. The Museum offers the chance to explore the history of the Clan Macpherson and its families.

Clan Macpherson Museum											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
4,000	2	x	x	x	✓	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Difficulty in attracting visitors, particularly encouraging visitors off the A9 to visit Newtonmore. There are now large signs on the A9 and this has increased visitor numbers.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Better publicised public transport routes and cheaper public transport fares.											



## 5.40 Newtonmore Craft Centre and Gallery

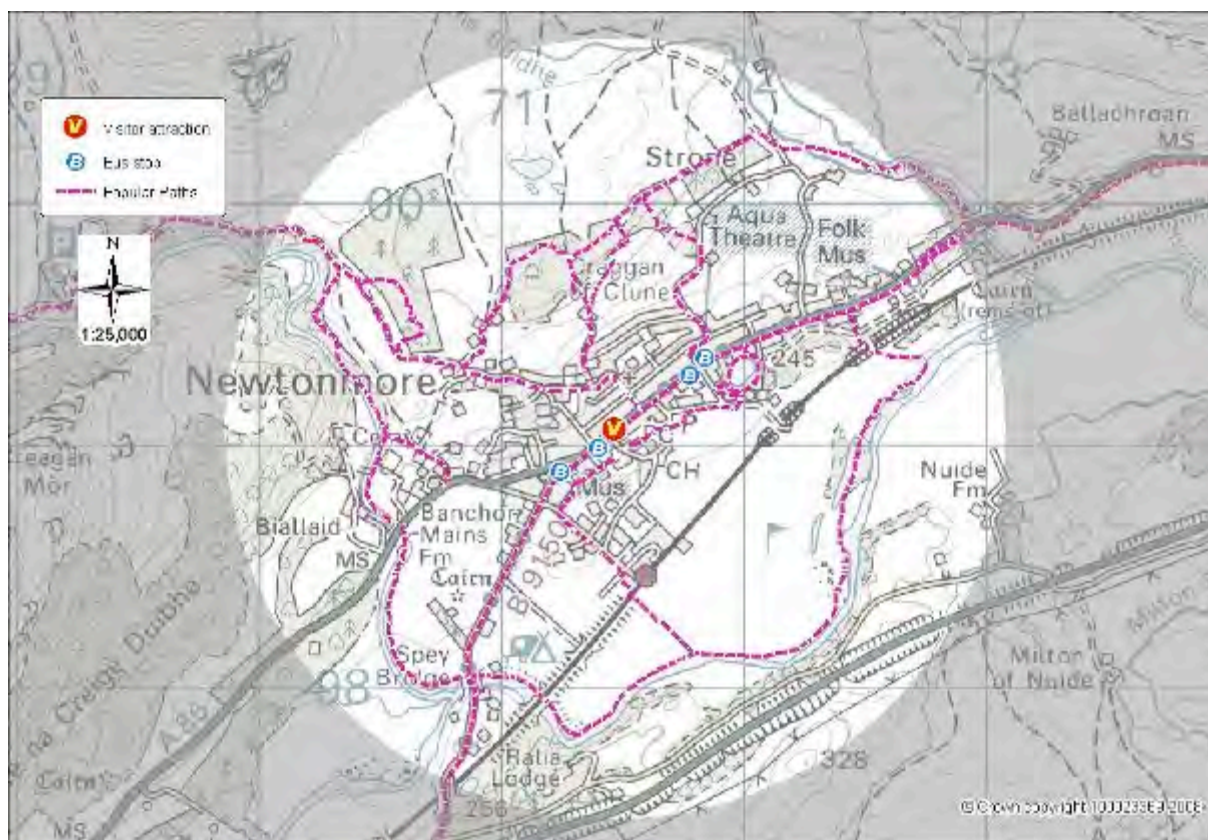


Figure 43 – Newtonmore Craft Centre and Gallery.

Newtonmore Craft Centre and Gallery ([www.newtonmore.com/craftcentre](http://www.newtonmore.com/craftcentre)) offers Scottish and Celtic crafts, gifts, knitwear, original paintings and prints by resident artists.

Newtonmore Craft Centre & Gallery											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	✓	✓	x	x	✓	<100m	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
There is a direct Citylink bus to Perth (and south) and Inverness. There is no service bus, but the Citylink continues on to Aviemore. NCN Route 7 runs through the village.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Newtonmore is not on the main service bus route. It would benefit from a link between Aviemore and Fort William, and increased Citylink and train services.											



## 5.41 The Wildcat Trail

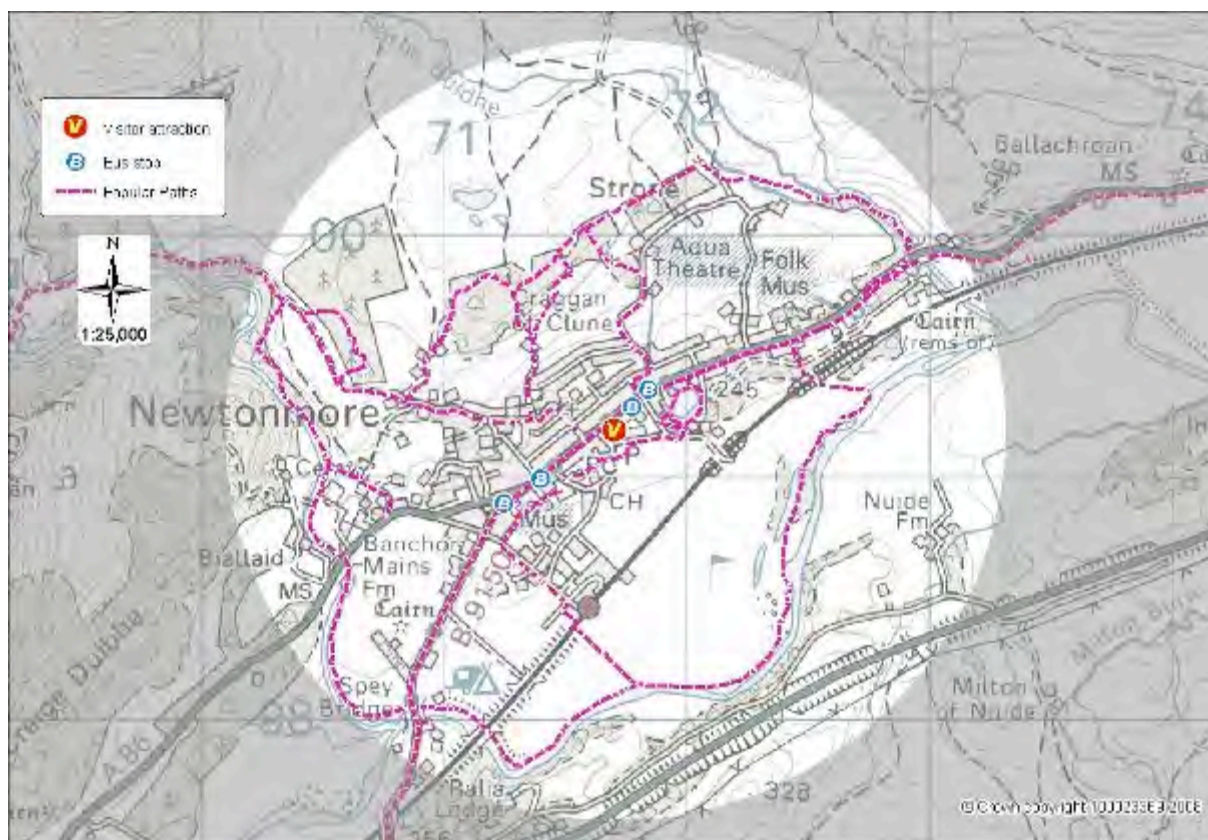


Figure 44 – The Wildcat Trail.

The Wildcat Trail ([www.newtonmore.com/wcat.htm](http://www.newtonmore.com/wcat.htm)) is located in Newtonmore and is a 10 kilometre walk encircling the village running through native woodlands and moorland. The Wildcat Centre provides information on the Trail and facilities in Newtonmore.

The Wildcat Trail											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not available	14	x	✓	x	x	✓	<100m	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Express coach and train service, but no local service bus, local bus stop shelters are rarely cleaned, timetables are not up-to-date.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent public transport services, cheaper public transport fares, better public transport service information.											



## 5.42 Newtonmore Camanachd (Shinty) Club

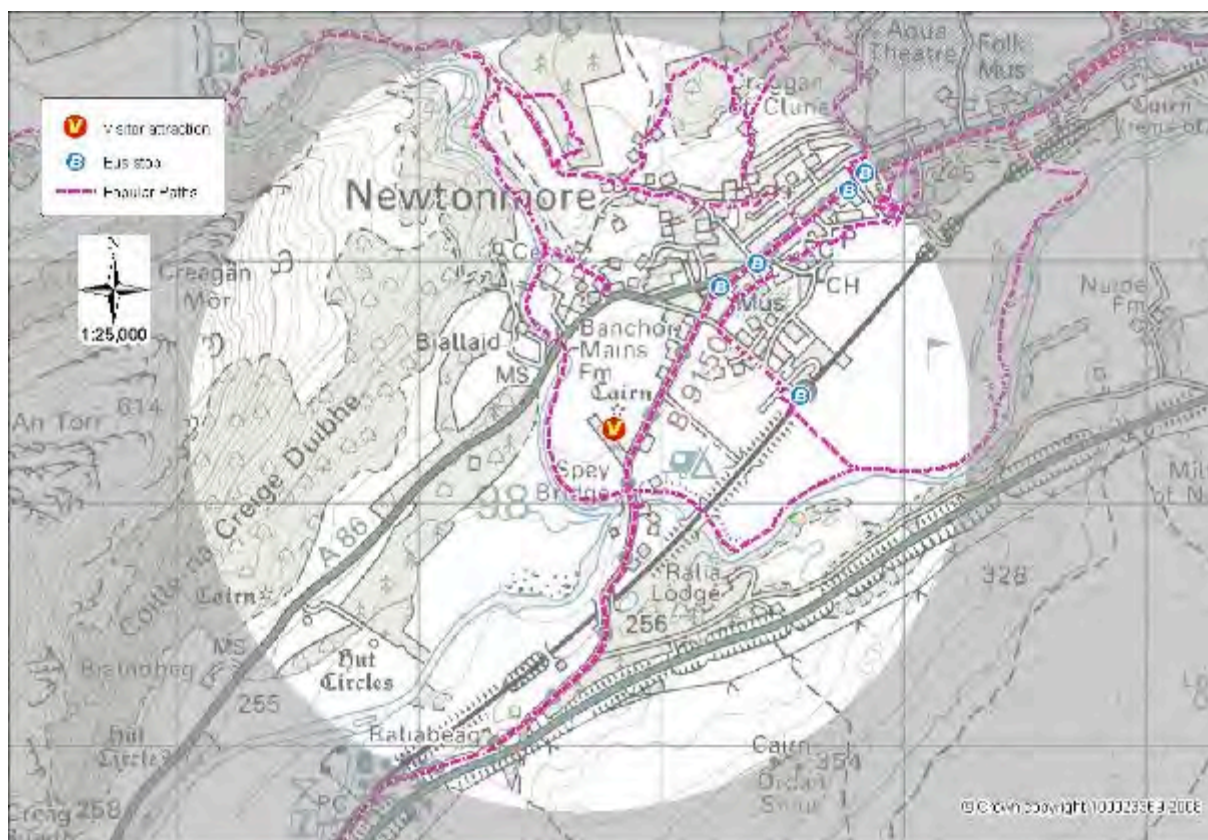


Figure 45 – Newtonmore Camanachd (Shinty) Club.

Shinty is a major sport in the Highlands, drawing many visitors and residents to games. Newtonmore Camanachd (Shinty) Club ([www.newtonmoreshinty.com](http://www.newtonmoreshinty.com)) is one of the top clubs in Scotland and plays at The Eilan, Newtonmore.

Newtonmore Camanachd (Shinty) Club											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
13,000	1	x	✓	x	x	✓	<1km	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Newtonmore is on the mainline train service, and express coach route between Inverness and the central belt. The Club's ground is immediately off NCN Route 7. There are disabled toilets, and food available on match days.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Better public transport information and special buses on match days.											



## 5.43 The Falls of Truim

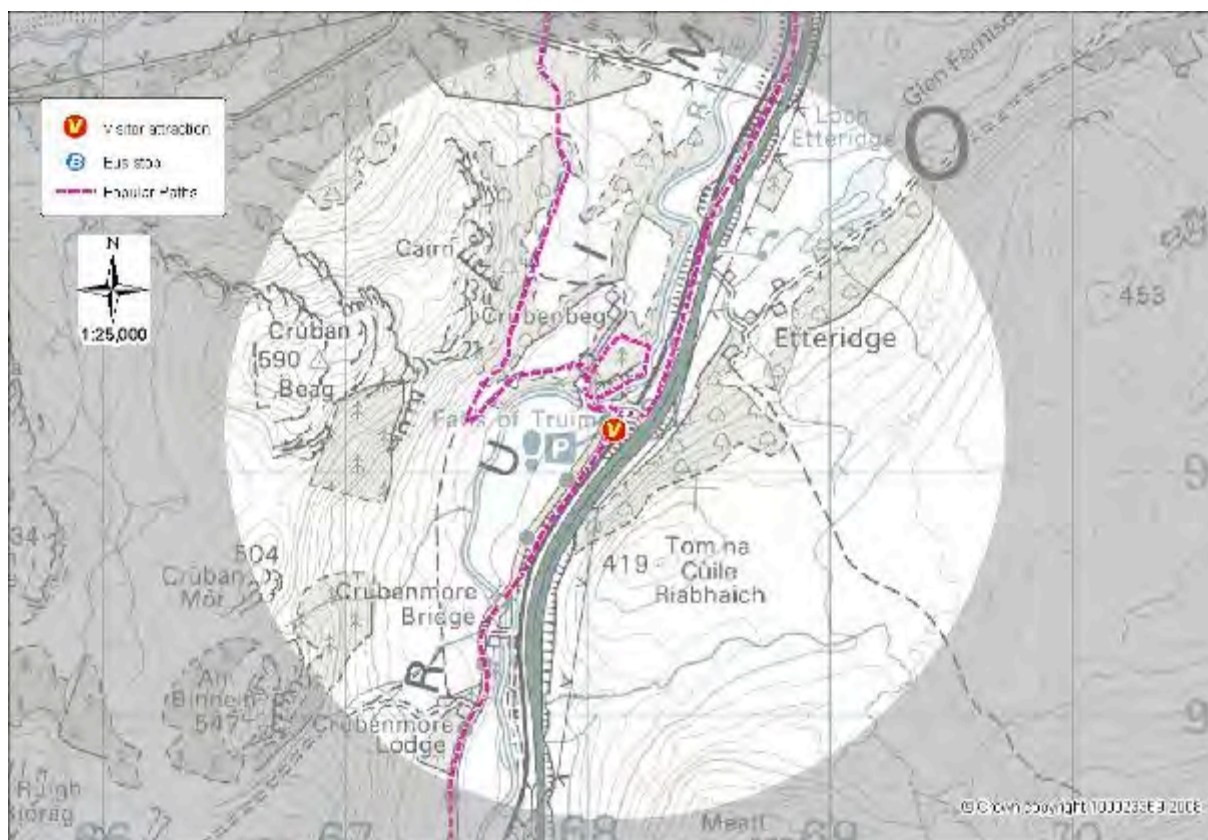


Figure 46 – The Falls of Truim.

The Falls ([www.walkhighlands.co.uk/cairngorms/falls-of-truim.shtml](http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/cairngorms/falls-of-truim.shtml)) are a popular kayaking point and a picturesque walk located near Newtonmore on the A9 between Newtonmore and Dalwhinnie.

The Falls of Truim											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	x	10km	x	x	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Newtonmore is about 10km away, but the inter-city bus may stop closer, if requested, to the site on the A9. There are no facilities or information on site.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Better bus link from Newtonmore, perhaps as part of a wider visitor service.											



## 5.44 Strathmashie Forest

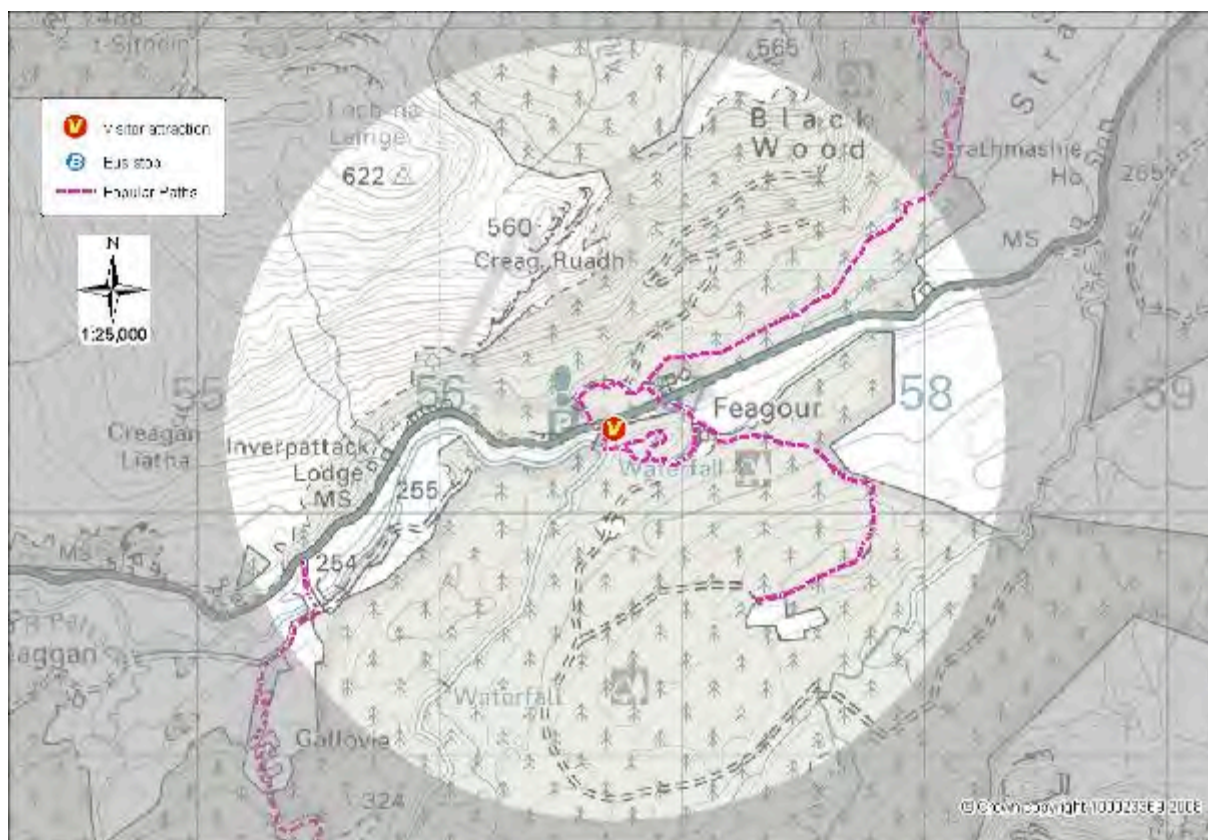


Figure 47 – Strathmashie Forest.

Strathmashie Forest ([www.laggan.com/forestwalks.htm](http://www.laggan.com/forestwalks.htm)) is located on the A86 and is managed through a community-led partnership between Laggan Forest Trust and the Forestry Commission, providing opportunities for public access and a number of way-marked walks, including routes to the Falls of Pattack.

Strathmashie Forest											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
100,000	5	✓	✓	✓	x	x	5-10 km	✓	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
No public transport link. The A9 express coach and train at Dalwhinnie and Newtonmore pass closest.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
A service linking Fort William and Speyside would pass this site and provide a service. Alternately, a visitor shuttle bus could run from local settlement/public transport stop.											



## 5.45 Laggan Wolftrax

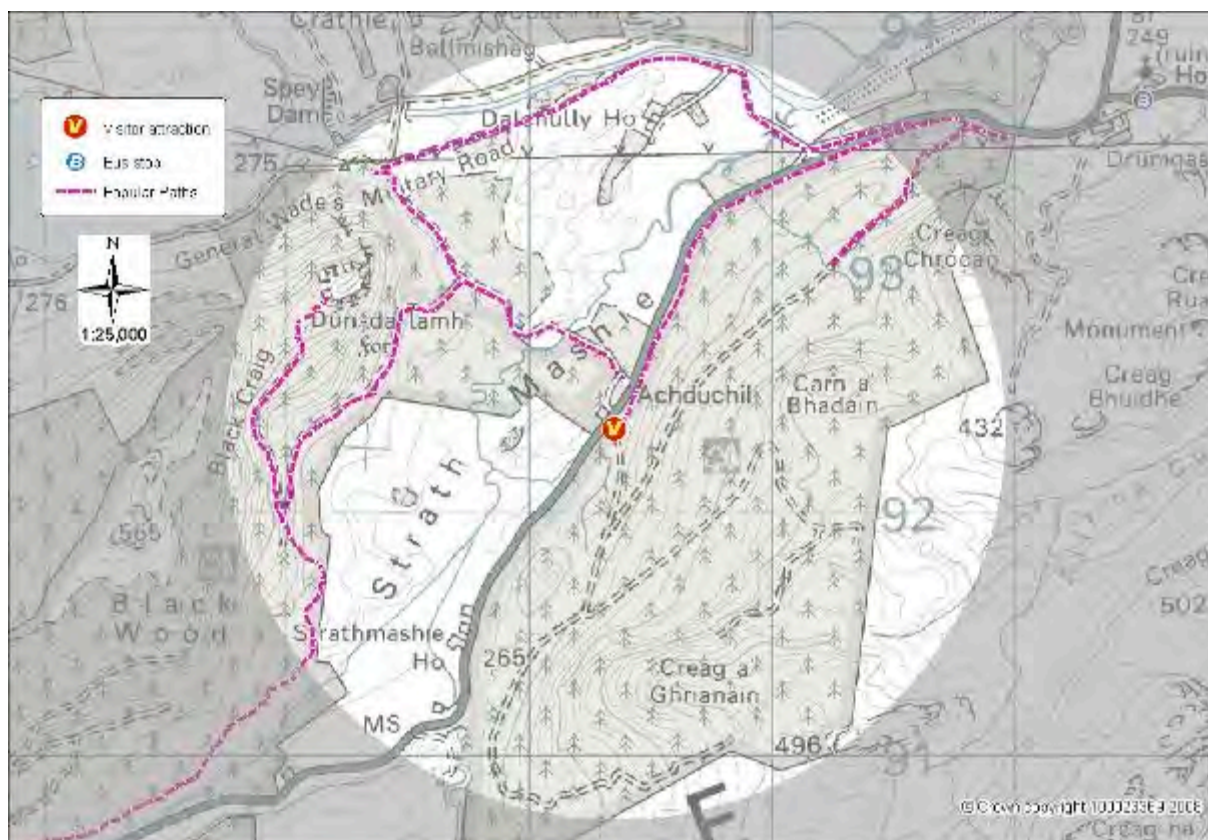


Figure 48 – Laggan Wolftrax.

Laggan Wolftrax ([www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-66BK4T](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-66BK4T)) is located in Strathmashe Forest off the A86 and A889 and provides mountain bike trails for novices through to the most skilled riders over nearly 35km of year-round single track. Wolftrax includes a base camp providing cycle hire, a spares and repair shop, a cafe, showers, toilets and a bike wash.

Laggan Wolftrax												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
30,000	2	✓	x	✓	✓	x	5-10 km	✓	x	✓	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Poor public transport links – nearest at Dalwhinnie and Newtonmore.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
A visitor service bus with cycle provision would encourage less car use. There is the possibility to promote the relatively quiet road route to the centre to cyclists.												



## 5.46 Dun da Lamh, Spey Dam and Kinloch Laggan

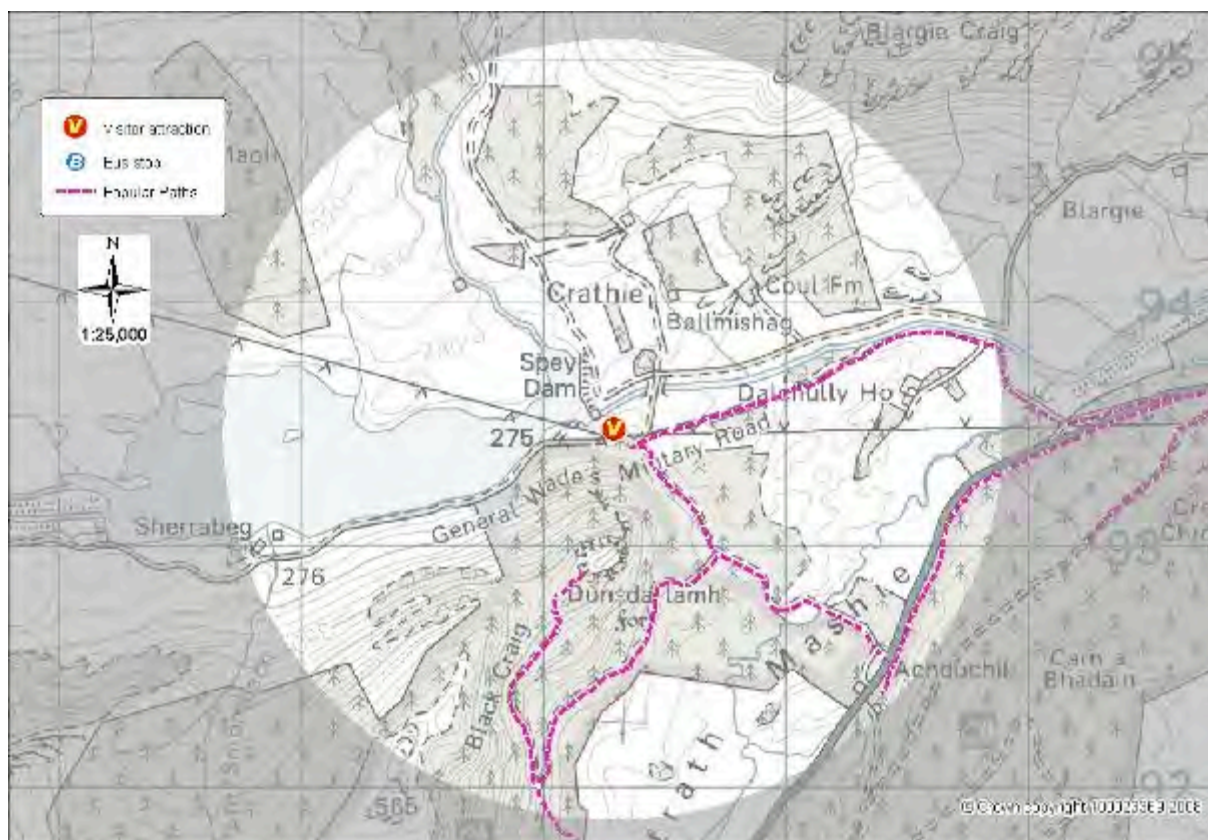


Figure 49 – Dun da Lamh, Spey Dam and Kinloch Laggan.

Dun da Lamh, Spey Dam and Kinloch Laggan are three sites located near Laggan. Dun da Lamh is a Pictish Hill Fort 4km from Laggan, Spey Dam is around 3km from Laggan up a minor road and Kinloch Laggan is a series of houses at the head of Loch Laggan, 10km from Laggan on the A86 towards Fort William.

Dun da Lamh, Spey Dam and Kinloch Laggan											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Unknown	1	✓	x	x	x	x	13km	x	x	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Newtonmore and Dalwhinnie train stations are both about 13km from Laggan. Buses stop at Newtonmore and taxis are available to go on to Laggan. It is otherwise poorly served by public transport.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Running bus service to the site, and from Kingussie to Fort William, better cycle signage and facilities.											





## 5.47 Dalwhinnie Distillery

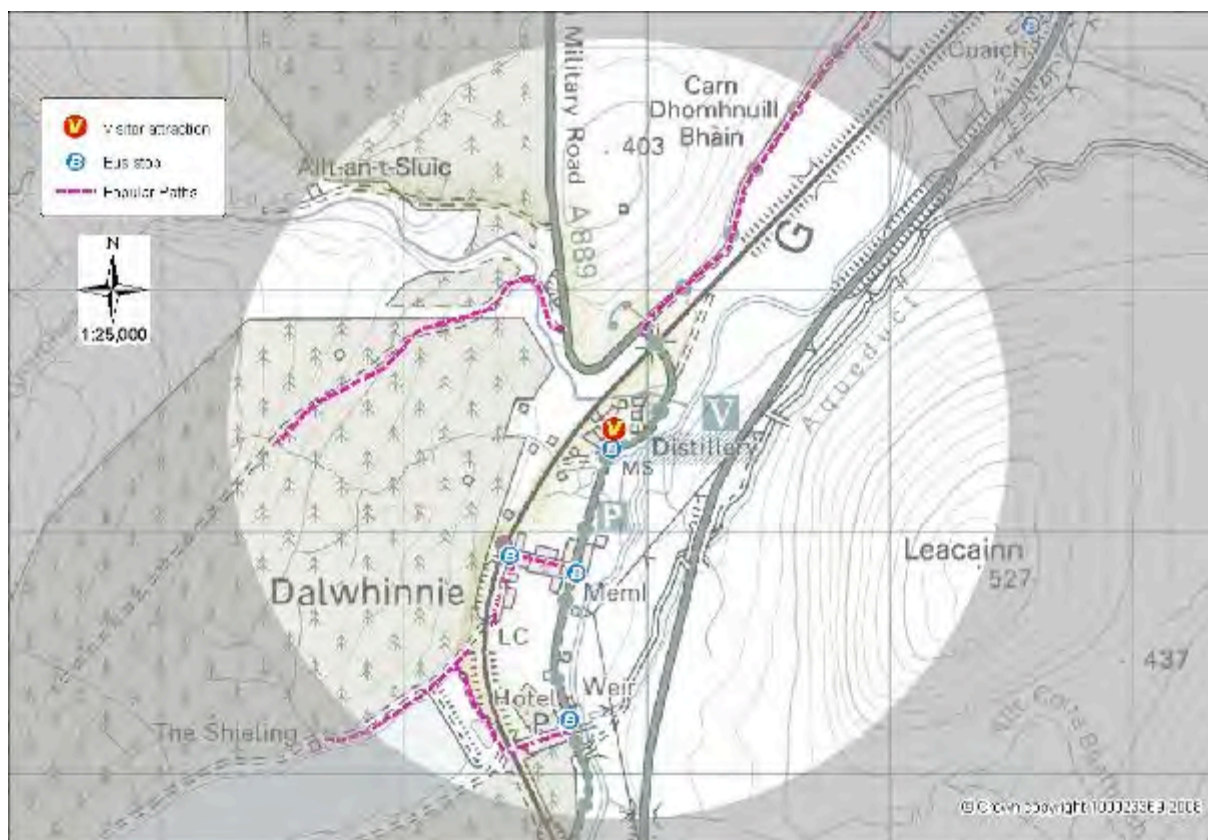


Figure 50 – Dalwhinnie Distillery.

Dalwhinnie Distillery ([www.discovering-distilleries.com/dalwhinnie](http://www.discovering-distilleries.com/dalwhinnie)) is located on the A889 in Dalwhinnie close to Dalwhinnie Railway Station. Operated by Diageo, Dalwhinnie Distillery re-opened in March 1995 after a £3.2 million refurbishment. The distillery offers a visitor centre, shop and 'flavours experience' tours.

Dalwhinnie Distillery											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
30,000	2	x	x	x	x	✓	<100 metres	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Dalwhinnie is served by the express coach service on the A9, but entails a walk in from the main road. There is a mainline train station, and visitors can walk from there to the distillery, about 1km.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
Express coach coming into Dalwhinnie on request would assist public transport users.											



## 5.48 Pass of Drumochter-Dalwhinnie A9 lay-by

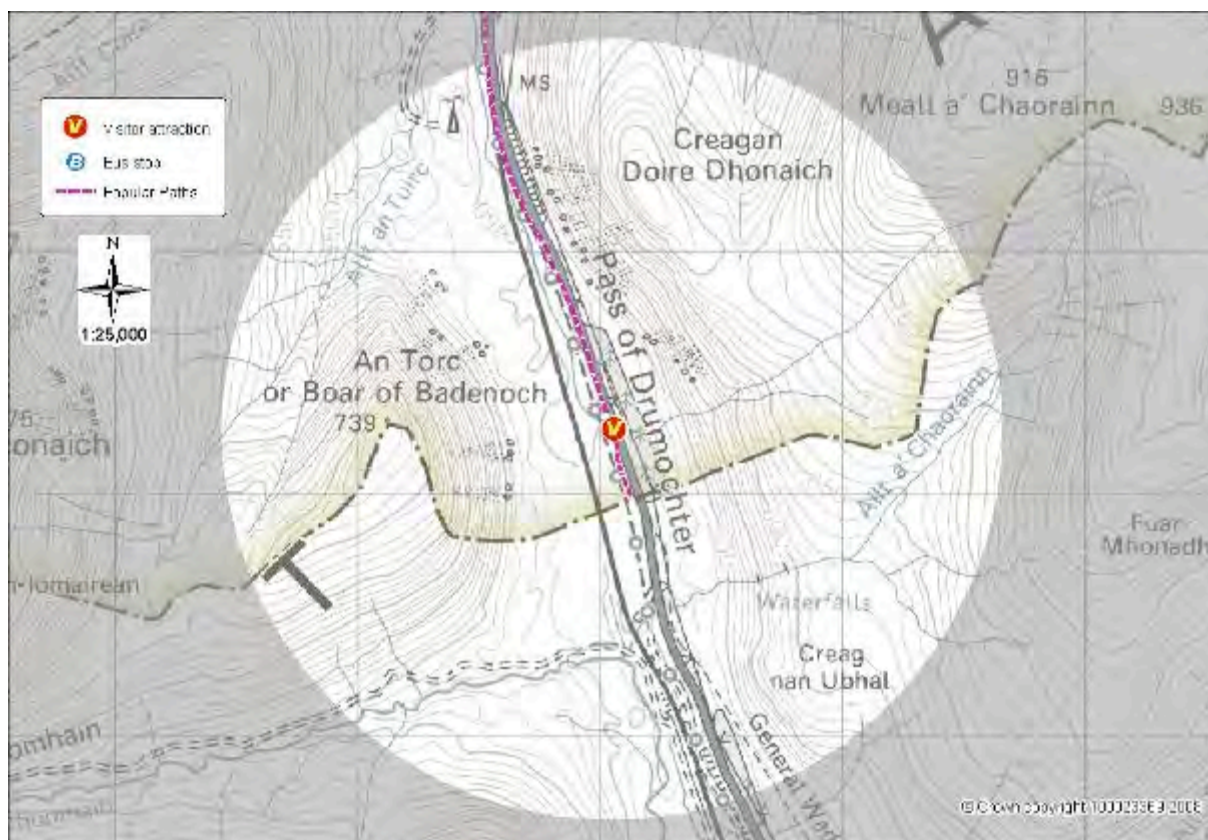


Figure 51 – Pass of Drumochter-Dalwhinnie A9 lay-by.

The Pass of Drumochter-Dalwhinnie A9 lay-by is a popular starting point for walkers trekking into the southern hills in the National Park.

Pass of Drumochter-Dalwhinnie A9 lay-by											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	x	x	x	x	✓	1-3km	x	x	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The main link is to the Citylink bus which runs along the A9. The nearest train station is at Dalwhinnie around 6km away. It is adjacent to NCN Route 7.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
It would assist cyclists to do some of the route if more coaches carried bicycles, and trains had increased capacity for cycles.											



## 5.49 Gaick Pass and Glen Tromie

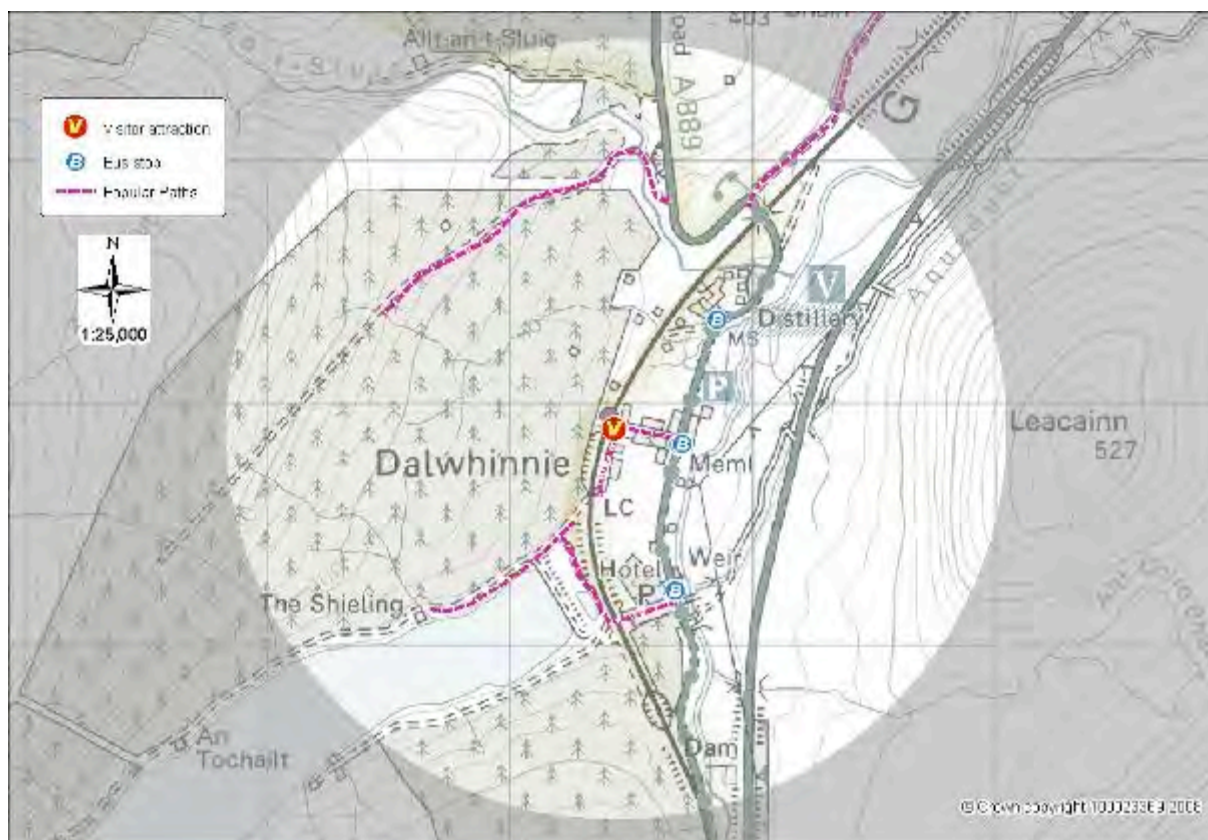


Figure 52 – Dalwhinnie leading to Gaick Pass and Glen Tromie.

The Gaick Pass and Glen Tromie lie to the east of Dalwhinnie and are both popular recreational start-off points. The Gaick Pass connects Dalnacardoch Lodge on the A9 with Kingussie, running into Glen Tromie near Kingussie.

Gaick Pass and Glen Tromie											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	1	✓	x	x	x	✓	<100m	x	x	x	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
The Citylink bus runs along the A9 and connects onto the route. It links to NCN Route 7.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
It would assist travellers if trains to Dalwhinnie and buses on the A9 carried more cycles.											



## 5.50 Tomintoul

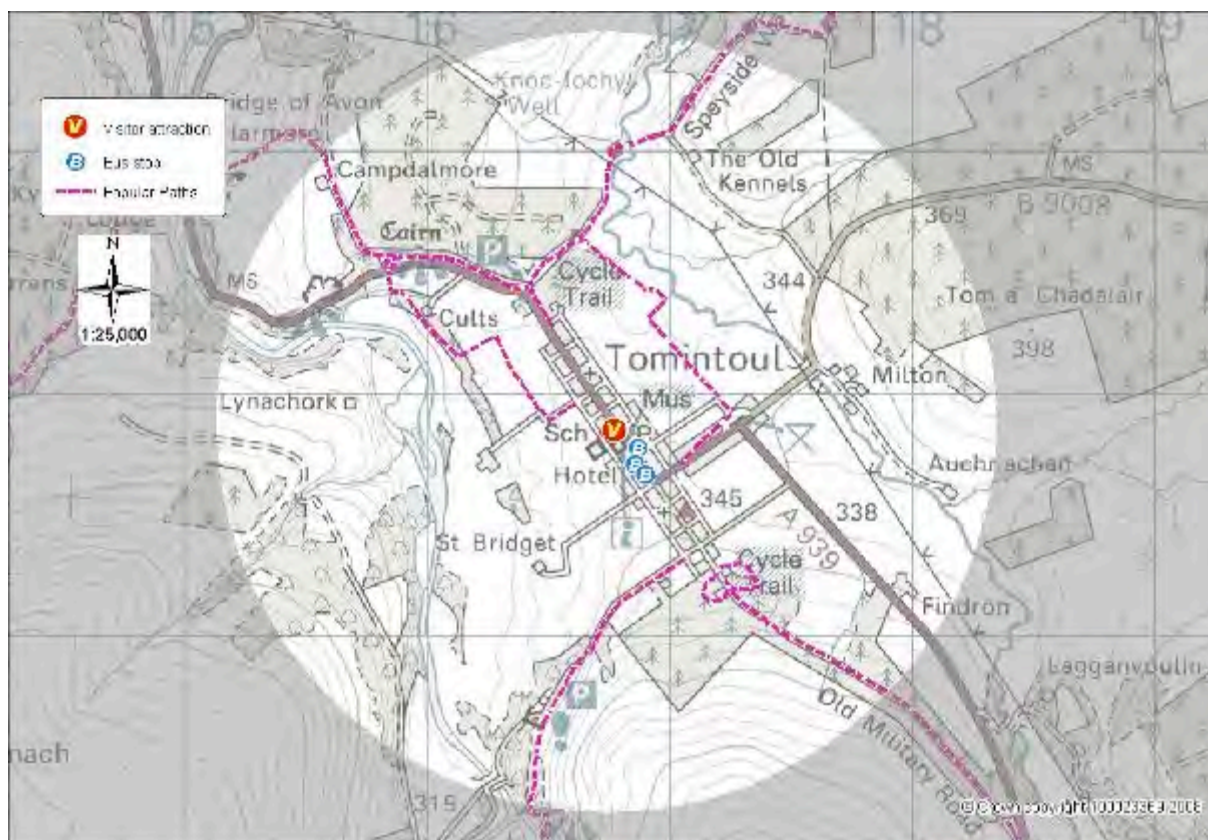


Figure 53 – Tomintoul.

Tomintoul has a number of local attractions and is close to the Lecht Ski Centre, the Tomintoul Glenlivet Estate and is the start point many walking and cycling routes.

Tomintoul											
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy
Not Available	2	✓	✓	x	x	✓	<100m	✓	✓	✓	x
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>											
Tomintoul has a poor bus service, based mainly on school buses. There is a Summer Heather Hopper service twice daily to Grantown and Ballater. The Strathspey Stroller north to Elgin was axed in 2008.											
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>											
More frequent public transport services; using Tomintoul as a Hub for public transport, rather than placing it at the 'end of the line'.											



## 5.51 Bridge of Brown Tearoom

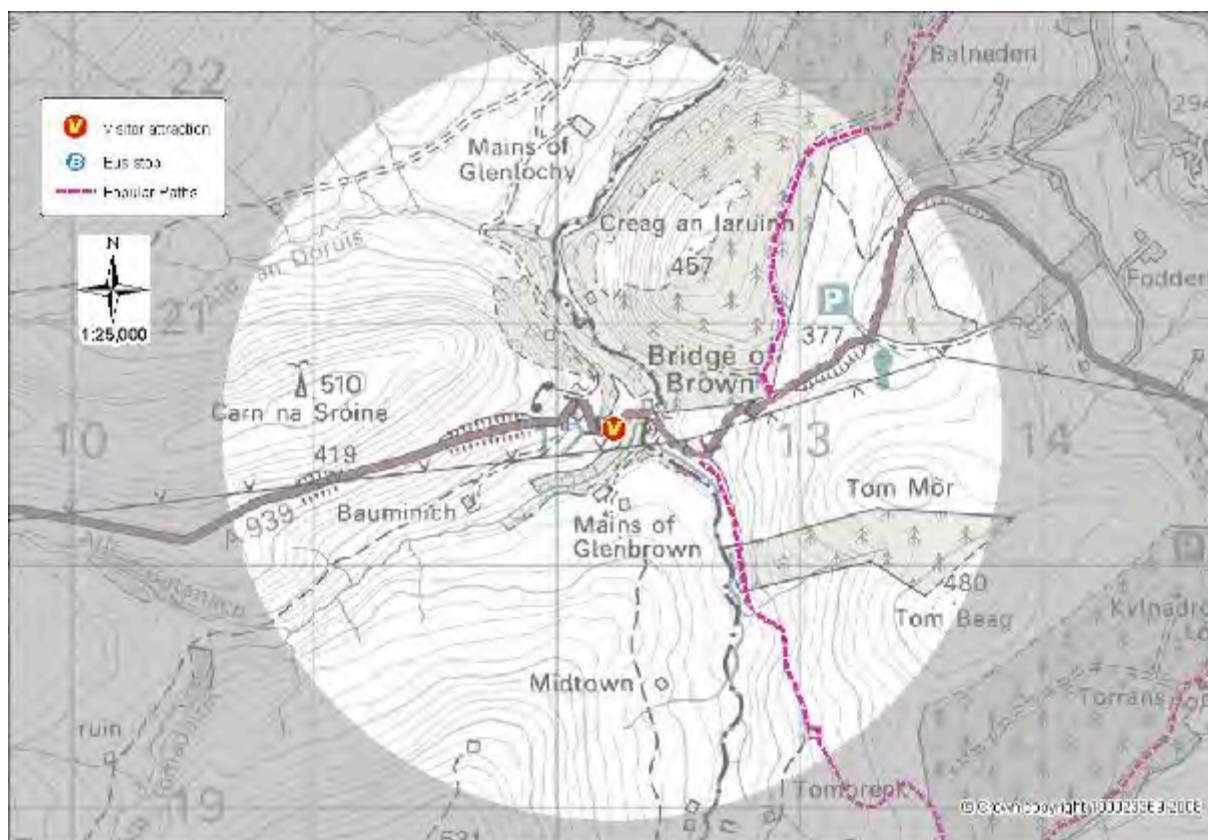


Figure 54 – Bridge of Brown Tearoom.

Bridge of Brown Tearoom is a tearoom and gift shop located in Bridge of Brown on the A939 between Tomintoul and Grantown on Spey. Bridge of Brown Tearoom offers homemade cakes and pastries, teas and coffees with varying opening times depending on the season.

Bridge of Brown Tearoom												
Annual visitor numbers	Site entrances	Shared site	Segregated pedestrian route	Segregated cycle route	Cycle parking	Accessible by public transport	Distance to closest bus stop	On site facilities	Local facilities within walking distance	Travel information provided to visitors	Travel plan or other transport policy	
2,000	1	x	x	x	x	✓	5-10 km	✓	x	x	x	
<b>Transport and travel related concerns:</b>												
Road safety concerns; narrow road, steep decent, and blind corners. Nearest public transport is at Grantown. Unauthorised parking; visitors parking in tearoom car park and leaving for extended walks. Problem during busy periods due to small car park, car park at capacity.												
<b>Measures might encourage visitors to travel more sustainably:</b>												
More frequent public transport services, more direct public transport routes, closer public transport stops and better public transport service information at bus stops.												



### 5.52 Key Site Features

The following section summarises key findings from the site survey responses, information provided by the CNPA and other key stakeholders and some additional follow-up consultation. A summary of the survey results is also available in Appendix 2 of this report.

As might be expected, given their location in the Badenoch and Strathspey area, most sites are rural in nature and location. In part because of this, most sites are also primarily designed around access by private car and it should be noted that a number of tourist attractions were identified as having car parks that were at or close to capacity during the peak tourist season. While most sites record visitor numbers, none of the sites currently record mode of transport or other useful travel information.

#### Active travel infrastructure:

- 22 (or 44%) of sites can be accessed by a segregated pedestrian route;
- 14 (or 28%) can be accessed by a segregated cycle route;
- GIS Mapping shows that most sites are within close proximity to a popular path and, potentially, part of the core path network within the National Park;
- The majority of sites do not have dedicated cycle parking, with only 12 (24%) sites providing dedicated cycle parking of some form.

#### Public Transport infrastructure:

- 25 (50%) of the sites have a bus stop located with 1 kilometre (comfortable walking distance for most adults); about half are located a significant distance from a bus stop;
- While a large number of sites may not be directly accessible by public transport, a large number are accessible in combination with walking and/or cycling and could be far more accessible without a car if buses carried more cycles;
- The frequency of services and lack of Sunday services also poses a significant barrier to using public transport to access some attractions;
- Most sites are located a significant distance from local train stations;
- 11 (22%) of the sites were reported as not being accessible by public transport;
- A number of sites identified an interest in packages combining travel by public transport and the entry fees to attractions and this should be explored in more detail in the future.

#### Travel Information and transport policies:

- Most sites provide travel information such as directions to visitors, with 12 (24%) of the sites not providing information (although in some case this was due to the unmanaged nature of the attraction);



- In most cases the information provided was primarily aimed at those travelling by car, often with less detailed information, or no information, for those travelling by other modes of transport. Bus and train information should be presented first, and often isn't;
- Only 6 sites (12%) reported having a travel plan or other transport policy with only sites operated by the RSPB having a travel plan;
- A significant number of respondents reported an interest in developing a travel plan.

