

Welcome to Boat of Garten

A peaceful Highland village on the River Spey within the Cairngorms National Park. Abundant wildlife, magnificent scenery, diverse sporting and leisure activities and a traditional Highland welcome can be found as you explore the village. Boat of Garten is the hub of the Strathpey Railway and also makes a great stopover for walkers on the Speyside Way and cyclists on National Cycle Route 7.



Boat of Garten Trails

A network of paths and tracks lead out of the village, providing a variety of circular routes to enjoy with fine views, a rich local history and opportunities to spot some native wildlife.

This leaflet suggests eight waymarked trails of varying length, most of which start and finish in Boat of Garten, so you can give the car a rest! However, please take a few minutes to read the route descriptions on the map before you set out, just to make sure that your chosen trail is suitable for you and any others in your group. Timings are very approximate depending on how fast you walk and how much wildlife you see!

You can also combine some of the trails to make a longer expedition. Many trails are also great for cycling.



For information on paths, local events, facilities and accommodation:

Visitor Information Centres

Granttown on Spey: 01479 872 242

Aviemore: 01479 810 930

RSPB Osprey Centre: 01479 831 476

Useful web sites:

www.boatofgarten.com

www.cairngorms.co.uk

www.visitcairngorms.com

If you enjoyed using 'Boat of Garten Trails', look out for other Community Paths leaflets to help you explore more of the Cairngorms National Park.

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Boat of Garten Trails

Discover the Osprey Village



The Original Osprey Village

Boat of Garten is the original Osprey Village. Ospreys disappeared from Scotland in the early 20th century, but a pair established a nesting site at nearby Loch Garten in 1954, heralding a return of this iconic bird as a breeding species across Scotland. The RSPB Osprey Centre at Loch Garten is now a major tourist attraction that enthralled thousands of people every year with this conservation success story.



You can walk, cycle or take the bus to the centre, watching out for ospreys and other wildlife as you go.



Osprey Trail

Longer walk or cycle route from Boat of Garten to the Osprey Centre at Loch Garten, initially by road (beware of traffic) then waymarked forest tracks. Return same way or combine with other route. Start from Station Square.


Pavement, short section on road, waymarked forest paths (Speyside Way and RSPB Red and Blue Trails).

 3 miles / 4.8 km
Allow 1½ hrs
moderate

Garten Woods

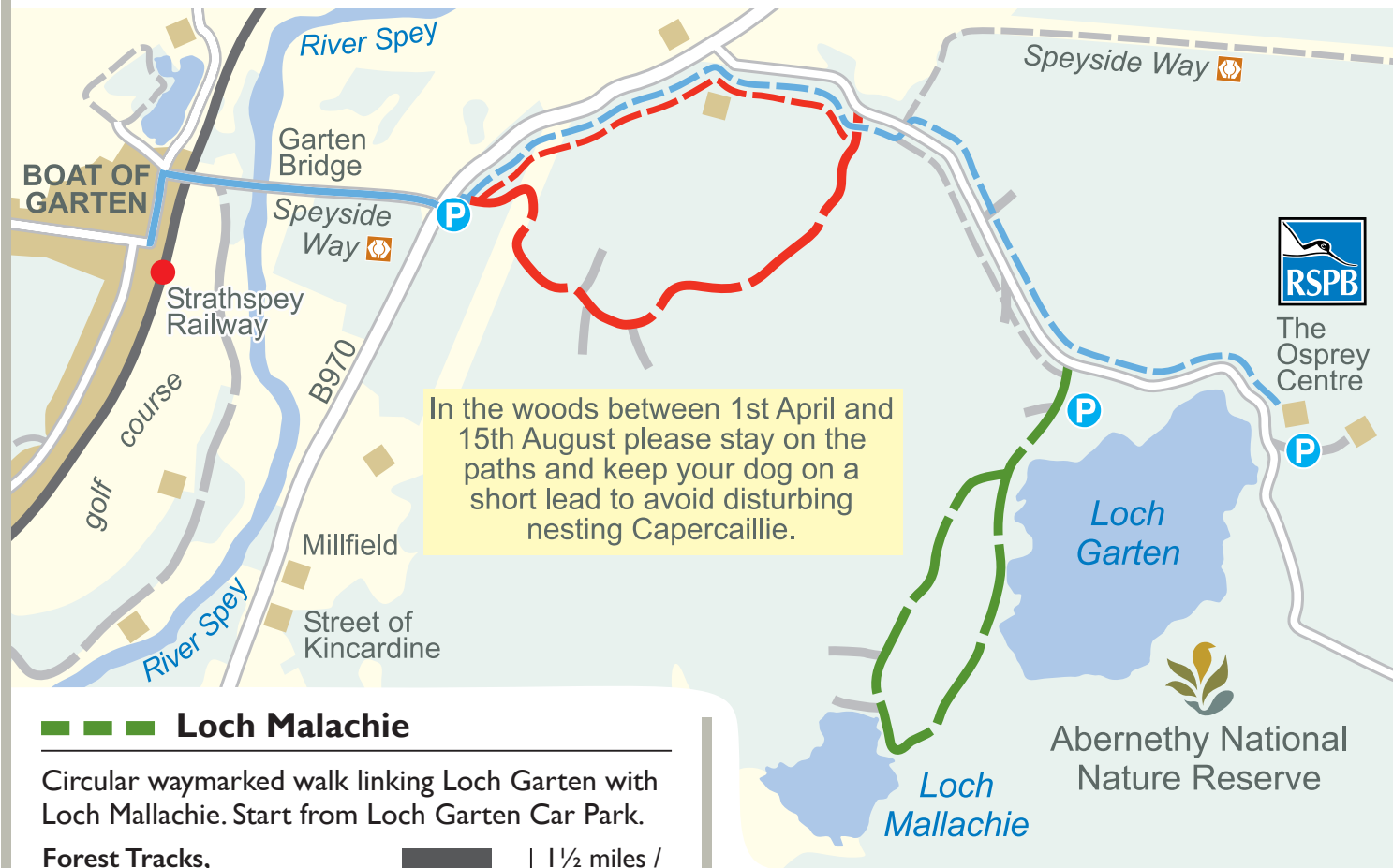
Circular woodland walk using RSPB Red and Blue (also Speyside Way) waymarked trails. Start from the Car Park on B970 in Boat of Garten woods.

Forest Tracks

 2 miles / 3.2 km
Allow 1 hr
moderate




half mile
one kilometre



Loch Malachie

Circular waymarked walk linking Loch Garten with Loch Malachie. Start from Loch Garten Car Park.

Forest Tracks, muddy in places

 1½ miles / 2.4 km
Allow 45 mins
moderate

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Boat of Garten Trails

Red Squirrel Trail

Circular walk that takes you out of the village, through Scots Pine woods before joining Kinchurdy Road and back to Station Square. Start from Station Square.

Pavement, uneven forest path and tracks, steep where the trail joins Kinchurdy Road but this can be avoided by joining the trail at the end of the public road.



3 miles / 4.8 km
Allow 1 1/2 hrs

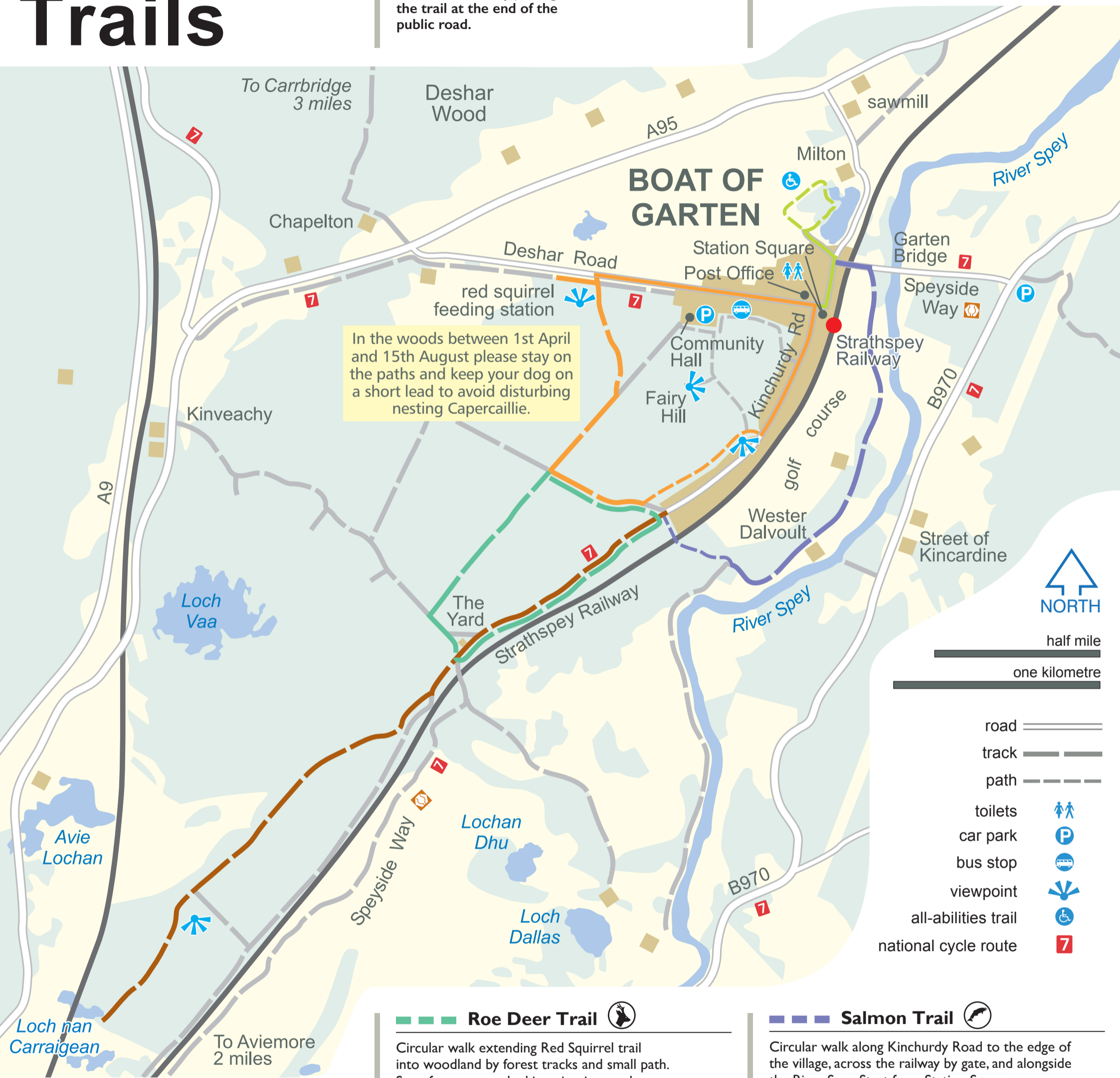
Heron Trail

Short walk from village to reach circular, purpose-built path at Milton Loch Woodland. Start from Station Square.

Pavement, well made path.



1 mile / 1.6 km
Allow 30 mins



half mile
one kilometre

- road
- track
- path
- toilets
- car park
- bus stop
- viewpoint
- all-abilities trail
- national cycle route

Roe Deer Trail

Circular walk extending Red Squirrel trail into woodland by forest tracks and small path. Start from waymarked junction in woods.

Broad forest tracks, smaller linking path.



1 1/2 miles / 2.4 km
Allow 40 mins

Salmon Trail

Circular walk along Kinchurdy Road to the edge of the village, across the railway by gate, and alongside the River Spey. Start from Station Square.

Quiet road, forest track and gate crossing, farm track. Keep dogs on leads near livestock.



2 1/2 miles / 4 km
Allow 1 hr

Pine Marten Trail

An 'out and back' trail to a small loch with views of the mountains. Route is adjacent to Strathspey Railway and good for cycling. Start from Station Square.

Quiet road and uneven forest track, mostly flat.



7 miles / 11.3 km
Allow 3 1/2 hrs



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