

Central Cairngorms

During the public engagement process it was found that the area is highly valued for its special qualities and there is a desire not to see promoted paths within the area. As such no core paths have been identified in the Central Cairngorms area and therefore no map of the area has been provided. Paths on the periphery of the area which provide access to it are displayed on other maps in the document. The management and maintenance of mountain paths will be addressed through the Outdoor Access Strategy 'Enjoying the Cairngorms', and not through the Core Paths Plan.

The most popular paths identified were Glen Avon including Glen Builg (identified by 52% of respondents). Glen Feshie to the Geldie Burn and the Lairig and Laoigh were also very popular. Most activities proved popular in the area although hill walking was by far the most popular, closely followed by cycling off-road with most people doing activities to keep fit and healthy and to enjoy the countryside. There was some demand for better off-road cycling opportunities.

Eastern Cairngorms

During the public engagement process it was found that people are generally happy with the existing network although the promotion and maintenance of it could be improved. Public transport access to the Glens was noted as an issue although it was noted that the 'Heather Hopper' was a good service but finishes too early in the season.

The most popular paths identified were the track up Glen Callater to the loch and the Mounth Road (both identified by 52% of respondents). Jock's Road and Loch Muick were also very popular.

Most activities proved popular in the area with the exception of wheelchair and pushchair access. Hill walking is by far the most popular activity in the area, followed by low level walking and then cycling off-road with most people doing activities primarily to enjoy the countryside and to keep fit and healthy, many people also said they undertook activities in the area for the challenge and for fun. Cycling off-road had the highest demand for better opportunities with comparatively high demand for horse-riding also.

EASTERN CAIRNGORMS – Proposed Core Paths	
Path Ref. No.	Path Description
EC1	Dounalt walk
EC2	The Doll
EC3	Forest walk up White Water
EC4	South Esk walk
EC5	Corrie walk
EC6	Loch Brandy
EC7	Trout Loch walk
EC8	Loch Muick

Map 1
THE EASTERN
CAIRNGORMS

Proposed Core Paths Network
- for Consultation

Map Legend

-  Cairngorms National Park
-  Wider path network
-  Proposed core path
-  Exists on ground
-  Proposed new path
-  Path Reference Number



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