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Heather Hopper - Service 501

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Heather Hopper



Coming this Summer

The Heather Hopper 501 re-launches. Linking Ballater in Royal Deeside and Grantown-on-Spey.

- More connections!
- 7 day a week service

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Heather Hopper - Service 502/503



Connecting Aberdeenshire, Glenshee and Perthshire

Operates 11th May to 26th September 2009

Codes	MWF	TThS		MWF	TThS
Service Number	502	503		502	503
			Perth Park and Ride	–	1450
Aberdeen Bus Station	0845	0845	Perth Bus Station	–	1500
Culter Gordon Arms	0918	0918	Perth South Street Post Office	–	1505
Banchory High Street	0943	0943	Guildtown Bus Shelter	–	1517
Aboyne Main Street	1005	1005	Beech Hedges	–	1527
Dinnet Village Hall	1013	1013	Blairgowrie Wellmeadow dep	–	1538
Ballater Bus Depot	1024	1024	Bridge of Cally Opp. Bus Stop	–	1550
Crathie for Balmoral	1037	1037	Aberfeldy Chapel Street	1440	–
Braemar Auchendryne Square	1055	1055	Ballinluig Tulliemet Road End	1503	–
Cairnwell	1111	1111	Pitlochry West End Car Park	1522	–
Spittal of Glenshee	1124	1124	Enochdu	1547	–
Dalrulzion Hotel	1142	1142	Kirkmichael	1552	–
Kirkmichael	1152	–	Dalrulzion Hotel Opp. Bus Stop	1602	1602
Enochdu	1157	–	Spittal of Glenshee	1620	1620
Pitlochry West End Car Park	1224	–	Cairnwell	1635	1635
Ballinluig Tulliemet Road End	1235	–	Braemar Auchendryne Square	1701	1701
Aberfeldy Chapel Street	1257	–	Crathie for Balmoral	1715	1715
Bridge of Cally Opp. Bus Stop	–	1153	Ballater Bus Depot	1734	1734
Blairgowrie Wellmeadow dep	–	1211	Dinnet Village Hall	1745	1745
Beech Hedges	–	1220	Aboyne Main Street	1752	1752
Guildtown Bus Shelter	–	1230	Banchory High Street	1815	1815
Perth Bus Station	–	1251	Culter Gordon Arms	1838	1838
Perth Park and Ride	–	1302	Aberdeen Bus Station	1909	1909

CODES:

MWF Operates Mons, Weds and Fris

TThS Operates Tues, Thurs and Sats

This service is operated by Stagecoach Bluebird. See page 12 for contact details.

In areas without recognised bus stops outside of the 30mph limit this service is Hail & Ride, subject to the bus being able to stop safely.



Additional Connections:

1250 Service 57 Blairgowrie to Dundee

1305 Service 57 Blairgowrie to Perth

1445 (1500 Sat) Service 57 Dundee to Blairgowrie

1500 Service 57 Perth to Blairgowrie

1240 Service 24 (/23) Pitlochry to Perth/Aberfeldy

1453 Service 23 (/24) Perth to Pitlochry

1400 Service 23 (/24) Aberfeldy to Pitlochry

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There are two National Nature Reserves in the east of the Park at Dinnet and Glentinar. Good bus connections link Ballater and Braemar, via Dinnet and Glentinar (which requires a walk of 6km from the service bus, or use the Village Hopper service, see page 59), to Banchory and Aberdeen in the east. During the Summer, the Heather Hopper bus connects from Ballater over to Grantown-on-Spey and Speyside.

River Dee near Ballater



Muir of Dinnet

Grid ref D8, OS ref NO429996

www.nnr-scotland.org.uk

Situated between Dinnet and Aboyne, there is a visitor centre, accessible toilets and bike racks on site.



The landscape is a complex mosaic of woodland, wetlands and moorland, and it is the variety of habitats in such a small area that make the Muir of Dinnet Reserve really special. Clamber into the Burn O'Vat and you'll get a sense of the enormous power unleashed in the last Ice Age. The burn may look harmless today, but in the past it brought pebbles and boulders swirling under the ice to scour out the giant open pothole that is now the Vat. You'll see bearberry heath & aspen woodland, and goldeneye ducks.

The remainder of Muir of Dinnet is a mosaic of woodland, heath, bogs and open water. People have worked the land here for the last 8,000 years - mining, clearing the trees and burning the heather, all shaping the patterns we see now. With so many different habitats, there's also a wide variety of plants, birds and other animals to be found. Woodland makes up around a third of the Reserve and you can wander amongst the pine and birch, interspersed with tall aspen

trees. In the more open areas of the moorland, you can search for the shiny red berries of bearberry, interspersed with heather, an unusual combination that draws in some rare species of moth. On some of the wetter areas you'll find a red and green carpet of sphagnum moss that's an essential part of the distinctive bog habitat.



Loch Davan, Muir of Dinnet



Getting there without a car

Bus service numbers 210 (Aberdeen - Ballater) and 201 (Aberdeen - Braemar) both stop at Dinnet which is a short walk away from the nearest point of the Reserve and about 2.5km from Burn O'Vat. Stagecoach Buses will stop on request at the junction between the B9119 and the A93, 2.5km from Burn O'Vat. There is no roadside pavement along the B9119 to the Reserve.

The nearest cycleway is the Dinnet to Ballater section of the Deeside Way (Peterculter to Milton of Crathes). There is a network of around 19km of walks on the National Nature Reserve. These vary between 0.7km and 7km in length, with the shortest route to the Vat being the most popular. There are also links to the Deeside Way (the old Deeside Railway Line) and Forestry Commission tracks at Cambus O'May close to the National Nature Reserve. There is a 700m wheel chair accessible trail to the entrance into the Vat and toilets on site.



Near Dinnet





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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Service Number	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	202	202	201	201	201
Codes	SDO	NSD	A						NSD	NSD	SDO			
Aberdeen Bus Station	0740	0745	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1405	1405	1545	1645	1715	
Culter Hotel	0802	0807	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1427	1425	1610	1717	1747	
Culter Gordon Arms	0813	0818	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1438	1438	1621	1728	1758	
Drumoak Irvine Arms	0819	0824	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1444	1444	1627	1734	1804	
Crathes Castle Gate	0825	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1450	1450	1633	1740	1810	
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1454	1454	—	—	—
Banchory Academy bus layby	0835	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Banchory Raemair Road	0837	0837	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1459	1459	1640	1747	1817	
Banchory High Street	0843	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1505	1505	1646	1753	1823	
Banchory Corsee Road	0844	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1506	1506	1647	1754	1824	
Kincardine O'Neil	0856	0856	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1518	1518	1659	1806	1836	
Aboyne Main Street	0905	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1527	1527	1708	1815	1845	
Aboyne Academy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1535	—	—	—	—
Dinnit Village Hall	0913	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1535	1543	1716	1823	1853	
Ballater Bus Depot	0924	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1524	1548	1556	1727	1834	1904	
Crathie for Balmoral	0937	0937	—	1137	—	1337	—	—	1601	1609	1740	1847	1917	
Braemar Auchendryne Sq.	0951	0951	—	1151	—	1351	—	—	1615	1623	1754	1901	1931	

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Service Number	201	202	201	202	202	201	201	201	202	202
Codes				NF	F	NF	F	F		
Aberdeen Bus Station	1745	1815	1915	2015	2015	2115	2115	—	2215	2315
Culter Hotel	1807	1835	1935	2035	2035	2132	2132	—	2232	2331
Culter Gordon Arms	1818	1846	1946	2046	2046	2142	2142	—	2242	2341
Drumoak Irvine Arms	1824	1852	1952	2052	2052	2148	2148	—	2247	2346
Crathes Castle Gate	1830	1858	1958	2058	2058	2154	2154	—	2252	2351
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	—	1902	—	2102	2102	—	—	—	2256	2355
Banchory Raemair Road	1837	1907	2005	2107	2107	2200	2200	—	2301	0000
Banchory High Street	1843	1913	2011	2112	2112	2206	2206	—	2306	0005
Banchory Corsee Road	1844	1914	2012	2113	2113	2207	2207	—	2307	0006
Torphins Square	—	—	—	2126	2126	—	—	2224	—	0019
Kincardine O'Neil	1856	1926	2024	2133	2133	2219	2219	2231	2319	0026
Aboyne Main Street	1905	1935	2033	2142	2142	2228	2228	2240	2326	0033
Dinnit Village Hall	1913	1943	2041	2150	—	2236	2236	2248	2333	0040
Ballater Bus Depot	1924	1956	2052	2201	—	2247	2247	2259	2344	0050
Crathie for Balmoral	—	2009	—	—	—	—	2300	—	—	—
Braemar Auchendryne Square	—	2023	—	—	—	—	2314	—	—	—

CODES:

- SDO** Operates on Aberdeenshire School Days only
- NSD** Does not operate on Aberdeenshire School Days
- F** Operates on Fridays only
- NF** Does not operate on Fridays
- A** From Monday 11th May until Friday 25th Sept. continues to Pitlochry / Aberfeldy as service 502 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or to Blairgowrie / Perth on Tuesday and Thursday as service 503.

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Disclaimer - Whilst we have taken every care to make sure the timetable information in this booklet is correct, you are advised to always contact the operator before travelling, especially from October 2009 to March 2010 when some services will change to more limited winter timetables. Outwith the boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park, not all bus stops are shown in the timetables.



MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Service Number	201	202	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201
Codes	SDO		NSD									
Braemar Auchendryne Sq.	—	—	—	0751	0801	—	1001	—	1201	—	1401	—
Crathie for Balmoral	—	—	—	0805	0815	—	1015	—	1215	—	1415	—
Ballater Bus Depot	0554	0624	0654	0824	0834	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1604
Dinnet Village Hall	0605	0635	0705	0836	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1615
Aboyne Academy (SDO)	—	—	—	0844	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aboyne Main Street	0612	0642	0712	0852	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1622
Kincardine O'Neil	0620	0650	0720	0900	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1630
Banchory Corsee Road	0633	0703	0733	0913	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1643
Banchory High Street	0635	0705	0735	0915	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1645
Banchory Raemoir Road	0641	0711	0741	0921	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1650
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	—	0717	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crathes Castle Gate	0647	0723	0747	0927	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1656
Drumoak Irvine Arms	0653	0729	0753	0933	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1702
Culter Gordon Arms	0659	0735	0759	0939	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1708
Culter Hotel	0710	0746	0810	0950	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1719
Aberdeen Bus Station	0732	0816	0843	1015	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1742

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Service Number	201	201	201A	201	202	201	202	201	201F
Braemar Auchendryne Sq.	—	1631	1701	1806	—	2006	2100	—	2315
Crathie for Balmoral	—	1645	1715	1820	—	2020	2114	—	2328
Ballater Bus Depot	1634	1659	1734	1834	1928	2034	2128	2304	2341
Dinnet Village Hall	1645	—	1745	1845	1939	2045	2139	2315	—
Aboyne Main Street	1652	—	1745	1852	1946	2052	2146	2322	—
Kincardine O'Neil	1700	—	1800	1900	1954	2100	2154	2330	—
Torphins Square	—	—	—	—	1959	—	2159	—	—
Banchory Corsee Road	1713	—	1813	1913	2013	2113	2213	2343	—
Banchory High Street	1715	—	1815	1915	2015	2115	2215	2345	—
Banchory Raemoir Road	1720	—	1820	1920	2020	2120	2220	2350	—
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	—	—	—	—	2024	—	2224	—	—
Crathes Castle Main Gate	1726	—	1826	1926	2030	2126	2230	2356	—
Drumoak Irvine Arms	1732	—	1832	1932	2036	2132	2236	0002	—
Culter Gordon Arms	1738	—	1838	1938	2042	2138	2242	0008	—
Culter Hotel	1749	—	1849	1949	2053	2149	2253	0017	—
Aberdeen Bus Station	1812	—	1909	2009	2113	2209	2313	0035	—

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Balmoral Castle



Aberdeen • Banchory • Aboyne • Ballater • Braemar - Service 201

SATURDAYS

Service Number	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201
Codes	B		P											
Aberdeen Bus Station	—	0745	—	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1725	1745
Culter Hotel	—	0807	—	0907	1007	1107	1207	1305	1407	1507	1607	1707	1747	1807
Culter Gordon Arms	—	0818	—	0918	1018	1118	1218	1315	1418	1518	1618	1718	1758	1818
Drumoak Irvine Arms	—	0824	—	0924	1024	1124	1224	1322	1424	1524	1624	1724	1804	1824
Crathes Castle Gate	—	0830	—	0930	1030	1130	1230	1327	1430	1530	1630	1730	1810	1830
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1817	—
Banchory Raemair Road	—	0837	—	0937	1037	1137	1237	1333	1437	1537	1637	1737	—	1837
Banchory High Street	—	0843	—	0943	1043	1143	1243	1338	1443	1543	1643	1743	1823	1843
Banchory Corsee Road	—	0844	—	0944	1044	1144	1244	1339	1444	1544	1644	1744	1824	1844
Kincardine O'Neil	—	0856	—	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1656	1756	1836	1856
Aboyne Main Street	—	0905	—	1005	1105	1205	1305	1406	1505	1605	1705	1805	1845	1905
Dinnet Village Hall	—	0913	—	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1613	1713	1813	1853	1913
Ballater Bus Depot	0730	0924	1029	1024	1124	1224	1324	1427	1524	1624	1724	1824	1904	1924
Crathie for Balmoral	0743	0937	1042	1037	1137	—	1337	—	—	1637	1737	1837	—	—
Braemar Auchendryne Sq.	0757	0951	1056	1051	1151	—	1351	—	—	1651	1751	1851	—	—

SATURDAYS

SUNDAYS

Service Number	202	201	202	201	202	202	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201
Aberdeen Bus Station	1815	1915	2015	2115	2215	2315	0745	1015	1215	1415	1515	1715	2145	—
Culter Hotel	1835	1935	2035	2132	2232	2331	0805	1035	1235	1435	1535	1735	2205	—
Culter Gordon Arms	1846	1946	2046	2142	2242	2341	0815	1045	1245	1445	1545	1745	2215	—
Drumoak Irvine Arms	1852	1952	2052	2148	2247	2346	0821	1051	1251	1451	1551	1751	2221	—
Crathes Castle Gate	1858	1958	2058	2154	2252	2351	0827	1057	1257	1457	1557	1757	2227	—
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	1902	—	2102	—	2256	2355	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Banchory Raemair Road	1907	2005	2107	2200	2301	0000	0834	1104	1304	1504	1604	1804	2234	—
Banchory High Street	1913	2011	2113	2206	2305	0005	0840	1110	1310	1510	1610	1810	2240	—
Banchory Corsee Road	1914	2012	2114	2207	2307	0006	0841	1111	1311	1511	1611	1811	2241	—
Torphins Square	1927	2025	2127	—	—	0019	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kincardine O'Neil	1934	2032	2134	2219	2319	0026	0853	1123	1323	1523	1623	1831	2253	—
Aboyne Main Street	1943	2041	2143	2228	2326	0033	0902	1132	1332	1532	1632	1840	2302	—
Dinnet Village Hall	1951	2049	2151	2236	2339	0046	0910	1140	1340	1540	1640	1848	2310	—
Ballater Bus Depot	2002	2100	2202	2247	2344	0050	0921	1151	1351	1551	1651	1859	2321	—
Crathie for Balmoral	2015	—	—	—	—	—	0934	1204	1404	1604	—	1912	—	—
Braemar Auchendryne Sq.	2029	—	—	—	—	—	0948	1218	1418	1618	—	1926	—	—

SATURDAYS

Service Number	201	201	202	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201
Codes	Q													
Braemar Auchendryne Sq.	0533	—	—	0801	—	1001	1101	1201	—	1401	—	—	1701	1801
Crathie for Balmoral	0546	—	—	0815	—	1015	1115	1215	—	1415	—	—	1715	1815
Ballater Bus Depot	0604	0704	0804	0834	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1534	1634	1734	1834
Dinnet Village Hall	0615	0715	0815	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845
Aboyne Main Street	0622	0722	0822	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1652	1752	1852
Kincardine O'Neil	0630	0730	0830	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
Banchory Corsee Road	0643	0743	0843	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1613	1713	1813	1913
Banchory High Street	0645	0745	0845	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815	1915
Banchory Raemair Road	0651	0751	0901	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1720	1820	1920
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	—	—	0905	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crathes Castle Gate	0657	0757	0910	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1726	1826	1926
Drumoak Irvine Arms	0703	0803	0916	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1631	1732	1832	1932
Culter Gordon Arms	0709	0809	0922	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1639	1738	1838	1938
Culter Hotel	0720	0820	0933	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1749	1849	1949
Aberdeen Bus Station	0740	0845	0958	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1809	1909	2009

SATURDAYS

Service Number	202	201	202	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201
Braemar Auchendryne Sq.	1900	—	2100	—	—	0957	—	1301	1501	1731	1931
Crathie for Balmoral	1914	—	2114	—	—	1011	—	1315	1515	1745	1945
Ballater Bus Depot	1928	2034	2128	2304	0820	1030	1234	1334	1534	1804	2004
Dinnit Village Hall	1937	2045	2137	2315	0831	1041	1245	1345	1545	1815	2015
Aboyne Main Street	1944	2052	2144	2322	0838	1048	1252	1352	1552	1822	2022
Kincardine O'Neil	1952	2100	2152	2330	0846	1056	1300	1400	1600	1830	2030
Torphins Square	1959	—	2159	—	0853	1103	—	—	—	—	—
Banchory Corsee Road	2013	2113	2213	2343	0908	1118	1313	1413	1613	1843	2043
Banchory High Street	2015	2115	2215	2345	0909	1119	1315	1415	1615	1845	2045
Banchory Raemoir Road	2020	2120	2220	2350	0915	1125	1321	1421	1621	1851	2051
Hill of Banchory Primary Sch	2024	—	2224	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crathes Castle Gate	2030	2126	2230	2356	0921	1131	1327	1427	1627	1857	2057
Drumoak Irvine Arms	2036	2132	2236	0002	0927	1137	1333	1433	1633	1903	2103
Culter Gordon Arms	2042	2138	2242	0008	0933	1143	1339	1439	1639	1909	2109
Cults Hotel	2053	2149	2253	0017	0943	1153	1349	1449	1649	1919	2119
Aberdeen Bus Station	2113	2209	2313	0035	1003	1213	1409	1509	1709	1939	2139

CODES:

- B** Operates from Saturday 16th May to Saturday 26th September.
- P** Operates until Saturday 9th May and from Saturday 3rd Oct. 2009. From 16th May to 26th Sept. this service operates as service 503 to Perth via Blairgowrie.

- Q** Operates as Service 503 to Aberdeen from Saturday 16th May to Saturday 26th September.

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MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS

Codes	M-S	M-F	M-F	SA
Aberdeen Bus Station	0900	1640	1802	1802
Woodend Hospital Gates	0918	1708	1825	1820
Elrick Straik Road	0930	1721	1836	1830
Cairnie Crossroads	0934	1725	1840	1834
Garlogie	0937	1728	1843	1837
Echt	0941	1732	1847	1841
Midmar	0949	1740	1855	1849
Torphins The Square	0954	1745	1900	1854
Lumphanan Bus Shelter	1001	1752	1907	1901
Tarland	1015	1806	1921	1915
Aboyne Main Street	1023	—	1929	1923
Ordie	—	1810	—	—
Dinnit Village Hall	1030	1814	1936	1930
Ballater Bus Depot	1042	1826	1948	1942

This service is run by Stagecoach Bluebird, see page 12 for contact details.

Check with operator for ability to carry bicycles.

Disclaimer - Whilst we have taken every care to make sure the timetable information in this booklet is correct, you are advised to always contact the operator before travelling, especially from October 2009 to March 2010 when some services will change to more limited winter timetables. Outwith the boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park, not all bus stops are shown in the timetables.

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS

Codes	M-F	SA*	M-S	F KIN
Ballater Bus Depot	0640	0727	1200	—
Dinnit Village Hall	0651	0738	1211	—
Ordie	0655	—	—	—
Aboyne Main Street	—	0746	1219	2145
Aboyne Academy	—	—	—	2150
Tarland	0659	0754	1227	2200
Lumphanan Bus Shelter	0713	0808	1241	2216
Torphins Square	0720	—	1248	2223
Midmar	0725	—	1253	—
Echt	0733	—	1301	—
Garlogie	0737	—	1305	—
Cairnie Crossroads	0740	—	1308	—
Elrick Straik Road	0744	—	1312	—
Westhill Tesco	—	—	1316	—
Woodend Hosp. Gates	0801	—	1326	—
Aberdeen Bus Station	0830	—	1348	—

CODES:

- M-F** Monday to Friday
- SA** Saturday only
- M-S** Monday to Saturday
- *** Continues to Aberdeen as Service 202
- F KIN** Service 213, Friday only. Continues to Ballater as Service 201. 213 not operated by wheelchair accessible vehicles.



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Glen Tanar

Grid ref C8, OS ref NO475950

www.glentantar.co.uk ranger@glentantar.co.uk

There is a ranger service, and a visitor centre which includes a toilet suitable for disabled people, and a 400m access trail.



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The tranquil woodlands of Glen Tanar are the most easterly part of the ancient Caledonian pine forest and can give you a profound sense of timelessness. The gnarled centuries-old pine trees, regenerating seedlings of the future forest and the ephemeral clouds of pine pollen all tell a story of continuity and change. The network of estate tracks and waymarked trails give you a chance to explore this Reserve at your own pace, perhaps to see breeding golden eagle, osprey, merlin and peregrine.

The crystal-clear Water of Tanar rushes through the middle of the Reserve on its way to the nearby River Dee. This is a landscape shaped by the last ice age, and the later forces of mankind including timber extraction, farming, and up to 1938, red deer.

Beyond the woodland the open moors beckon, rising up to Mt Keen, dressed in their purple-dyed cloak of summer heather, with the slowly advancing green tide of the pinewood. The stark mosaic of burned patches of moorland provides a home for the low-flying red grouse and is also an important place for the hen harrier. Keep an eye out for a flash of the male's distinctive grey wings as it sweeps close to the ground in a hungry search for birds and small mammals.



Peregrine

GLENTANAR

Glen Tanar



Getting there without a car

The 201 and 210 bus services from Aberdeen run through Aboyne about 6km away. You can pre-book a ride from the Deeside Village Hopper service - you must book ahead, ring 013398 85222 between 9.30-12.30 weekdays, to check when it runs. Or take the Heather Hopper, a Summer cross-Cairngorms bus service, from Grantown-on-Spey to Ballater and the service bus onto Aboyne.

Sustrans Route 1 (Edinburgh-Aberdeen-John O'Groats) is the nearest cycleway. Leave the route at Aberdeen and follow the A93 to Aboyne, or leave at

Stonehaven and follow the A957 to Crathes, then turn onto the A93 to Aboyne. At Aboyne turn onto the B968 to Birsemore then right onto the A976. Continue straight ahead onto the minor road at the sharp corner 6km from Birsemore and follow this road to the car park. Walking, you can take a detour from the nearby Deeside Way, which follows the path of the old railway line to Ballater. Trail guides are available on Glen Tanar's website and at the Visitor Centre. See

www.discoverroyaldeeside.com for more information.



Glen Tanar

