

Ballater

During the public engagement process it was found that there is a need for safe off-road links to neighbouring communities and the wider path network, particularly in the Pass of Ballater and on the South Deeside Road to access Glen Muick and the Seven Bridges Walk. There is also a requirement for attention to specific parts of the path network to make the wider network accessible to wheelchairs and powered scooters.

The most popular path identified was the Old Deeside Line (55% of respondents) closely followed by the golf course path, Seven Bridges Walk and the paths around Craigendarroch hill (approx 50% of respondents). There was high demand for an off-road route along the section of the Seven Bridges Walk which follows the South Deeside Road.

Most activities proved popular in the area although low level walking was by far the most popular, followed by hill walking and then cycling both on and off-road. Most people doing activities did so to enjoy the countryside and also to keep fit and healthy. A lot of people also did them just to get about but few people do so to get to work or school. There was some demand for better low level walking routes and a comparatively high demand for better opportunities for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

BALLATER – Proposed Core Paths	
Path Ref. No.	Path Description
UDE4	Deeside Way
UDE28	Seven Bridges (circular walk)
UDE29	Golf Course (circular route)
UDE30	Craigendarroch (circular walk)
UDE31	Cinder path
UDE32	Cinder path extension
UDE33	Sgor Buidhe walk
UDE34	Pannanich Woods circular walk

Interim Draft
Core Paths Plan

Map 6
BALLATER

Upper Deeside

Proposed Core Paths Network
- for Consultation

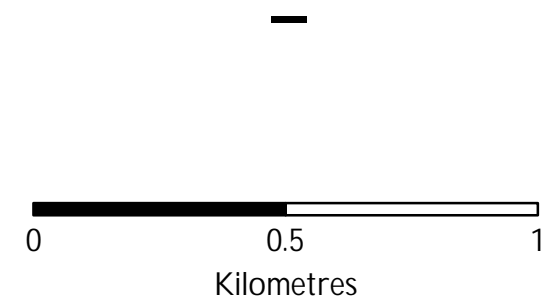
Map Legend

Proposed core path

— Exists on ground

- - - Proposed new route

UDE1 Path Reference Number



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