

Upper Donside

During the public engagement process it was found that access to and across the River Don needs to be improved, however, there was a lack of consensus on any specific crossing points. There is demand for promotion of circular routes in the area and in Corgarff and Strathdon in particular. The most popular paths identified were over Mona Gowan towards Candacraig. The right of way from Cockbridge to Tomintoul via Inchrory was also very popular.

Low level walking was by far the most popular activity in the area followed by dog walking and hill walking with all of the respondees doing activities to keep fit and healthy and many to enjoy the countryside. There was high demand for better low level walking routes, particularly for walking with a pushchair.





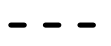

Strathdon

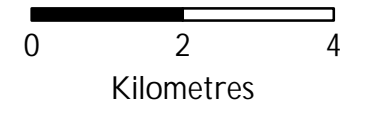
During the public engagement process it was found that there is a need to maintain tracks, particularly where trees have blown down and there is demand for safe off-road routes providing for a wide range of users, particularly for access to the school and for people with pushchairs and wheelchairs. Paths in the area need better signage, way-marking and promotion. The most popular paths identified were the Ben Newe Woodlands, the path to the north-west of the Doune at Bellabeg and the track to Lost.

Activities carried out in the area were fairly limited with walking and dog walking being equally popular followed by hill walking and then on-road cycling. Most people doing activities did so primarily to enjoy the countryside and also to keep fit and healthy. There was a demand for better dog walking routes and improved low level walks and off-road cycle routes. There was a comparatively high demand for better wheelchair and pushchair access. A large proportion of respondents indicated that better opportunities for different activities would encourage them to get outdoors more.

STRATHDON – Proposed Core Paths	
Path Ref. No.	Path Description
UDO1	Doune
UDO2	Bellabeg to Colquhonnies
UDO3	Roughpark/School/Bellabeg
UDO4	Bellabeg to Forbridge Hill cycle route

Map Legend

-  Cairngorms National Park
-  Wider path network
-  Proposed core path
-  Exists on ground
-  Proposed new path
-  **UDE1** Path Reference Number



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