Map 24

Upper Badenoch and Strathspey

The map on the opposite page shows the proposed core paths network for the Upper Badenoch and Strathspey area. The paths proposed within this area have been chosen because they best fit with the objectives of the Core Paths Plan and the priorities in the Outdoor Access Strategy¹⁷. The Outdoor Access Strategy identifies a need to develop better networks of paths around communities as well as links between communities. There is also a need to provide safe walking and cycling routes to get to schools and work and to develop further opportunities for less able people. A great deal of work has already been done in this area most notably by the Newtonmore Community Woodland and Development Trust and the Laggan Forest Trust. More recently these groups have been supported by the Highland Access Project. Paths in this area are popular with both visitors and residents and facilities such as the Laggan Wolftrax mountain bike course provides a strong focus in this area. These paths are popular and will help land managers manage access on their land. The woods either side of the A86 are very popular with both natural features, Falls of Pattack (UBS26), and archaeological features, Blackwood Trail (UBS22) being popular places of interest.

The River Spey (LBS1) is popular locally, nationally, internationally and commercially as a quality canoe touring river providing opportunities for a range of paddle sports and abilities throughout its length. The River Spey is also vitally important to the local economy for fishing interests. The proposal to designate the River Spey fits well with the objectives of the core paths network, particularly in relation to helping land managers to manage access, provision for a range of activities, range of abilities, range of popular paths and helping to deliver the priorities for the area within the Outdoor Access Strategy.

The table below lists only those paths which are not fully covered by the detailed maps further on in the document. A number of these are detailed in the inset map of Falls of Truim in the bottom left hand corner of the map.

Upper Badenoch and Strathspey Proposed Core Paths			
Path Ref No	Path Name/Description	Path Ref No	Path Name/Description
LBS1	The River Spey	UBS26	Falls of Pattack
UBS8	Glen Banchor	UBS28	Sustrans Route 7
UBS9	Sustrans Route 7	UBS32	Lochan Uvie Spey Access Point
UBS12	Falls of Truim		
UBS13	Riverside Path		

¹⁷ Enjoying the Cairngorms: Cairngorms National Park Outdoor Access Strategy 2007-2012 (CNPA 2007), is available on the CNPA website or on request.

