

Welcome to Newtonmore

Located close to the centre of Scotland, Newtonmore sits at the mouth of Glen Banchor surrounded by high mountains and commanding fantastic views up and down Badenoch. A true Highland village in every sense of the word, Newtonmore is famous for shinty, the Clan Macpherson and is a great place to enjoy the outdoors. It is also home to the Wildcat Trail, a lovely varied walk with outstanding views and the centre of the village is the start / finish point of the Speyside Way long distance route.



For information on local events, facilities and accommodation visit:

newtonmore.com

and look out for information on local notice boards.

Other useful websites:

visitcairngorms.com

cairngorms.co.uk

badenochstorylands.com

 **Newtonmore Business Association**



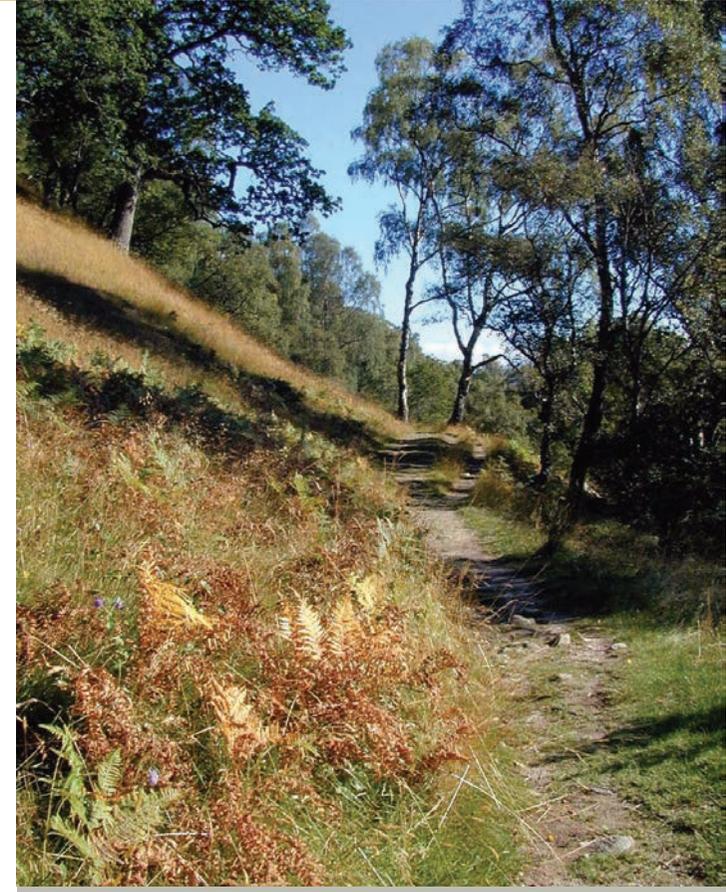
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Discover the Wildcat Trail



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Outdoor Activities



Newtonmore is a great place for outdoor activities including walking, climbing, cycling, golf, fishing, canoeing, bowls, tennis, and more. Newtonmore Highland Games take place on the first Saturday in August.



On most Saturdays from March until September you can watch the traditional Highland game of shinty on the Eilan, which is the home of one of the most successful clubs in the game.

More walks and trails

Glen Banchor

(See inner map for start point – marked in orange)

Following Glen Road out of the village the road climbs quickly into the beautiful Glen Banchor before reaching the Dalchurn Bridge at the road end (1½ miles). There is also small parking area here at the road end.

This glen was inhabited by almost 300 people in the early 19th century, but they were gradually cleared to the “New Town of the Moor” to make way for sheep. Historically there were eight townships – small collections of rough houses built of stone, turf and timber where crofters lived. Reconstructions of these croft houses can be seen at the Highland Folk Museum.

Today, the area is a rich archaeological landscape with the remains of the township houses, farmsteads, enclosures, cairns, shielings and hut circles dotted throughout the area – the locations of these are marked on Ordnance Survey maps.

Newtonmore Heritage Trail Leaflet

For an enjoyable stroll around the village pick up the Newtonmore Heritage Trail leaflet to discover more about the local history.

Enjoy panoramic views in all directions, while walking in and around the village.



Other things to do



Highland Folk Museum

Step back in time and visit the open air Highland Folk Museum, where you can explore over 35 historic buildings and discover the traditional way of life in the Highlands (free entry).



Clan Macpherson Museum

The Clan Macpherson Museum (April to October, free admission) will give you a great variety of information on famous Macphersons – whose coat of arms features the wildcat – as well as local history.

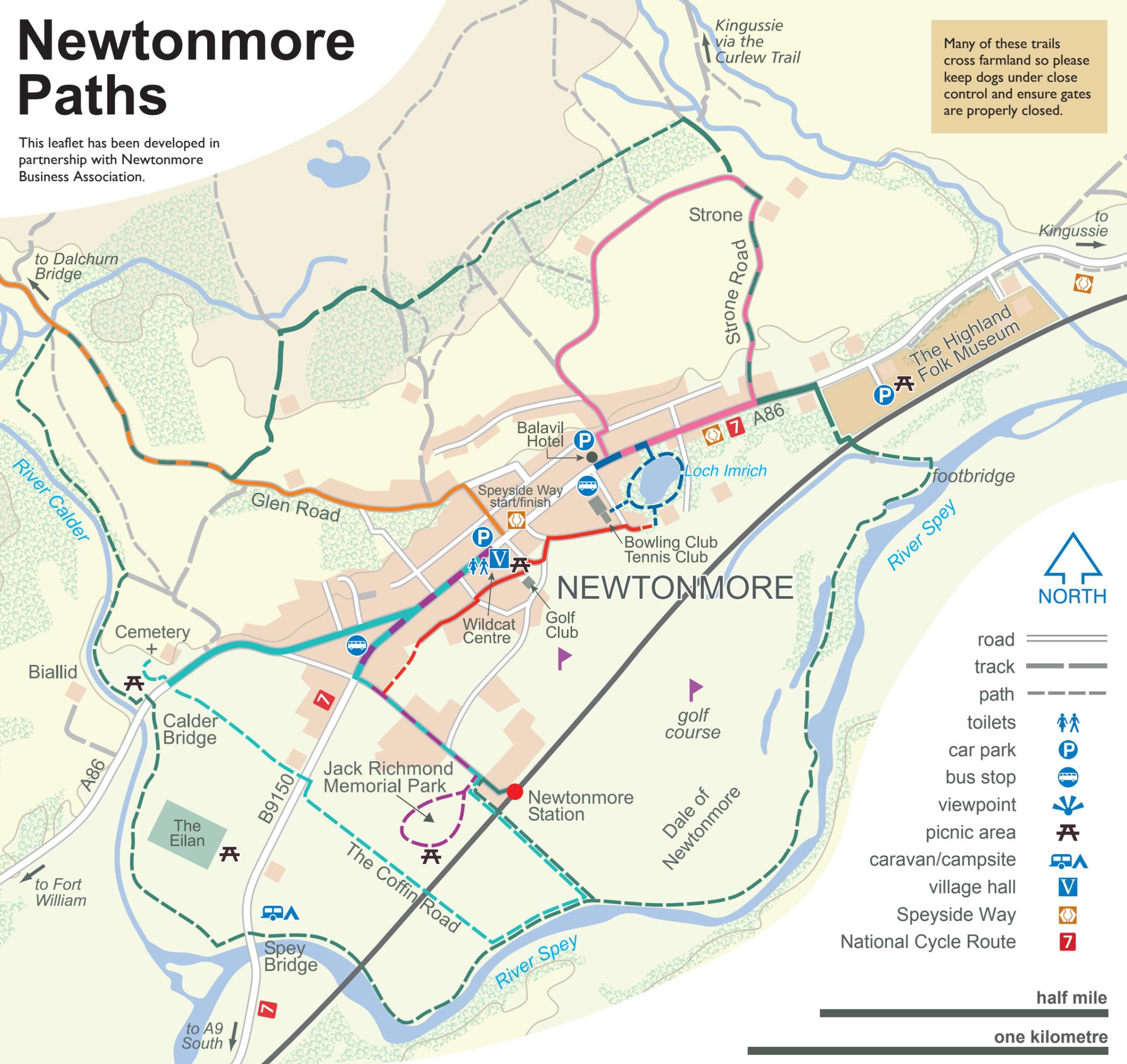
Wildcat Centre

Visit the Wildcat Centre and take part in the ‘Wildcat Experience’ – a unique treasure hunt to discover 132 painted model wildcats, great for children and adults alike!

Newtonmore Paths

This leaflet has been developed in partnership with Newtonmore Business Association.

Many of these trails cross farmland so please keep dogs under close control and ensure gates are properly closed.



The Wildcat Trail

An iconic orbital path through woodland, moorland and alongside rivers, offering wonderful views. Further details of this walk can be found in the Wildcat Trail booklet, available to buy locally.

Narrow uneven earthy paths, some rough, stony and muddy. Some sections across grassy fields with livestock present. Gates and railway crossing.

 **strenuous** | 6½ miles / 10 km
Allow 3-4 hours

Jack Richmond Memorial Park

A pleasant stroll along the Main Street and down Station Road takes you to this lovely woodland park.

Pavements and road to reach park, grassy and gravel paths around park which are mostly smooth and firm.

 **easy** | 1½ miles / 2.6 km
Allow 1 hour

Distance and time for return to start

The Coffin Road

This was the route taken by funerals which crossed the river Spey by ferry to reach the cemetery at St Bridget's Chapel. There are information panels along the coffin road route.

Pavements and roads around the village, the coffin road route follows over rough grass fields with gates.

 **moderate** | 2¾ miles / 4.5 km
Allow 2 hours

Milk Cow Path

A short walk along the golf course to Station Road which is an alternative route to reach the Jack Richmond Memorial Park. You can spot model wildcats others may have missed. For a circular walk come back along the main street.

Mostly road with some narrow earth paths that can be uneven and muddy. Short moderate slopes.

 **moderate** | ½ mile / 1 km
Allow 15 minutes

Loch Imrich Loop

Situated 100 yards away from the Balavil Hotel, this kettle hole is a great place for wildlife and a perfect pre or post dinner stroll. Information panels tell you more.

Mostly smooth paths which can be muddy after rain. Gates at all entry points to loch.

 **easy** | ½ mile / 0.8 km
Allow 15 minutes

Distance and time to / from hotel

Strone Road

A great circular route giving some of the best views of the Glen Feshie Hills and south to the Drumochter Pass.

Minor roads and pavements with a long moderate slope. Cattle grids with gates.

 **moderate** | 1½ miles / 2.4 km
Allow 1 hour

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