#### The Great North Road

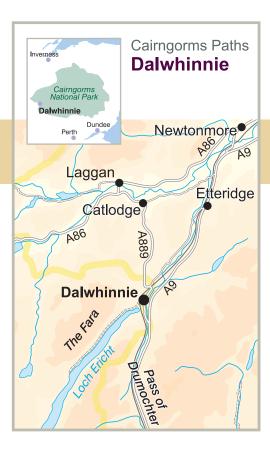
Originally a military road built by General Wade, the road through the village became a part of the Great North Road, which in turn became the A9. Before the coming of the bypass in the 1970s Dalwhinnie was an important stop for the more modern traveller, and what are now houses along the main street were once shops and tea rooms.



#### **Drovers**

Loch Ericht on a still day can seem peaceful and serene, but travel back 200 years and you would have been greeted with the sights and smells of herds of cattle being driven down to the great markets of the Lowlands.

Coming through Feagour to the west and Etteridge to the north, drovers would bring their herds to rest and drink at the lochside before setting up camp themselves for the night. The toll house where they would pay a penny to take their animals to the lochside is now a private house in the village.



For information on paths, local events, facilities and accommodation:

Tourist Information Point notice board at hall

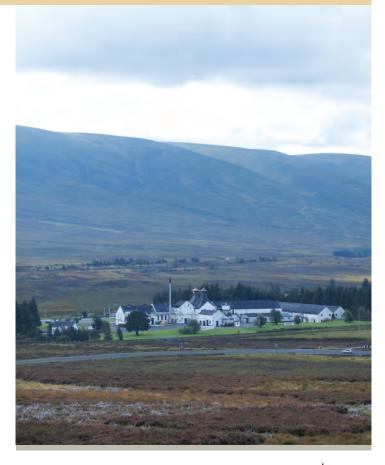
Useful web sites:

www.visitcairngorms.com www.cairngorms.co.uk

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### Dalwhinnie Trails

Explore the highest village in the Highlands





# Dalwhinnie Trails

#### Welcome to Dalwhinnie

Surrounded by mountains and at the head of Loch Ericht, Dalwhinnie at a height of 351 metres lays claim to be the highest village in the Scottish Highlands. Although with a year-round average temperature of just over 6 degrees Dalwhinnie is one of the coldest inhabited places in the British Isles, the village has always prided itself on offering a warm welcome to travellers, a tradition that it maintains to the present day.

The name Dalwhinnie itself reflects something of that tradition, coming either from the Gaelic Dail-chuinnidh, "warriors meadow", Dail Coinneamh, "meadow of the meeting place" or even Dail Cinneadh the "meadow of the clansmen". Dalwhinne was where two important drove roads met, and drovers would stop to rest their cattle before beginning the often-difficult crossing of the Drumochter pass to the south.

We hope that this map will help you to enjoy your visit to Dalwhinnie, and to perhaps explore a little of the village's long and varied history.

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#### **Coachan Wood View Point**

A challenging walk up a steep hill with rewarding views up the pass of Drumochter.

Distance: up to 3½ miles (there and back)

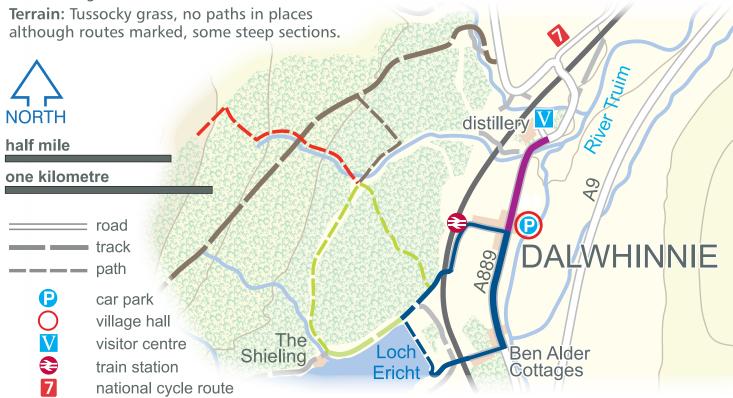
Approximate time: up to 2 hours

Start: Village Hall

### Distillery Walk

**Distance**: 1mile (there and back) **Approximate time**: 30-45 minutes

**Start:** Village Hall **Terrain:** Pavement



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#### **Forest Walks**

Distance: up to 31/2 miles

Approximate time: up to 2 hours

Start: Village Hall

**Terrain:** Tussocky grass, no paths in places although routes marked, some steep sections.

#### **Loch Ericht Walk**



Distance: 1½ miles

Approximate time: 30-45 minutes

**Start:** Village Hall

Terrain: Pavements then wide estate tracks,

gentle gradients.

