

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



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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". Dalwhinnie 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






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



half mile

one kilometre

 road
 track
 path

 car park
 village hall
 visitor centre
 train station
 national cycle route



Forest Walks 

Distance: up to 3½ miles
Approximate time: up to 2 hours
Start: Village Hall

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

Distillery Walk 

Distance: 1 mile (there and back)
Approximate time: 30-45 minutes
Start: Village Hall
Terrain: Pavement



Loch Ericht Walk 

This is a straightforward walk around Dalwhinnie and Loch Ericht with fine views of the loch and the mountains. Take care when crossing the railway line.

Distance: 1½ miles
Approximate time: 30-45 minutes
Start: Village Hall

Terrain: Pavements then wide estate tracks, gentle gradients.