

Welcome to Boat of Garten!

A peaceful Highland village on the River Spey within the Cairngorms Natural Park. Abundant wildlife, magnificent scenery, diverse sporting and leisure activities and a traditional Highland welcome can be found as you explore the village. Boat of Garten is the hub of the Strathspey Railway and also makes a great stopover for walkers on the Speyside Way and cyclists on National Cycle Route 7.



Boat of Garten Trails

A network of paths and tracks lead out of the village, providing a variety of circular routes to enjoy with fine views, a rich local history and abundant wildlife.

This leaflet suggests eight waymarked trails of varying length, most of which start and finish in Boat of Garten, so you can give the car a rest! However, please take a few minutes to read the route descriptions on the map before you set out, just to make sure that your chosen trail is suitable for you and any others in your group. Timings are very approximate depending on how fast you walk and how much wildlife you see!

You can also combine some of the trails to make a longer expedition. Many of the trails are also great for cycling.



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

Visitor Information Centres:

Granttown on Spey: **01479 872 242**

Aviemore: **01479 810 930**

RSPB Osprey Centre: **01479 831 476**

If you enjoyed 'Boat of Garten Trails', look out for other Community Path Leaflets to help you explore more of the Cairngorms National Park

useful web sites:
www.boatofgarten.com
www.cairngorms.co.uk
www.visitcairngorms.com

Cover photo: View of Cairngorms from Pine Marten Trail

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Discover the Osprey Village




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Red Squirrel Trail

Circular walk that takes you out of the village, through Scots Pine woods before joining Kinchurdy Road and back to Station Square.

Distance: 3 miles (4.8km)

Approximate time: 1½ hours

Start: Station Square

Terrain: Pavement, uneven forest path and tracks, steep where the trail joins Kinchurdy road but this can be avoided.

Heron Trail

Short walk to reach circular walk around purpose-built path at Milton Loch.

Distance: under 1 mile (1.6km)

Approximate time: 30 minutes

Start: Station Square

Terrain: Pavement, well made path.

Salmon Trail

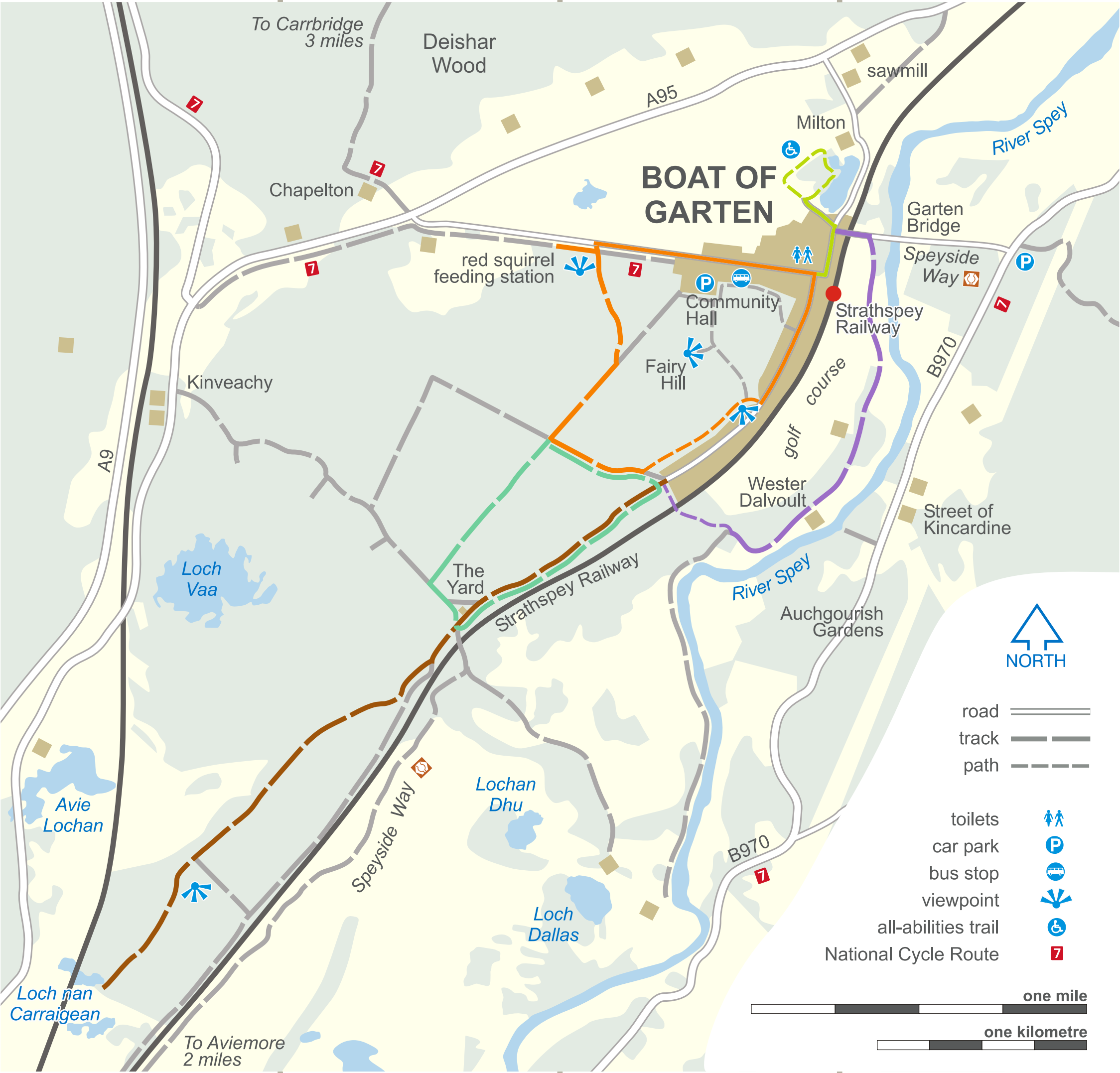
Circular walk along Kinchurdy Road to the edge of the village, across the railway by stile, and alongside the River Spey.

Distance: 2½ miles (4km)

Approximate time: 1 hour

Start: Station Square

Terrain: Quiet road, forest track and stile crossing, farm track. Keep dogs on leads near livestock.



Pine Marten Trail

An 'out and back' trail to a small loch with views of the mountains. Route is adjacent to Strathspey Railway - ideal for trainspotters! Good route for cycling.

Distance: 7 miles (11.3km)

Approximate time: 3½ hours

Start: Station Square

Terrain: Quiet road and uneven forest track; mostly flat.



Roe Deer Trail

Circular walk extending Red Squirrel trail into woodland by forest tracks and small path.

Distance: 1½ miles (2.4km)

Approximate time: 40 minutes

Start: Waymarked junction in woods

Terrain: Broad forest tracks, smaller linking path.



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The Original Osprey Village

Boat of Garten is the original Osprey Village. Ospreys disappeared from Scotland in the early 20th century, but a pair established a nesting site at nearby Loch Garten in 1954, heralding a return of this iconic bird as a breeding species across Scotland. The RSPB Osprey Centre at Loch Garten is now a major tourist attraction that enthralls thousands of people every year with this conservation success story.



You can walk, cycle or take the bus to the centre, watching out for ospreys and other wildlife as you go.



Osprey Trail

Longer walk or cycle route from Boat of Garten to the Osprey Centre at Loch Garten, initially by road (beware of traffic) then waymarked forest tracks. Return same way or combine with other route.

Distance: 3 miles (4.8km)

Approximate time: 1½ hours

Start: Station Square

Terrain: Pavement, short section on road, waymarked forest paths (Speyside Way and RSPB Red and Blue trails).

Garten Woods

Circular woodland walk using RSPB Red and Blue (also Speyside Way) waymarked trails.

Distance: 2 miles (3.2km)

Approximate time: 1 hour

Start: Car Park at Garten Woods on B970.

Terrain: Forest tracks.

Loch Mallachie

Circular waymarked walk linking Loch Garten with Loch Mallachie.

Distance: 1½ miles (2.4km)

Approximate time: 45 mins

Start: Car Park at Loch Garten

Terrain: Forest tracks, muddy in places.

