

Welcome to Atholl

Atholl is a beautiful blend of rivers, forests, glens and mountains making it a great place to go walking so come and visit for a walk steeped in history and wildlife.

The walks in this leaflet have been specially selected for their local flavour. They include two simple walks from Blair Atholl alongside the River Tilt and River Garry, an easy woodland walk in Struan with close connections to Clan Donnachaidh/Robertson and three more adventurous walks into upland areas that offer classic views of the surrounding Perthshire countryside.

Take your pick. Welcome and enjoy!



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

**Blair Atholl Information
and Ranger Centre**

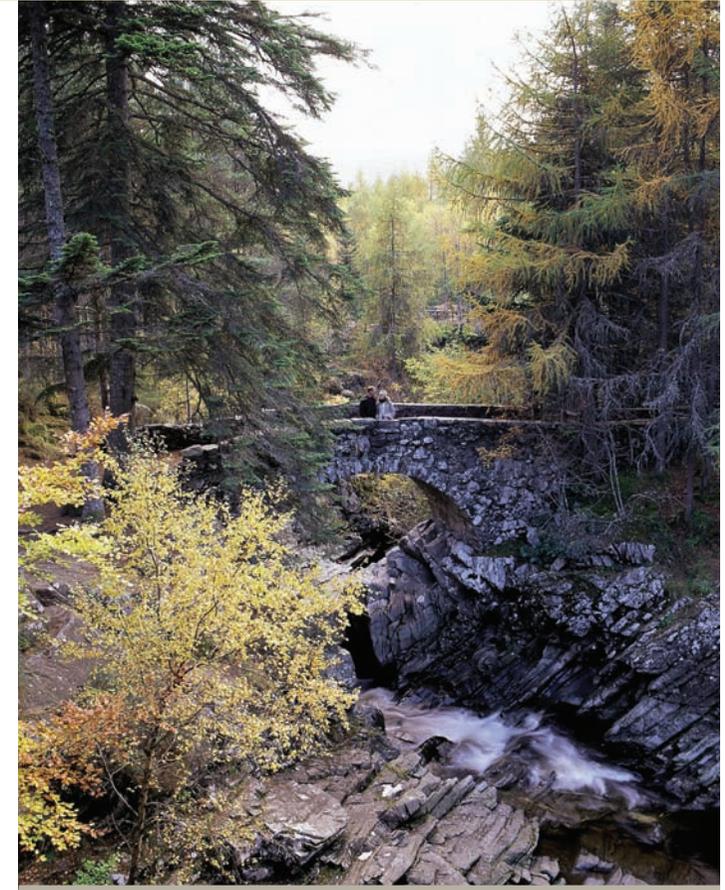
Useful web sites:

www.blairatholl.org.uk
www.atholl-estates.co.uk
www.visitcairngorms.com
www.cairngorms.co.uk

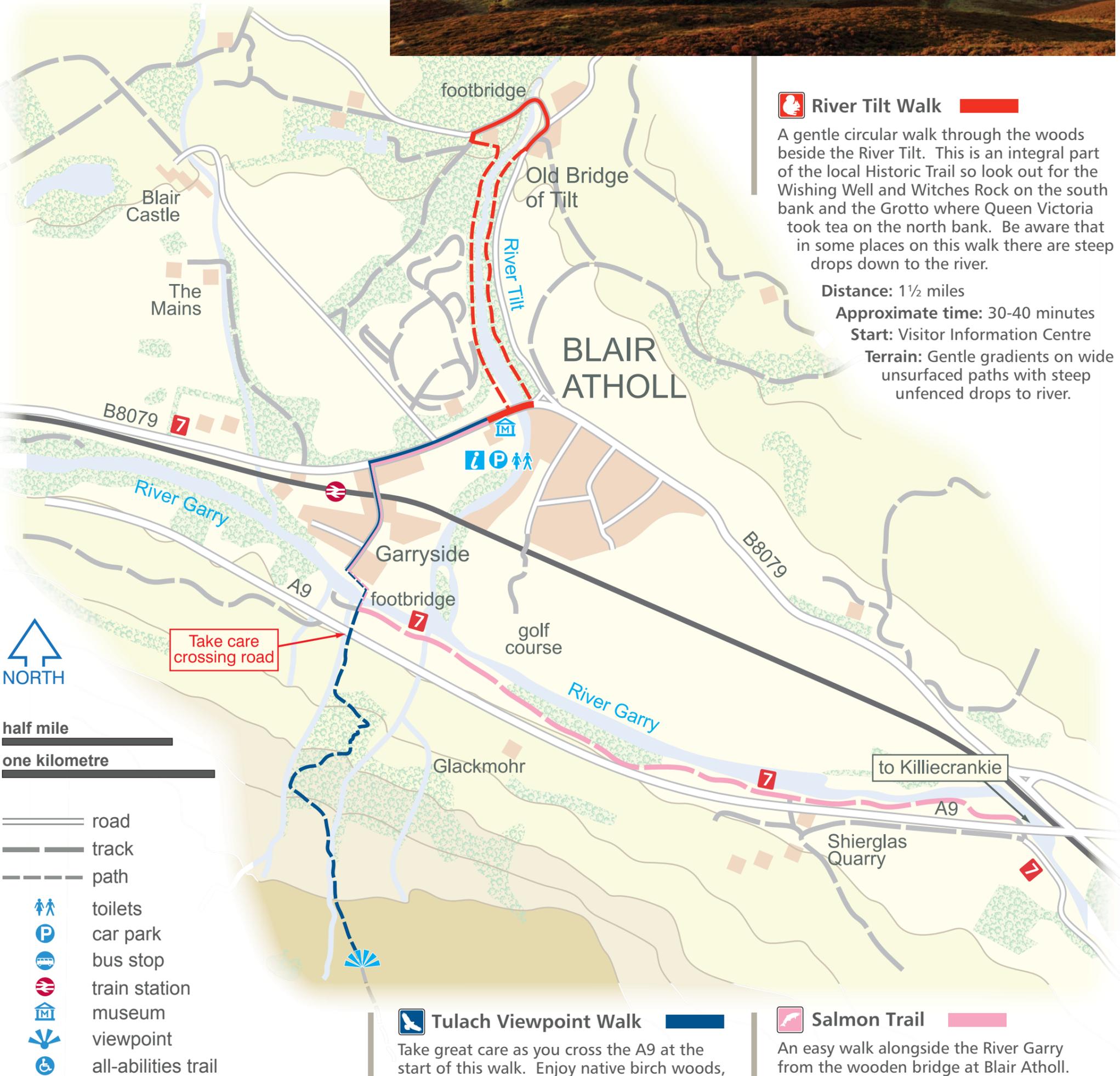
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River Tilt Walk

A gentle circular walk through the woods beside the River Tilt. This is an integral part of the local Historic Trail so look out for the Wishing Well and Witches Rock on the south bank and the Grotto where Queen Victoria took tea on the north bank. Be aware that in some places on this walk there are steep drops down to the river.

Distance: 1½ miles

Approximate time: 30-40 minutes

Start: Visitor Information Centre

Terrain: Gentle gradients on wide unsurfaced paths with steep unfenced drops to river.

Tulach Viewpoint Walk

Take great care as you cross the A9 at the start of this walk. Enjoy native birch woods, appreciate the commanding position of Blair Castle and admire the outstanding view of the Atholl hills and glens, especially the Beinn a Glos and Ben Vrackie. In places the path can be steep and narrow.

Distance: 3 miles return

Approximate time: 1½ to 2 hours
Continue to the top of the hill: add an hour!

Start: Visitor Information Centre

Terrain: Pavements and minor road followed by steep gradients on unsurfaced narrow paths.

Salmon Trail

An easy walk alongside the River Garry from the wooden bridge at Blair Atholl. Keep an eye out for migrating salmon especially from June to October. You can return by bus from Killiecrankie if you make it that far and the timing is right! Beyond the gate below the A9 bridge be ready to step aside for trucks travelling to and from the Shierglas quarry.

Distance: 2 miles or 4 miles to Killiecrankie

Approximate time: 40-60 minutes to/from the gate at the Quarry Road, 1½ to 2 hours continuing to Killiecrankie.

Start: Visitor Information Centre

Terrain: Pavements, minor road and surface tracks with low gradients.

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Struan Point Walk

Every step along this gentle uphill walk through the heather provides colourful vistas across Glen Garry to the Forest of Atholl and Glen Bruar. Keep eyes peeled for evidence of red deer and grouse on the higher ground. The A9 and Highland railway line below are distant reminders of man in the landscape. Return the way you came.

Distance: 2½ miles return

Approximate time: 1½ to 2hrs

Start: Sign opposite turn to old Struan

Terrain: Steep gradients on unsurfaced paths

Struan Kirk Walk

This walk starts below the railway bridge built by Joseph Mitchell in the 1860's. It's a flat walk, the first part as far as Struan Kirk overlooks a fast flowing rocky section of the River Garry. Struan Kirk has been associated with Clan Donnachaidh/Robertson since the Battle of Bannockburn (1314). The return leg winds through local woodlands to the starting point in Struan. Watch for traffic on the B847.

Distance: 1½ miles

Approximate time: 30-40 minutes

Start: Railway Bridge

Terrain: Un-surfaced rocky path, undefined route across fields with gentle gradients. Unsurfaced woodland paths and minor road.



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Falls of Bruar Walk

This classic walk starting at the House of Bruar was made famous in a poem by Robert Burns urging the Duke of Atholl to plant trees in the immediate area. The walk overlooks a series of impressive waterfalls and pools.

Distance: 1½ miles

Approximate time: 30-45 minutes

Start: House of Bruar

Terrain: Built path with gentle gradients to first bridge but then steeper and rougher towards the top with steep unfenced drops to river.