

Welcome to Carrbridge

In 1808 a 'Plan of the Intended Village at the Bridge of Carr' was drawn out. The Old Bridge of Carr had been built in 1717 as a footbridge. In 1791 a new toll bridge was built for wheeled transport particularly for use by the military. The 'T' junction at the new bridge was seen as a 'settlement-site-in-waiting' and it didn't take long before the first building was completed. Not surprisingly, this was an Inn and so began Carrbridge's tradition of a good highland welcome.

As you will discover, the village has many short and pleasant walks. In particular the woods contain a variety of mature and young trees and are home to many of the area's specialities such as Scottish crossbill, crested tit and red squirrel.

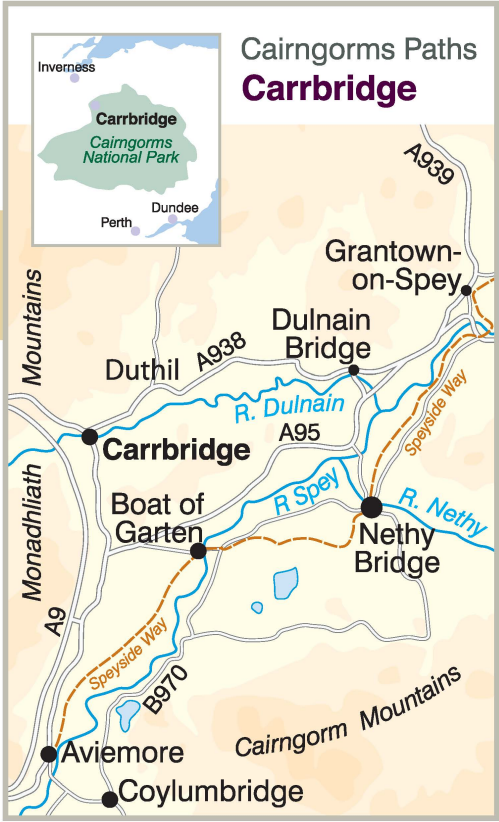


Carrbridge Paths

Paths and tracks lead out of the village, with fine views, a rich local history and abundant wildlife. This leaflet suggests seven routes of varying length. Many are circular paths so you can give the car a rest! Each colour-coded route is shown on the map and there are corresponding coloured waymarkers along each path. However, please take a few minutes to read the route descriptions on the map before you set out, just to make sure that the path you choose is suitable for you and any others in your group.

Carrbridge Paths Group

The Carrbridge Paths Group is a community led group working to develop, maintain and promote a quality path network around Carrbridge for the benefit of local people, visitors and land owners. To find out more check out www.carrbridge.com



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

Tourist Information Point

Carrbridge: at main car park (see map inside)

Visitor Information Centre

Aviemore: 01479 810930

Useful web sites:

www.carrbridge.com

www.visitcairngorms.com

www.visitwoods.org.uk

www.walkhighlands.co.uk

www.sustrans.org.uk

If you enjoyed using the 'Carrbridge Paths' look out for other community paths leaflets to help you explore more of the Park.

Cairngorms Paths

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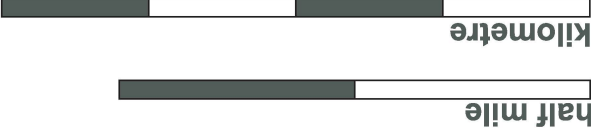
Come and explore



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Final mile is 'off-road' on estate track.

Terrain: Minor road for about a mile coming out from Carrbridge. Watch out for traffic on the road.

Start: Main Car Park in Carrbridge

Approx Time: 1 - 1½ hours (one-way)

Distance: 2miles (3.2kms) one-way

A straightforward walk following a section of the National Cycle Network Route 7. The route passes through pine and birch wood and has open views of moorland. Let your mind go back in time and march with the redcoats over Sluggan Bridge!

Carrbridge to Sluggan Bridge NCN7



Sluggan Bridge About two and a half miles upriver is the old, hump-backed bridge at Sluggan. This is the second bridge to be built where General Wade's redcoats used to ford the river. The first was built in the 1760's as part of the military road network. The low, two arched bridge turned out to be too low when it was swept away by the great flood of 1829. It was then replaced with a high, single span bridge. Repaired by Sustrans, the bridge is now part of the National Cycle Network, a listed building and scheduled ancient monument.

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Riverside Path

A short walk that takes in the old pack horse bridge and the beautiful River Dulnain. Start: By the Old Bridge Garage.

Mostly flat with a short moderate slope sections near the garage, firm gravel path with a short section of rough track. One bridge to cross with boardwalk. The route then follows Station Road back to the village.

Glencharnoch Walk

Owned by the Woodland Trust, Glencharnoch Wood is a fine pinewood. "Glencharnoch" is Gaelic for "Glen of the heroes". Watch out of the woodland sculptures and seats. Start: Station Road or Cemetery.

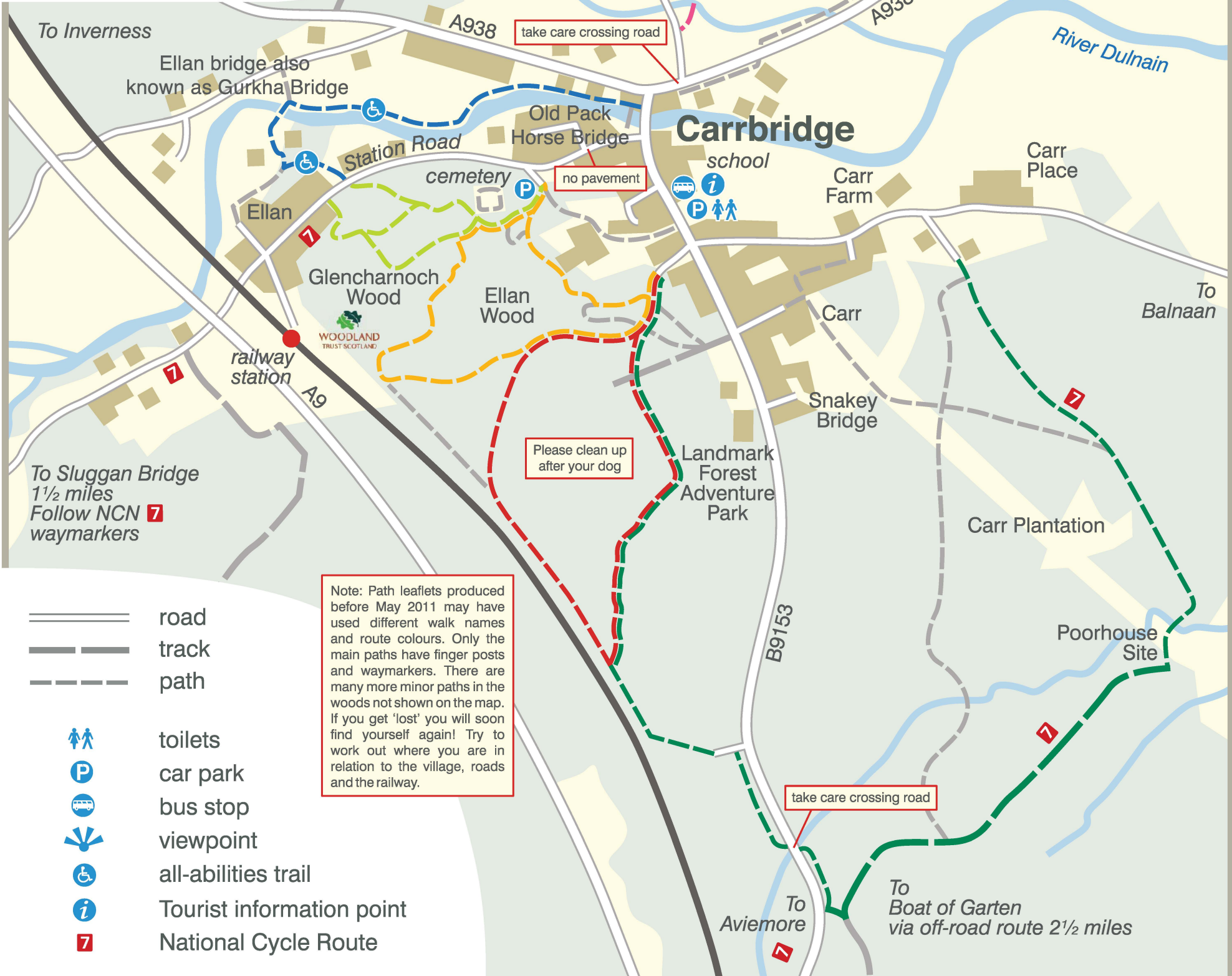
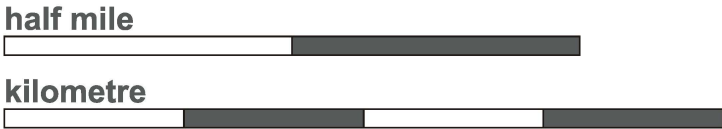
Mostly flat with short moderate slopes on firm gravel paths.

Ellan Wood Walk

Ellan probably comes from the Gaelic 'ailean' meaning a green or plain, and may refer to the land around the river near here. This circular walk takes in a more mixed wood. Start: Behind Village Hall or Cemetery.

Mixture of forest tracks and paths, some rough, muddy sections.

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Calderwood Viewpoint

A walk from the village, across the golf course and onto heather moorland with fine views towards the Cairngorms. The walk is named after Professor Calderwood, a well-respected gentleman and supporter of Carrbridge who died in 1897. Start: Track to the north of A938. Take care crossing road.

Track, steep in places, rough hill path on upper section.

Railway Wood Walk

An easy, circular walk though forest passing beside the Highland Mainline. Start: Behind Village Hall.

Mostly forest tracks, relatively flat, some rough and muddy sections.

Carr Plantation Trail

A relatively long, circular route through mature forest. Good for cycling. The poorhouse was a one storey house c1864 to the west of Blar Mor, built to accommodate the poor of the parish. Nearby was a mineral well that was of chalybeate water (containing salts of iron) which was in great favour in Victorian times. Start: Main Car Park.

Mostly relatively flat forest tracks and paths with one road crossing.

