

## Explore around Braemar

This leaflet describes six easy to follow routes around the village, with information about their length and what sort of path conditions to expect. There's something for all tastes, from a gentle stroll by the River Dee to a strenuous hike for one of the best views on Deeside. Each route is colour coded, and is marked on the ground with coloured way markers, signs or stone cairns to help find your way.

## Gatherings and castles

The routes up Morrone or the lower Creag Choinnich follow in the steps of competitors at Braemar's famous Gathering. This spectacular event includes races up the two hills, as well as Highland dancing, piping competitions and tossing the caber.

From other routes you'll see Braemar Castle. Once home to the laird of Clan Farquharson, it was originally built by his arch rival! You can visit the castle in season to find out more about its fascinating history. The Farquharson family home is now Invercauld House, a little further down the valley.



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

### Local Information Centres

Braemar: **Visitor Cabin** (open all year)

Ballater: **01339 755 306** (open all year)

Crathie: **01339 742 414**

Useful web sites:

[www.braemarscotland.co.uk](http://www.braemarscotland.co.uk)

[www.visitcairngorms.com](http://www.visitcairngorms.com)

[www.cairngorms.co.uk](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk)

[www.visitabdn.com](http://www.visitabdn.com)

[www.walkhighlands.co.uk](http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk)

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Cairngorms Paths

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Explore Deeside





## ■ ■ ■ Morrone

A superb hill walk, with magnificent views. Make sure you have the right equipment: walking boots, waterproofs, warm clothing, food, and a map and compass.

Long sections of steep climbing with some steps.  
Varied surfaces, some narrow, rough and rocky but usually dry.



**strenuous**

7½ miles /  
12 km  
Allow  
4-5 hours



==== road

— — — track

- - - path



toilets



carpark



bus stop



local information centre



viewpoint



camping





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one mile

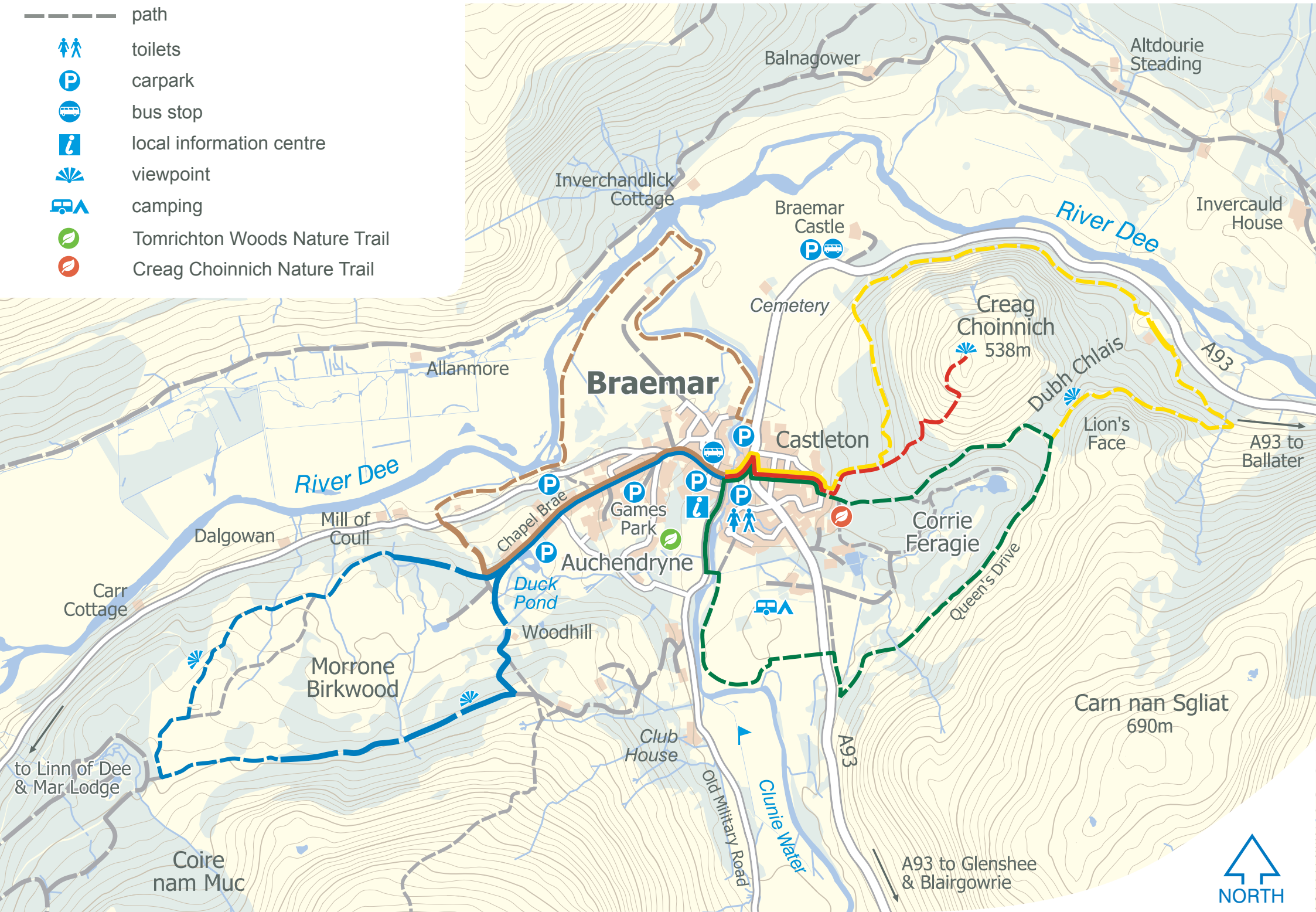
one kilometre

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- toilets
- carpark
- bus stop
- local information centre
- viewpoint
- camping
- Tomrichton Woods Nature Trail
- Creag Choinnich Nature Trail

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## River Dee

A meander along Clunie Water and the River Dee, with fine views up and down the strath.

Short, moderate slopes. Mostly a smooth, narrow earthy path with some uneven sections which can be a bit muddy after rain.



moderate

3 miles / 4.8 km  
Allow 2 hours

## Lion's face and the Cromlins

With great views of the village, Braemar Castle, Invercauld House and the upper Dee valley spread out below you, with the Cairngorm Mountains in the background.

Short, moderate slopes. Mostly a smooth, narrow earthy path with some uneven sections which can be a bit muddy after rain. Sections of wide grassy track.



moderate

4 miles / 6.5 km  
Allow 2½ hours

## Queen's Drive

This gentle route follows part of a carriage drive that was one of Queen Victoria's favourites.

Short, moderate slopes. Mostly a smooth, narrow earthy path with some uneven sections which can be a bit muddy after rain. Sections on road.



moderate

2¾ miles / 4.5 km  
Allow 1½ hours

## Morrone Birkwood

The birkwood (birch wood) changes from deciduous trees in the valley to open scrub, dotted with juniper bushes, a real relic of the old mountain woods that once covered the Cairngorms.

Short, moderate slopes. Mostly a smooth, narrow earthy path with some uneven sections which can be a bit muddy after rain.



moderate

3½ miles / 5.5 km  
Allow 2 hours

## Creag Choinnich

A short but steep climb up a charming wee hill, with magnificent panoramic views. The Gaelic means 'mossy hill'. This out-and-back path gives you a real taste of hillwalking, although its highest point is only 538 metres. In clear weather you can spot the granite tors that rise as sharp points on the top of Ben Avon in the heart of the Cairngorms. Distance and time is there and back.

Short steep climbs with some steps. Varied surfaces, some narrow, rough and rocky but usually dry.



strenuous

1½ miles / 2.5 km  
Allow 1-2 hours

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