

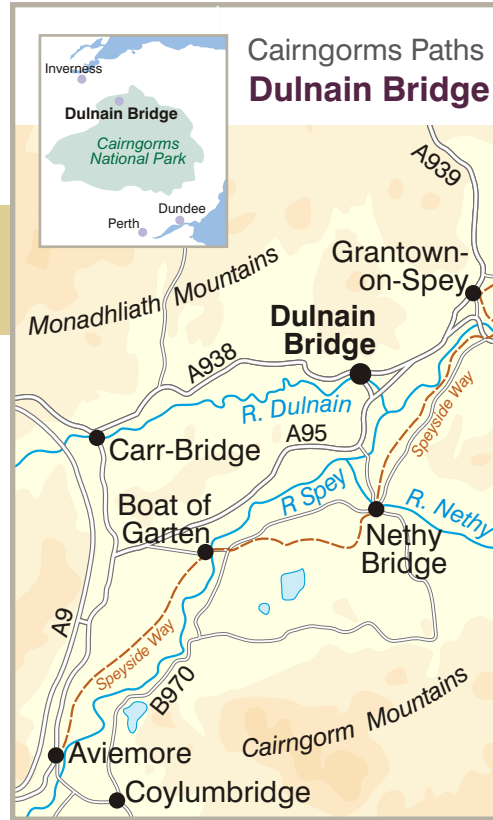
Welcome to Dulnain Bridge

Dulnain in Gaelic is split into two parts with 'Dul' meaning 'field or flat, open place' and 'nain' referring to 'by the river'. Dulnain Bridge, and the crofting community of Skye-of-Curr to the south, retain much of their original character and take a great pride in the welcome they give to visitors.



Dulnain Bridge Paths

A network of paths and tracks lead out of the village, providing a variety of routes to enjoy with fine views, a rich local history and abundant wildlife. Each colour-coded route is shown on the map and there are corresponding waymarkers along each route to help guide you. However, please take a few minutes to read the path descriptions on the map before you set out, just to make sure that your chosen route is suitable for you and any others in your group. You can also join paths and minor roads together to make your very own, longer, expedition route!



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

Visitor Information Centres:

Granttown-on-Spey: 01479 872 242

Aviemore: 01479 870 070

Useful web sites:

www.dulnainbridge.com

www.visitcairngorms.com

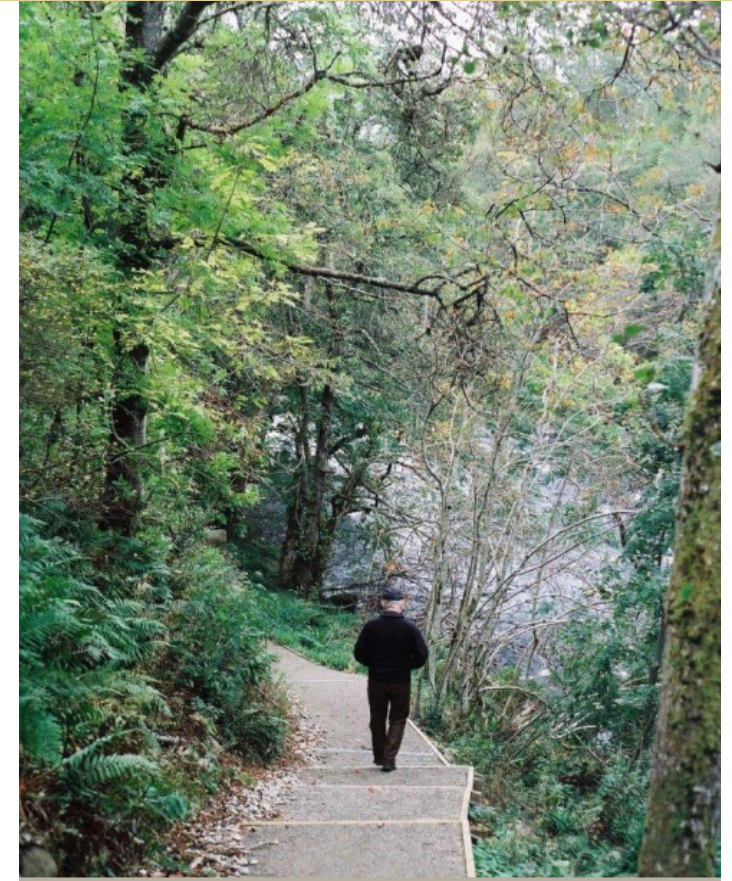
www.cairngorms.co.uk

www.walkhighlands.co.uk

If you enjoyed using 'Dulnain Bridge Paths' then look out for other Community Path Leaflets to help you explore more of the Cairngorms National Park.

Dulnain Bridge Paths

Explore Dulnain Bridge and Skye of Curr



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Old Laundry Path

A woodland loop with a view across the river to Muckrach Castle. See roe deer here - if you're lucky.

Distance: 0.5 mile (0.75 km)

Approximate time: 30 mins

Start: Path off Fraser Road

Terrain: Tracks and unsurfaced paths. Short gradient near the old laundry.

Riverside Path

This short, circular route has recently been improved to give great views of the river.

Distance: 0.75 mile (1km)

Approximate time: 30 mins

Start: Gate in fence by main road

Terrain: Path to river via steps (no handrail) before winding along riverbank. Steeper climb with steps returns to village via track.

Roche Moutonnees

A short path to explore Rouches Moutonnees, rocky hillocks shaped by the passage of glaciers. An interpretive panel gives details.

Distance: 0.3 miles (0.5km) 1-way

Approximate time: 30mins

Start: car park by village hall

Terrain: Flat pavement or path from village, then rough, narrow path with some gradients.



Skye of Curr Trail

Loop through mostly forest plantation. Particularly good wood to see red squirrels. For a longer trip, carry on down the road to visit the Heather Centre

Distance: 1 mile (1.5kms)

Approximate time: 45mins

Start: Forest access off Fraser Rd.

Terrain: Forest tracks, unsurfaced paths and gentle gradients.

Curr Wood Trail









A walk through pine woods with views to the Braes of Abernethy. Limited parking near Mid Curr Farm. Please keep gates clear.

Distance: 0.75 mile (1km) 1-way

Approximate time: 30mins

Start: Track near Mid Curr Farm.

Terrain: Forest tracks and paths. Gentle gradients at first but steeper on approach to viewpoint.

-  road
 -  track
 -  path
 -  car park
 -  bus stop
 -  shop & Post Office
 -  viewpoint
-  NORTH

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Roches Moutonnées - Rock Wigs!

Around 18,000 years ago Dulnain Bridge lay deep under a sheet of glacier ice. As the ice moved along it ground down and shaped the bedrock.

The melting ice left smooth, exposed rocky hillocks. Known as Rouches Moutonnées, these rounded rocks resembled the wavy wigs or moutonnées, which men wore in the 18th century. Find out more by visiting the site. See map for directions.



People of the Past

People have been living in or visiting Dulnain Bridge for thousands of years. There are Pictish carved stones nearby and two Stone Age coffins were found in a burial cairn in Curr Wood.

The first stone bridge, built about 1754 was one of the few crossing points connecting Moray with the south and would have seen its fair share of traffic. The single-span stone arch bridge you see today was constructed in 1830 after the last flood washed its predecessor away.

Crofting

Sir James Grant gifted 'good ground' to local people to allow them to build a croft, grow crops and keep livestock. Skye of Curr is laid out as crofting land and, if you walk along the Skye of Curr road you can still see the small field patterns.

This low-intensity farming is also beneficial for wildlife. A walk around the village can be rewarded with sightings of farmland birds and animals such as goldfinches and stoats.

The 'collection of implements from a bygone age' gives some idea of the effort involved in 'working the land'.



Forest for the Future



The Forests around Dulnain Bridge are some of the best Caledonian pinewoods in Britain. Rich in wildlife these forests are also important for timber providing important income for local estates.

