




Highlands and Aberdeenshire (Routes 1 – 6)

This is one of a series of six information sheets aimed at disabled users of the National Cycle Network in Scotland. Each sheet covers a geographical area of Scotland and describes the physical characteristics of selected traffic-free sections of the network, as collected by auditors during 2004. It is hoped that disabled users will be able to use this information to decide whether a path is accessible to them. An overview map, showing all paths covered by these leaflets, is also available.

Grading

-  **Good** Fully meets the minimum standards or only occasionally falls below.
-  **Average** Mostly meets the minimum standards. No width restrictions less than 1 metre.
-  **Poor** Frequently fails the minimum standards. Some width restrictions may be less than 1 metre.

Main minimum standards

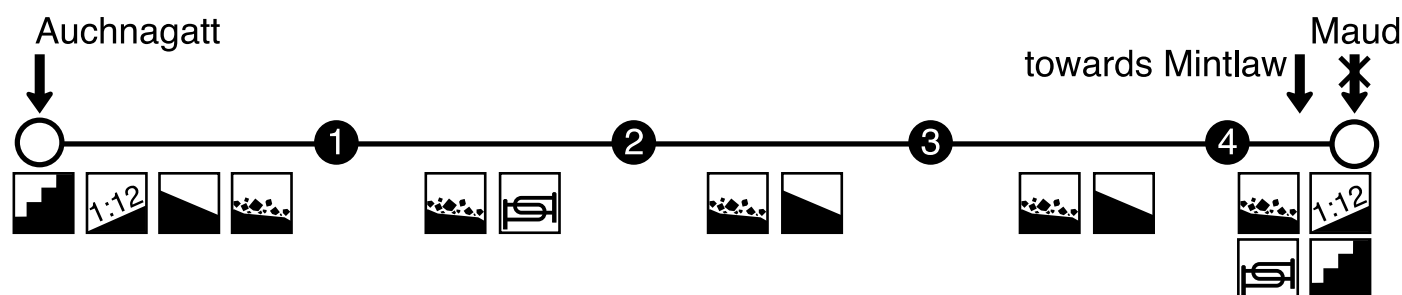
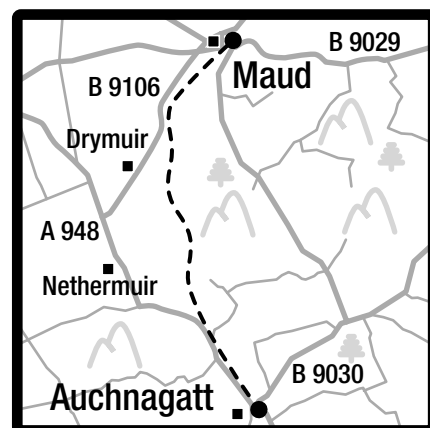
- Path width 2 metres minimum
- Firm surface with few loose stones (none bigger than 5mm)
- Path gradient less steep than 1:12
- No barriers to access or width restrictions less than 1.2 metres
- Cross slope less steep than 1:35
- No surface gaps/breaks in path over 12mm
- No steps over 6mm

Key to symbols

-  Route start/end
-  Distance (miles)
-  Parking and access to the path
-  Access to the path
-  Restricted access (i.e. access point does not conform to minimum standards)
-  Parking and restricted access
-  Step greater than 6mm or surface break greater than 12mm
-  Gradient exceeds 1:12
-  Cross slope exceeds 1:35
-  Surface poor, loose or gravelly
-  Barrier with width less than 1.2 metres or gate
-  Main road crossing

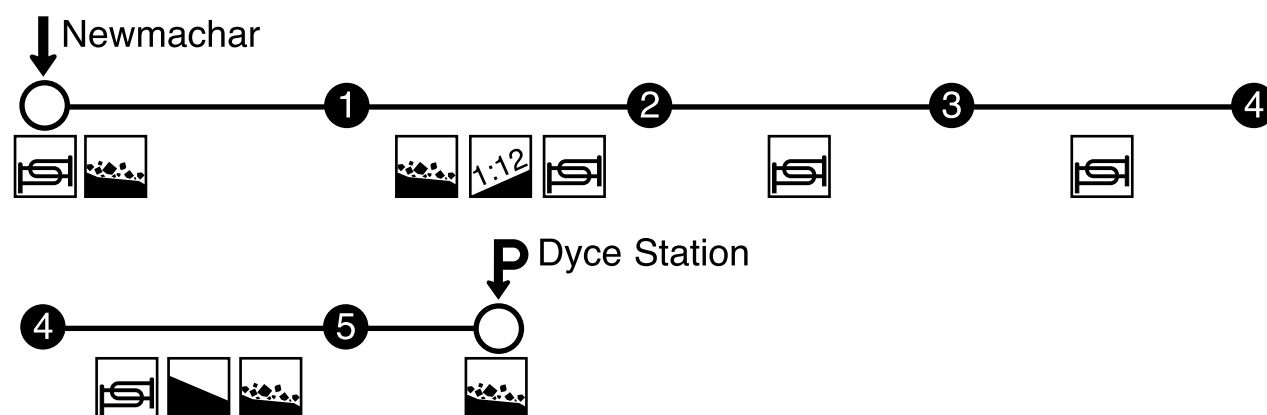
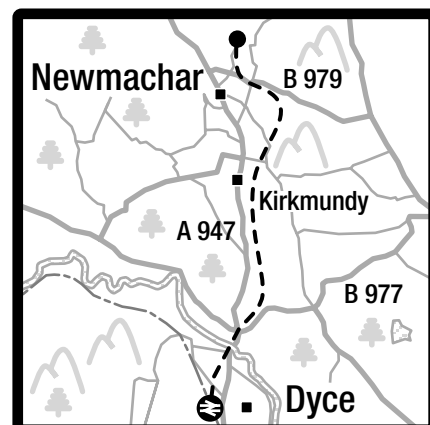
1 Auchnagatt – Maud: 4¼ miles ★

Mostly poor path surface with some gravel and rutted stretches. Two instances of gradients greater than 1:12, and four width restrictions including 840mm at 1.1 miles and 450mm at the Maud end. Eight instances of cross slope exceeding 1:35, the worst being 1:15 after 3.5 miles. One 50mm kerb at Auchnagatt end and nine consecutive steps of up to 50mm at Maud end.



2 Newmachar – Dyce: 5½ miles ★

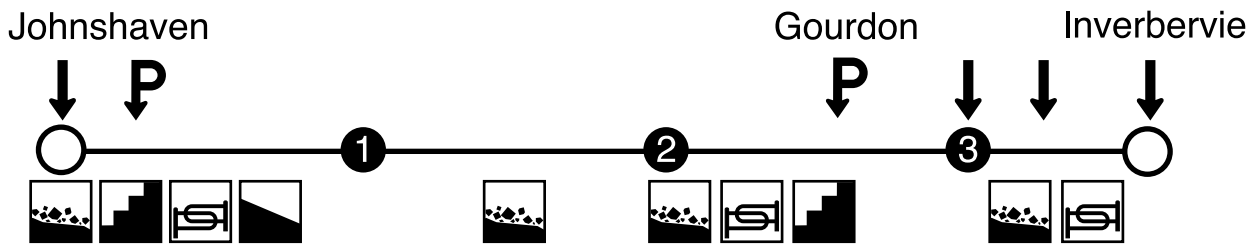
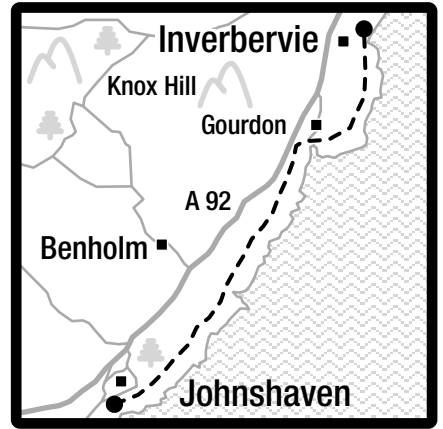
Some poor surface and gravel. Twelve width restrictions of less than 1200mm, the tightest being 700 mm at 0.25 miles. Two instances of path gradient exceeding 1:12 – both at 1.9 miles. 30 metres of cross slope exceeding 1:35 at 4.1 miles. No significant breaks or steps.



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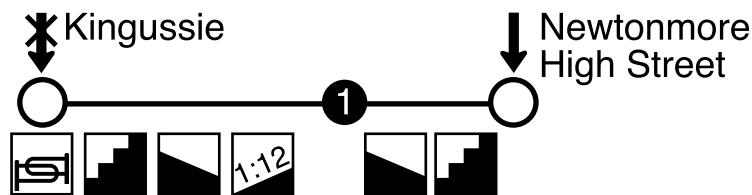
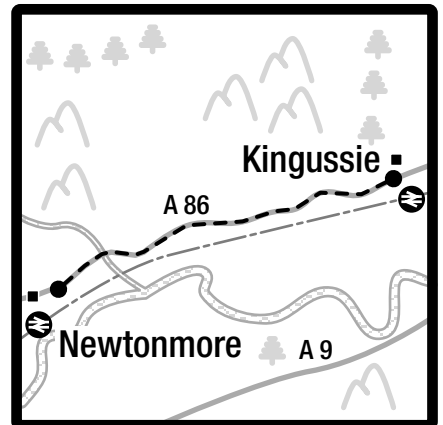
3 Johnshaven – Inverbervie: 3½ miles ★

Mostly poor path surface with gravel and muddy patches. Two barriers of 900mm at 0.4 miles and 950mm at 3.3 miles. One gate at 2 miles. No gradients steeper than 1:12, but around 300 metres of cross slope of up to 1:20. Three unavoidable steps of 15mm at the Johnshaven end.



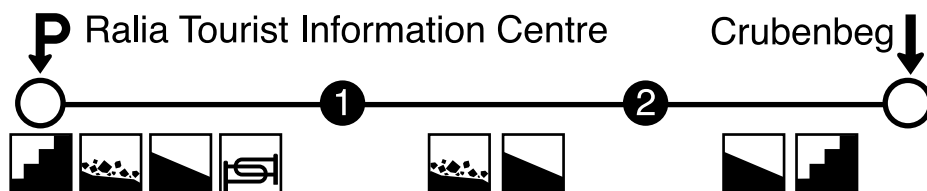
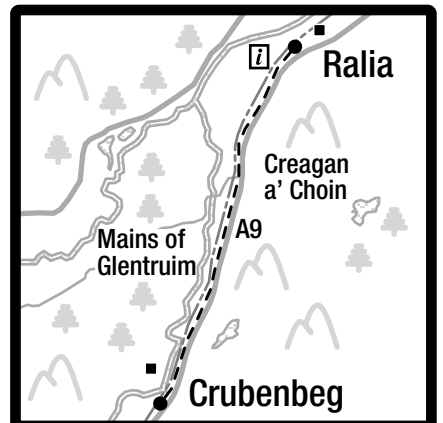
4 Kingussie – Newtonmore: 1½ miles ★★

Smooth tarmac surface throughout. One width restriction of 1000mm at the Kingussie end. Around 5m of path gradient of greater than 1:12; three instances of cross slope of up to 1:20, some breaks in path of up to 40mm and two steps of up to 20mm.



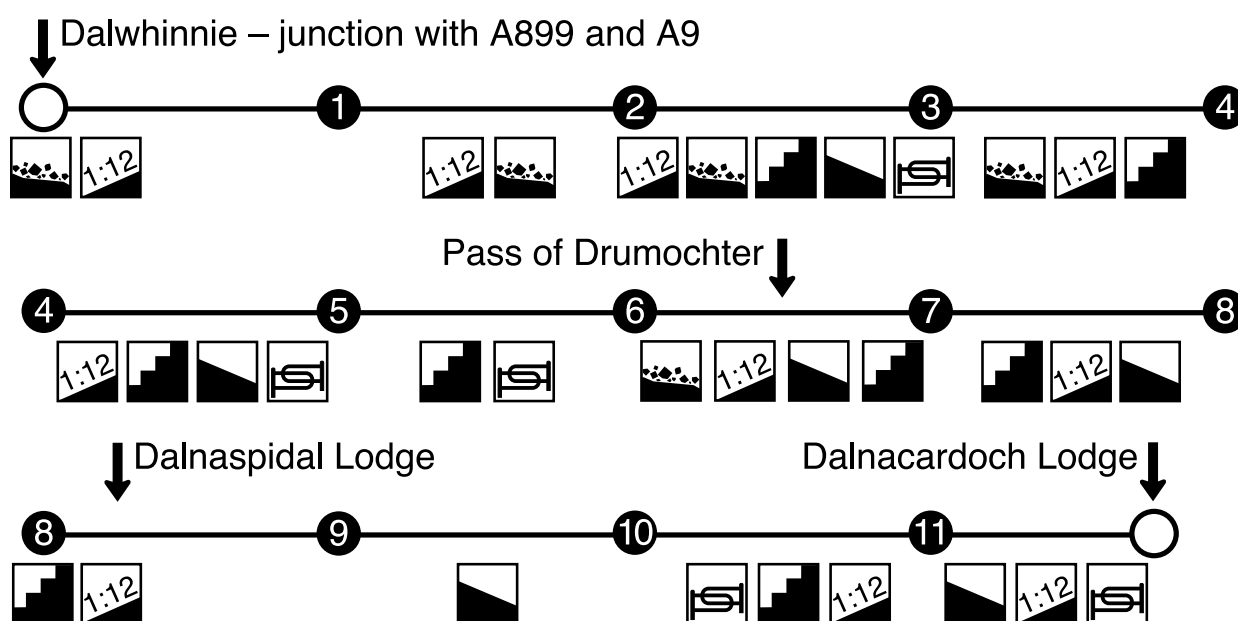
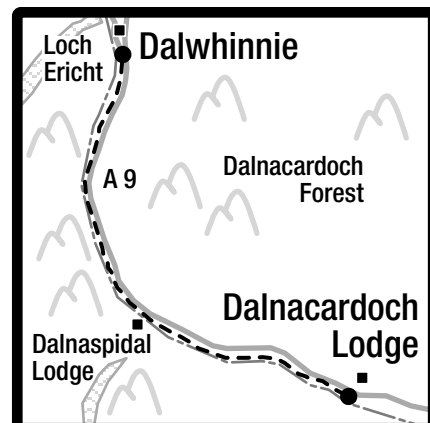
5 Ralia – Crubenbeg: 3 miles ★★

Mostly smooth tarmac surface with some rough tarmac sections. 1000mm width restrictions at the 0.9 mile mark. No gradients steeper than 1:12, but some examples of cross slope as steep as 1:15. 20mm step at Crubenbeg end of path.



6 Dalwhinnie – Dalnacardoch: 11¾ miles ★

Mostly smooth tarmac surface, but northernmost 2.5 miles mostly loose gravel. 1000mm gates at 4.7 miles; 5.2 miles; 10.4 miles and 11.3 miles. 30 instances of gradients steeper than 1:12, and eight instances of cross slope exceeding 1:35 – the worst at 1:12. Breaks in bridges of up to 50mm and some kerbs of up to 35mm.



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