

Welcome to Carr-Bridge

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 Carr-Bridge'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.

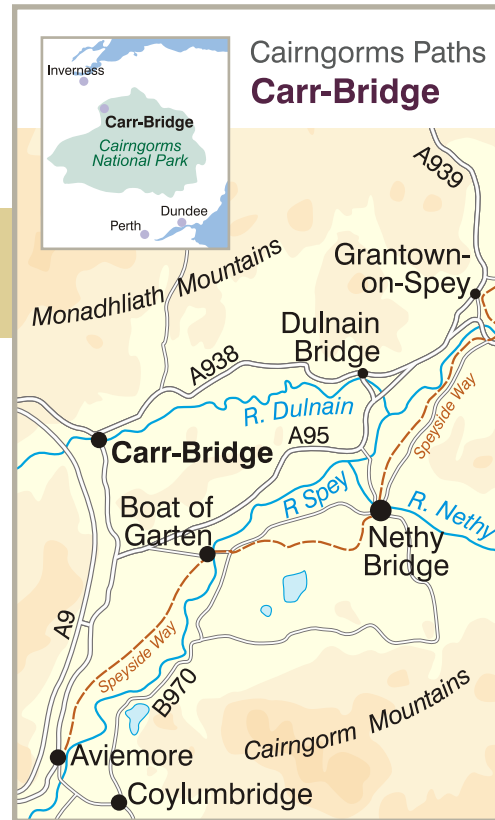


Carr-Bridge Paths

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.

Carr-Bridge Paths Group

The Carr-Bridge Paths Group is a community led group working to develop, maintain and promote a quality path network around Carr-Bridge 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:

Tourist Information Point:

Carr-Bridge: at main car park (see map inside)

Visitor Information Centres:

Aviemore: 0845 22 55 121

If you enjoyed 'Carr-Bridge Paths', look out for other Community Path Leaflets to help you explore more of the Cairngorms National Park

useful web sites:

www.carrbridge.com

www.visitcairngorms.com

www.visitwoods.org.uk

www.walkhighlands.co.uk

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Bridging the Gaps



Sluggan Bridge

About two 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 very soon after 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.



Carr-Bridge to Sluggan Bridge NCN7

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!

Distance: 2miles (3.2kms) one-way

Approx Time: 1 - 1½ hours (one-day)

Start: Main Car Park in Carr-Bridge

Terrain: Minor road for about a mile coming out from Carr-Bridge. Watch out for large vehicles on approach to timber yard. Second mile is 'off-road' on estate track.



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Riverside Path

This riverside circular route follows the northern bank of the River Dulnain before crossing the river via Ellan Bridge, rebuilt in 1992 by the Gurkas.

Distance: 1 mile (1.6km)

Approximate time: 30 minutes

Start: By the Old Bridge Garage

Terrain: Relatively flat, good surface path or pavement except for short section where no pavement at end of Station Road

Glencharnoch Walk

Partly owned by the Woodland Trust, Glencharnoch Wood is a fine pinewood on the fringes of the village. 'Glencharnoch' is Gaelic for 'Glen of the Heroes' which was the original name for the Carr-Bridge area. Watch out for the sculptured wooden seats and woodland inhabitants!

Distance: ½ mile (0.75km)

Approximate time: 20 minutes

Start: Station Road or Cemetery

Terrain: Mostly flat woodland paths but some steps at west end

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.

Distance: ¾ mile (1km)

Approximate time: 30mins

Start: Behind Village Hall or Cemetery

Terrain: Mixture of forest tracks and paths, some rough, muddy sections

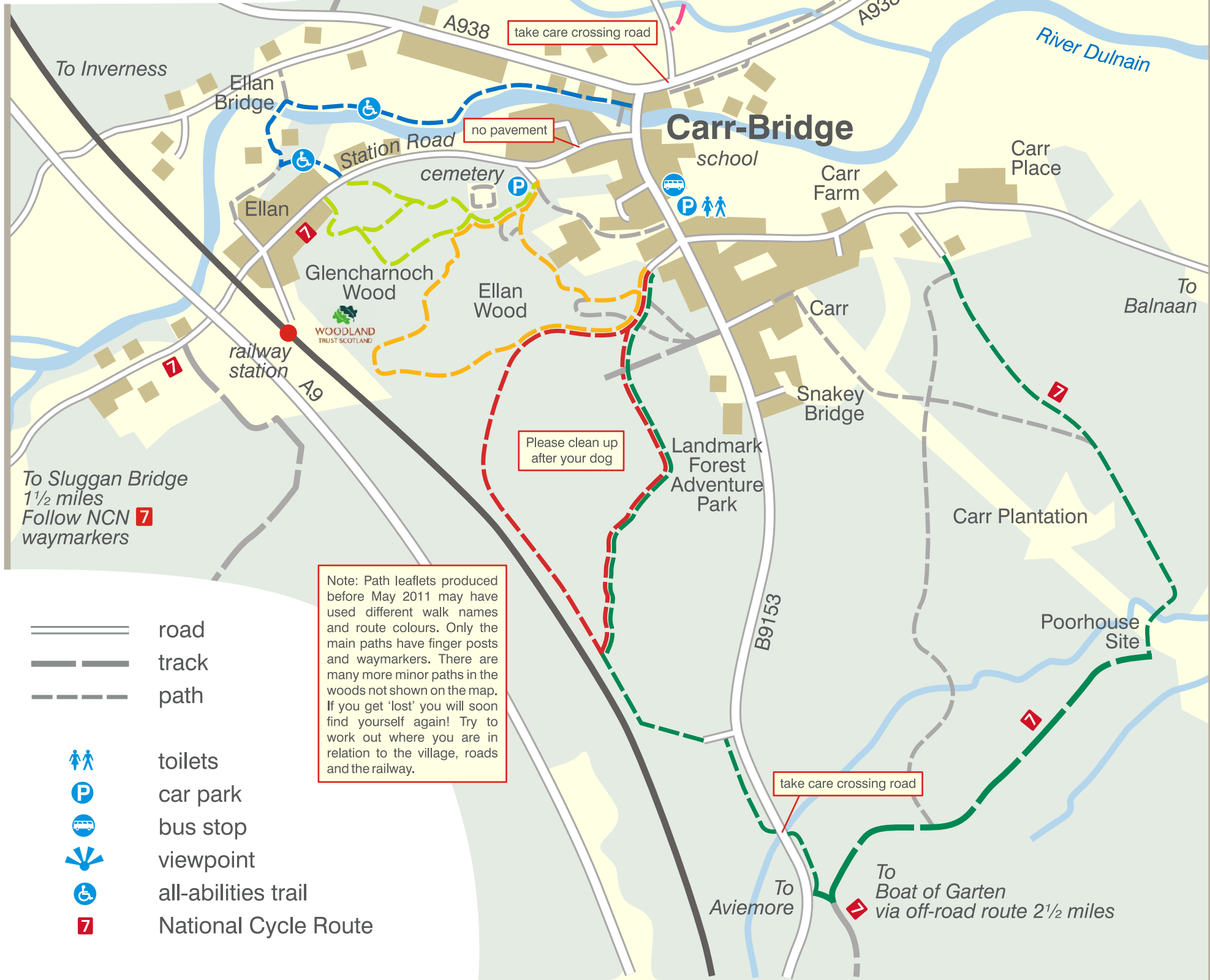
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Calderwood Viewpoint

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.

Distance: ¾ mile (one way)

Approximate time: 1½ hours

Start: Track to the north of A938. Take care crossing road.

Terrain: Track, steep in places, rough hill path on upper section

Railway Wood Walk

An easy, circular walk though forest passing beside the Perth Inverness railway

Distance: 1 mile (1.6km)

Approximate time: 30 minutes

Start: Behind Village Hall

Terrain: 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 were in great favour in Victorian times.

Distance: 2¾ miles (4.25km)

Approximate time: 2 - 2½ hours

Start: Main Car Park

Terrain: Mostly relatively flat forest tracks and paths with one road crossing

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