

Explorers of this 90-mile journey, through the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, will discover dramatic landscapes carved by granite and ice as it winds from the picturesque market town of Blairgowrie through to the highland village of Granttown-on-Spey. Enjoy breath-taking scenery at every turn as you traverse the highest public roads in Britain and spot a curious glimpse of snow on the hilltops almost all year round.

Live like locals in the communities of Braemar, Ballater and Tomintoul and experience a range of natural and cultural attractions, all peppered with native flora and fauna and wildlife spotting. Look out for three scenic route installations enticing you to discover new perspectives.

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Blairgowrie to Braemar

The southern entrance to the Snow Roads is known as Cateran Country. As one of the largest towns in Perthshire, Blairgowrie sits on the banks of the River Erich and is an ideal place to begin your Snow Roads adventure. It's the main start point for the 60-mile circular Cateran Trail which offers a network of walking routes for all abilities and wildlife is frequently spotted at nearby lochs. Winding on your journey you can stop over at the Bridge of Cally and Glenshee for further access to walking and the opportunity to venture into the mountains. Glenshee is known in Gaelic as 'Gleann Sìth', or Glen of the Fairies, due to its magical atmosphere and it caters for year-round sports against a wild and rugged backdrop. Part of the route here used to be a hair-raising, double-hairpin bend. It was so dangerous that it earned the nickname 'The Devil's Elbow' but, much to the relief of motorists, it was bypassed when a section of the road was straightened.

HIGHLIGHTS AND HIDDEN GEMS

- The Cateran Trail
- Cargill's Leap and Oakbank Mill
- Kayaking along the rivers
- Llama trekking in Glenshee
- Wildlife spotting at Auchintaple Loch
- Forter Castle
- The Persie Distillery (Persie Gin)
- Glenshee Snowsports Centre

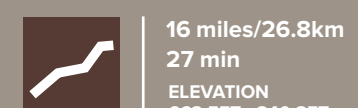


Braemar to Ballater

You have entered the area known as Royal Deeside. The mountainous village of Braemar is a great base for adventure, or relaxation, as you look out at views of its many surrounding hills which are often accompanied by sightings of deer, red squirrels and golden eagles. There is the opportunity to take part in many sporting activities, such as playing on Scotland's highest 18-hole golf course, pony trekking and climbing as well as learning about Braemar's rich history with two castles to see. At the heart of Royal Deeside and the Snow Roads, surrounded by ancient pine forest and natural beauty spots, is Ballater. An ideal place to stop over with strong royal connections. Many of the shops supply nearby Balmoral Castle, where the Queen spends her summers, so you can try some local produce fit for royalty. The locals are also known for their gusto in organising events with the Braemar Gathering, Victoria Week and The Ballater Games firm family favourites.

HIGHLIGHTS AND HIDDEN GEMS

- Scotland's highest 18-hole golf course
- Braemar Castle
- St Margaret's Braemar
- Views from Creag Choinnich
- Balmoral Castle
- Loch Muick
- Royal Lochnagar Distillery
- The Royal Station* and the Royal Bridge



Ballater to Tomintoul

Nearby in Dinnet, the Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve and the Glen Tanar Estate inspire you with a host of walking opportunities and idyllic vistas and lochs. Remote and tranquil Strathdon offers another option in the area. On the fourth Saturday of August, experience its unique take on a Highland Games called the Lonach Gathering, renowned for its friendly atmosphere. Continuing on your journey through the Upper Donside area to Corgarriff and over the Lecht will take you past some more unconventional tourist attractions, such as mysterious ringing stones and the Bridge of Gairn. The River Don winds by the road through the landscape which goes from farmland to woodland lined with birch and pine to carefully managed moorlands. The ever-changing scenery is a photographer's dream and wildlife abundant. There are pit-stops for a coffee and cake and gift shopping as well as local art and photography exhibitions. Stunning Corgarriff Castle is steeped in history with fantastic views.

HIGHLIGHTS AND HIDDEN GEMS

- Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve
- The Lost Gallery
- Corgarriff Castle
- The Doune of Invernochty
- The Watchers and A Moment in Time
- The Lecht Activity Centre
- The Lecht Mine
- Tomintoul Bird Hide

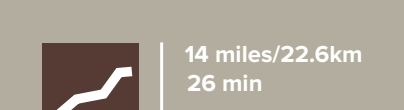


Tomintoul to Granttown-on-Spey

Tomintoul is the highest village in the Cairngorms and is known for its abundance of sporting pursuits including a vast network of bike and walking trails. The town even has its own Munro, a mountain over 3000ft, called Ben Avon. In the past, Tomintoul was known for its illicit whisky stills. Today, whisky still plays an important role, with Glenlivet and many other Speyside distilleries just a stone's throw away. Stunning dark skies and easy access makes Tomintoul one of the best places in the park to discover the wonders of the night sky, so enjoy a day of activities before a night brimming with stars. In Granttown-on-Spey, a bustling high street boasts traditional architecture, quirky cafes and unusual shops. Enjoy a glimpse of a Japanese Pagoda which has been turned into an events space to host year-round happenings. A beautiful setting next to the River Spey with many walking opportunities and views stretching as far as the Cairngorms and including Ben Rinnes and the Cromdale Hills.

HIGHLIGHTS AND HIDDEN GEMS

- The Forbidden College at Scaln
- Tomintoul Gallery
- Glenlivet Mountain Bike Trails
- The Pagoda
- Carn Daimh Viewpoint
- Anagach Woods and Walks
- Granttown Museum
- The Balmenach Distillery (Caorunn gin)



ACTION & ADVENTURE

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- 3 Glenshee Snowsports Centre
- 4 Scotland's Highest Golf Course
- 5 Princess Royal & Duke of Fife Memorial Park
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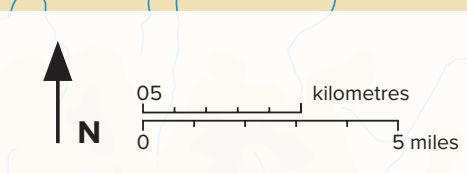
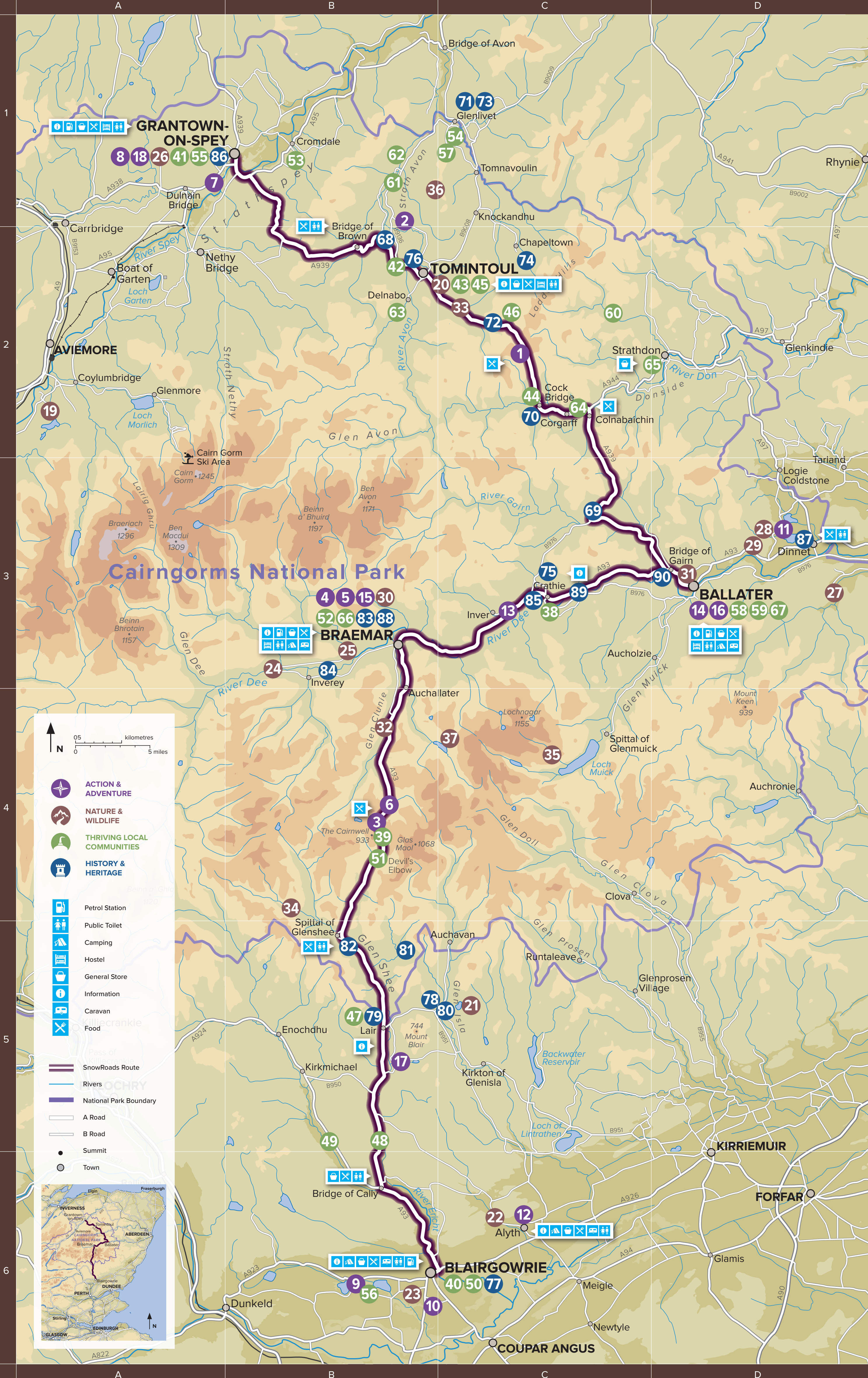
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- 87 Kinross Cross
- 88 St Andrew's Kirkyard
- 89 Aberdeenshire Castle (Private Residence)
- 90 Knock Castle (Ruin)

The Snow Roads are slow roads. Take your time to enjoy the views, villages and attractions. You will experience steep hills, blind summits, tight bends and single-track roads as part of the route so be sure to drive with care and courtesy. There's an 18-tonne restriction on the Glenlivet Bridge and large vehicles and coaches may need to consider an alternative route.

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