

Paths Around

1 Lybster

Forest trails suitable for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. There is picnic facilities, parking, a viewpoint and interpretation.

The coastal route provides the option of visiting the historical Brethren Well or the old coastguard lookout, shelter bench and “seawatching” interpretive panel from the harbour. Route suitable for walkers only.



Old coastal lookout

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2 Wick

Fully signed path network with map boards. Network provides access for walkers throughout, with horse and all ability access at Newtonhill Community Woodland. All facilities within town with all routes no more than a maximum of 45min walk from town centre. Routes cover mixture of sites of historic interest – e.g. Castle of Old Wick, Wick Harbour and Lower Pulteneytown. The old town coup at Newton hill has been transformed into a Community Woodland with a nature interpretive trail, all-ability routes, bridlepath, picnic benches and viewpoint. There is a path leading from the town together with ample parking at the site.



Newtonhill Community Woodland interpretation

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3 Dunnet

Mixture of beach access, coastal access and Dunnet Forest together with specialised access interest to bird hides. Walkers catered for extensively with all ability access route within Dunnet Forest and open areas for walking such as Dunnet beach and Dunnet Head. Most routes are signed with accessibility features such as replacement of stiles with kissing gates and wheel chair viewpoint over Dunnet beach. There is also easy horse access to Dunnet Beach.

Paths Around Caithness & Sutherland

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4 Duncansby Head

Route to spectacular viewpoint signed from car park. Open coastal heath/rough grassland suitable for walkers.

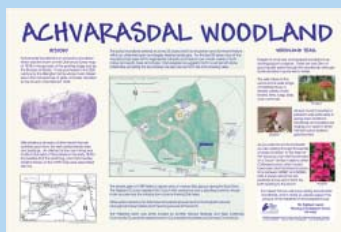


Duncansby Head

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5 Achvarasdal

Woodland walks, fully signed with site leaflet and interpretive map board. Pleasant easy short walks through deciduous woodland.



Achvarasdal interpretation



Foxgloves

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6 Loch More

Forsinain (the peatlands trail). Fully signed route following forestry and estate tracks, crossing some of the wildest and remote countryside in the far North. Suitable for equipped walkers, cyclists and horse riders. There are map boards at strategic locations. The area offers a through route of approx. 16.5 miles or a circular route of the same approximate distance from Loch More.



Horsing at Loch More

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7 Golspie

Huge variety of tracks and trails in this area. For more details see the descriptive routes booklet, ‘Golspie Walks’. All routes accessible from the village as a start point. Walks include the spectacular Big Burn gorge, Ben Bhraggie hill walk, routes through Dunrobin Castle woodlands and coastal links with Brora to the North and Littleferry to the South.



Sign at Big Burn gorge

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8 Dornoch

For a walking network with a touch of history try the ‘Historylinks Trail’ which provides a pleasing mixture of town and country with a history lesson thrown in. A series of illustrated plaques and a trail leaflet will help keep you on the right track.



Dornoch

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9 Kyle of Sutherland

Wild about woods.

There are a number of woodland walks in the area to experience with Carbisdale and Balblair near Bonar Bridge, Gearrchoille Community Wood by Ardgay, Rosehall Trails, Achany by Shin Falls, Raven’s Rock Gorge Woodland walk near Rosehall and Migdale and Ledmore by Spinningdale. A variety of facilities and routes depending on which site is visited.

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10 Lairg

The Lairg area offers several excellent walks including two woodland areas at Ferrycroft and Gunns Wood together with the Ord Archaeological Trail. All facilities in Lairg with a countryside centre at Ferrycroft.



Lairg woods

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11 The North West

A visit to the far North West is well worth the effort with miles of deserted beaches, moorlands and even a dramatic cave to explore. The adventurous walker is well catered for with an abundance of routes through this enchanted landscape of sweeping bays, rugged cliffs, crofting settlements and moorland. Most facilities are in Durness, with sign posted routes and an accompanying trails booklet which you can find in the local tourist information office.



Beach at Durness



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