ATHOLL WOODS PATH ●●●

This path circles through the coniferous Atholl Woods, the summit of which offers fantastic views of the Tay Valley. Enjoy the small and scenic Polney Loch and Mill Dam – home to a variety of wildfowl throughout the year.

Forest and moorland paths. A short section on a roadside verge. This route can be muddy.

moderate

6 ¾ miles / 11 km Allow 4 hours

BIRNAM HILL PATH ○○○

Climb Birnam Hill (1,200 ft / 365 m) to King's Seat for stunning views across Dunkeld and Birnam and enjoy the walk to Stair Bridge – a 19th century folly with unrivalled view south-east towards Perth.

Forest and open moorland paths. Steep incline to the summit of Birnam Hill with some short rocky sections. Can be boggy in open areas.

strenuous

4 miles / 6.4 km Allow 2 ½ hrs

BIRNAM RIVERSIDE PATH ●●●

This peaceful, ambling riverside path is suitable for most abilities. It wanders past the 500-year-old Birnam Oak and under Thomas Telford's Dunkeld Bridge. Across the River Tay, enjoy views of the imposing Dunkeld Cathedral.

Firm ground. Generally flat or gentle slopes. Pavement walking along Main Street.

easy

3 ½ miles / 5.4 km Allow 1 ¾ hours

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BRAAN PATH ●●●

Walk among giant Douglas firs in the sheltered woods along banks of River Braan to Ossian's Hall and Cave while enjoying the impressive falls. Meander through the woods to Craigvinean and Rumbling Bridge, where the river cascades into the gorge.

Minor road walking and two bridges. Several gates. Gentle climb through woodland. Can be muddy after rain.

moderate

4 miles / 6.4 km Allow 2 ½ hrs

FIDDLER'S PATH ●●●

Enjoy this riverside walk and keep your eyes out for roe deer, salmon, goosanders, herons and white-bibbed dippers. Across Jubilee Bridge, admire Neil Gow's Oak where the famous fiddler composed many tunes.

Mostly smooth path or pavement. Pavement walking on three bridges. Short flight of steps up to Dunkeld Bridge.

moderate

5 ½ miles / 9 km Allow 3 hrs

INCHEWAN PATH ●●●

One of the most varied paths at Dunkeld, this route follows the road alongside Inchewan Burn in the woodland of Birnam Glen. Enjoy views of surrounding hills and straths from Ladywell Plantation and Tomgarrow Wood.

Some forestry track, field and drive walking.

easy

3 miles / 8 km Allow 3 hours

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LOCH OF THE LOWES PATH ●●●

Experience a lovely walk through coniferous and deciduous woodland and open pasture to Loch of the Lowes – a Scottish Wildlife Trust Reserve and one of the best places in Scotland to spot osprey and an array of other bird life.

650 ft / 200 m walking on A923. Some uneven woodland paths. Several gates. Firm track and minor road walking. Tarmac road gently slopes. Some roadside verge walking. Pavement walking along main road.

moderate

4 ¾ miles / 7.5 km Allow 3 hrs

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INVER PATH ●●●

Enjoy stately trees along the River Braan through the Hermitage and commercial Craigvinean Forest – a great place for spotting red squirrels. Detour up to Pine Cone Point for breath-taking views over the tree-filled valleys, rocky crags and River Tay.

Most abilities path to Pine Cone Point includes a steep incline. Short narrow tunnel under A9 includes a few steps. Minor road walking. Firm paths through woods. One gate.

moderate

5 miles / 8 km Allow 3 hrs

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LOCH ORDIE PATH ●●●

Explore this long circular walk between Loch Ordie and Mill Dam through woodland and hillsides and enjoy views of plantations and the hills at the entrance to the Highlands.

Track road has some uneven, narrow and wet sections. Several burn crossings, stiles and gates. Gentle uphill gradients around base of Deuchary Hill. ¼ mile / 500 m verge walking.

strenuous

10 miles / 16 km Allow 6 ½ hrs

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Paths can be adjusted to suit individual interests, time constraints and levels of fitness. Most can be linked to reveal a wide range of habitats and scenery, including woodlands, rivers, hills and crags.

DISTANCE TO DUNKELD...

- Edinburgh: 58 miles / 93 km
- Glasgow: 71 miles / 114 km
- Aberdeen: 84 miles / 135 km
- Perth: 15 miles / 24 km

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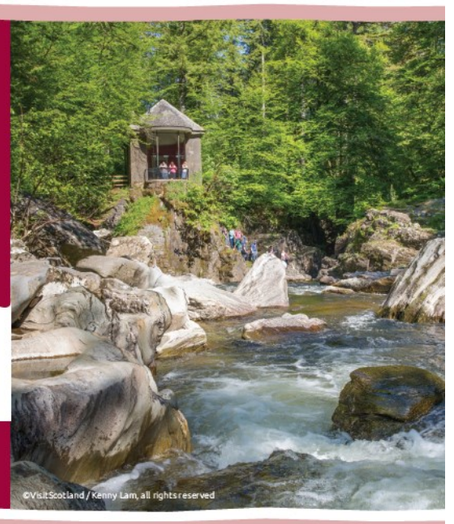
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Beginning in the historic villages of Dunkeld and Birnam, explore the rivers, woods and crags within a natural amphitheatre formed by surrounding hills. The stunning landscape has inspired writers, artists and musicians and can boast a Shakespearean connection. Be sure to keep eyes out for an abundance of wildlife, including well-loved red squirrels and magnificent ospreys.

The map inside this leaflet shows details of nine routes comprising the Dunkeld Path Network.

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The Dunkeld Path Network is one of nine purposely built path networks throughout Perthshire that increase access to the countryside for communities. The other path networks are located in and around Aberfeldy, Blairgowrie, the Carse of Gowrie, Coupar Angus, Crieff, Kinloch Rannoch, Kirkmichael and Pitlochry. Full details of all of Perthshire's path networks as well as information about core paths can be found on Perth & Kinross Council's website: **www.pkc.gov.uk/paths**

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The area in and around Dunkeld and Birnam is part of Perthshire Big Tree Country and hosts some of Scotland's oldest, tallest, and most impressive trees.

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DUNKELD AND BIRNAM

These historic villages offer a lively arts and music scene, great places to eat or spend an evening, independent shops and galleries, and a range of accommodation.

www.dunkeldandbirnam.org.uk

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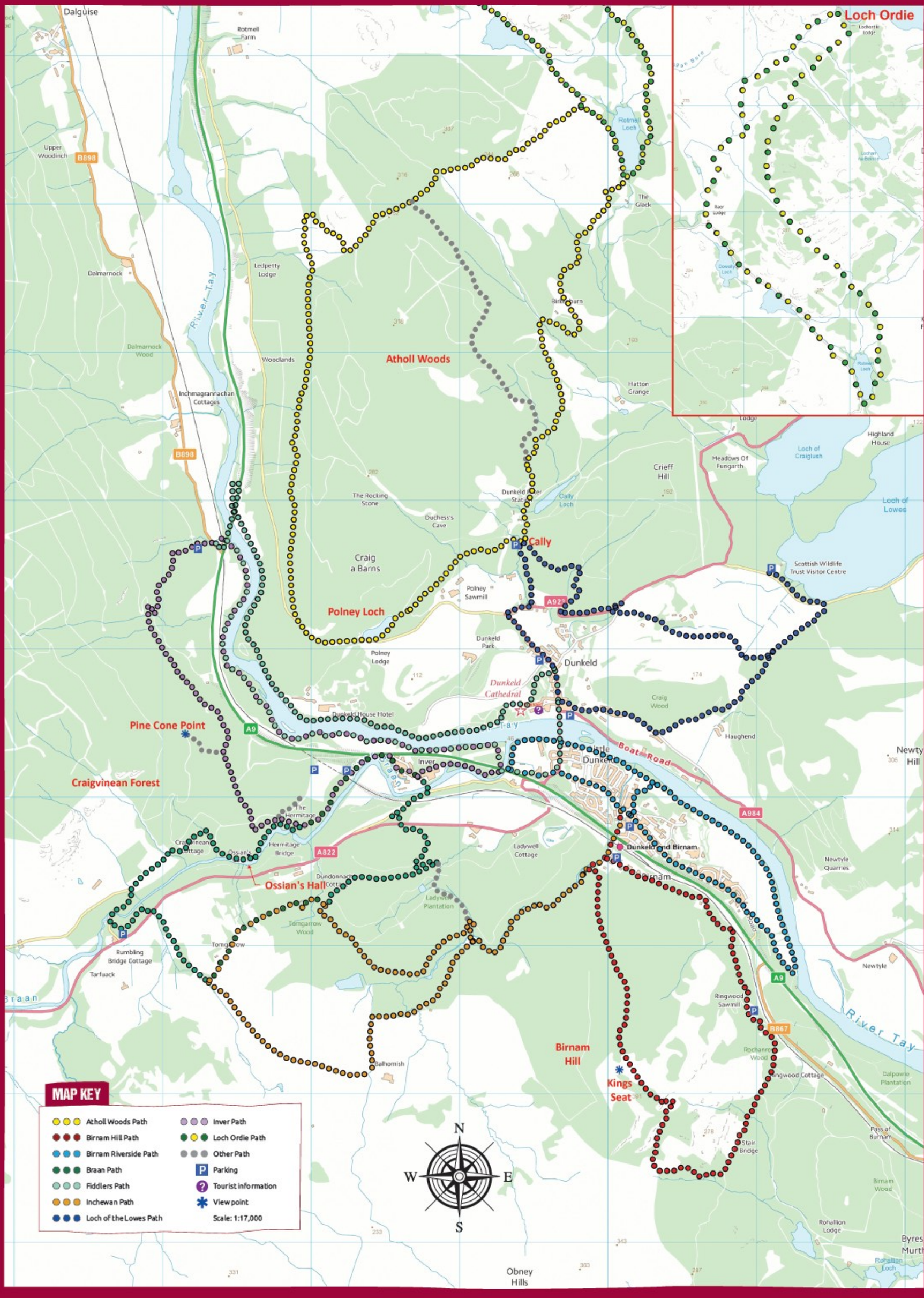

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