

Glen Dye Moor Recreational Addendum

A summary of existing recreational uses and assets and how they will be managed.

Glen Dye Moor is a popular area for recreational users such as hillwalkers and cyclists. A wide range of user types enjoy Glen Dye Moor for various reasons. The public come to the moor for physical activity as well as skills practice and general wellbeing. The known users and main physical assets present on site are listed below. Interest groups identified as using the site were the North East Mountain Trust, Duke of Edinburgh, Scouts, North Scotland Gundog Association, Mountain Bothy Association and the local Riffle Club.

Known Users:

Hillwalking/Mountaineering, Climbing, Running, Cycling (Gravel/Mountain), Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding, Cross-Country Skiing, Kayaking and Fishing.

Physical Assets:

Charr Bothy and Riffle Range.

The Spital Burn car park on the B974, just south of the Bridge of Dye is the main access point to Glen Dye Moor. It has a gravel entrance track and an open gravel/grass area for parking but is currently underdeveloped for the level of use. Current facilities will be improved during the project to include an expansion of the parking area to provide 12 formal car parking places, composting toilets, removal of the current vehicle barrier and installation of a new vehicle and pedestrian gate, and wooden welcome sign to make the entrance at the B974 junction more inviting and informative.



Figure 1: Example Welcome Sign

Charr Bothy is an important feature of Glen Dye Moor and highly valued by the local community for public use. At the end of August 2023, there had been 234 entries in the bothy visitor book for 2023, with 29 of these in August alone and an average for two entries per day. A long-term lease is in place with the Mountain Bothy Association which will guarantee access and existing public use to the bothy. The locked half will remain closed for private use at this time, as was the case previous. Woodland creation around the bothy is being carefully considered to ensure the setting and scenic qualities are maintained and enhanced.

Access across the moor on foot has taken place for decades, leaving behind a network of paths and faint tracks. There are 2 formal, mapped (online walking blogs) paths, to Charr Bothy and up to the summit of Clachnaben. There are 26 informal paths created through regular use but not maintained in anyway and over 70 desire lines. These desire lines were primarily identified using the Stava Heatmap. They range from clear but rough narrow paths, possibly used for grouse shooting to faint and even visually non-existent routes. There is approximately 34km of landrover tracks within the ownership boundary which are used for management vehicle access but provide an easy terrain for walking and biking access, therefore they are popular with day users. The main path to Charr Bothy follows along one of these 4x4 tracks.



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All known trails and paths have been mapped to help identify the most appropriate location for access points along the new perimeter deer fence. All infrastructure will be multi-purpose (horse, bike, pedestrian) and placed appropriately to allow for access/egress through the perimeter fence. There are 6 vehicle and pedestrian gates and 14 multi-purpose pedestrian gates planned, at present. An additional 40 stiles will be installed across the site where we feel management access would benefit.

Tall finger posts will be used to guide people along the main access routes and bollard style waymarkers will be used on higher elevation route where finger posts would be perceived as visually intrusive. There is scope for future improvements to paths across Glen Dye Moor and new connector paths to enhance the access network.



Figure 2: Example small info sign on fence line

Threshold signs will be located at main entry points. These will give information about the site, owners and objectives as well as details of the path network and location of infrastructure to facilitate loop walks. There will be 9 threshold signs across the site. The main sign at the Spital Burn car park will be kept up to date with information on ticks and Scottish Outdoor Access Code etc. Current fire risk level and warning signs will be shown at Spital Car Park and the Charr Bothy.

Small information signage will also be installed along fence lines (high enough to be visible during winter) to direct users to the nearest infrastructure for crossing. This will be at regular intervals which at present, is planned as 15 signs.

The path network leading to Clachnaben has been maintained by a group of volunteers from the (now defunct) Clachnaben Path Trust, Cairngorm Club and the North East Mountain Trust since 1997.

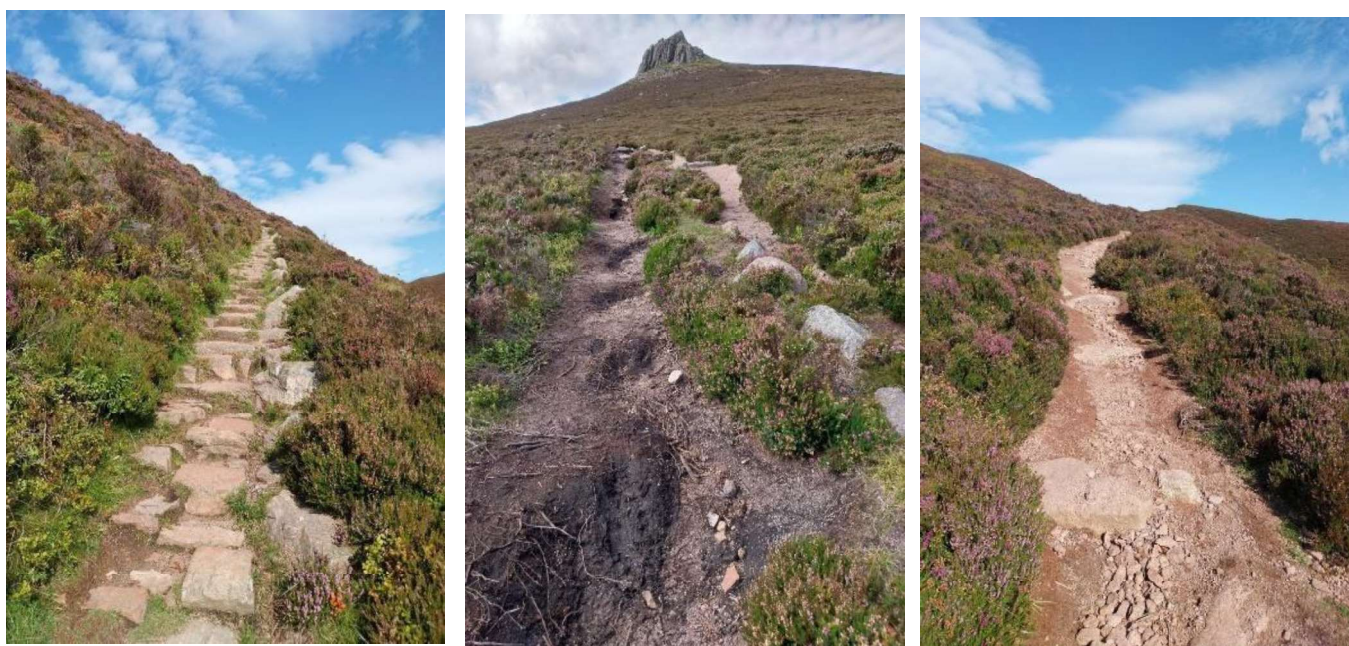
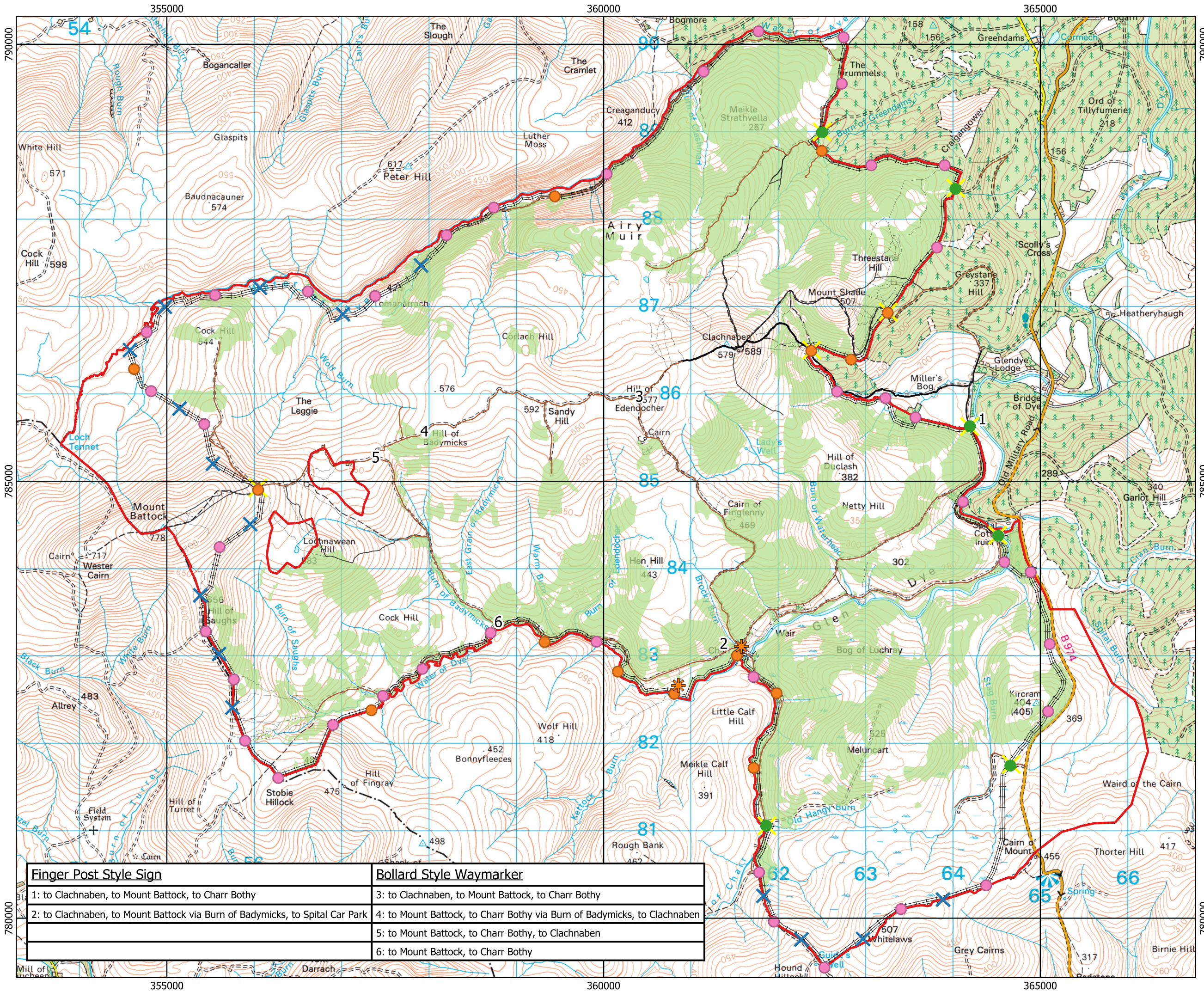


Figure 3: Varying degree of path condition on the main route to Clachnaben.

The volunteers, with the support of the National Lottery funding secured a full condition survey from Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland (OATS) and undertook repairs in 2018/2019. The section of path within our ownership is 1,060m in length and condition of the path varies in places currently due to the loss of material across some sections and a lack of regular maintenance. We have instructed OATS to carrying out an initial Upland Path Survey to indicate how best to proceed.

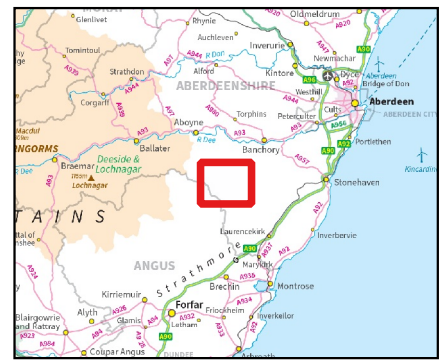
The attached map shows the path network in greater detail, proposed waymarker location and information and basic infrastructure positions.



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Map

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- Legend**
- Project Boundary
 - Planting Boundaries
 - Forest Road/Landrover Tracks
 - Deer Fence
 - Vehicle and Pedestrian
 - Pedestrian
 - Stile
 - ✕ Threshold Information Sign
 - ✕ Small Info Sign
 - ✱ Assets
 - Strava Heatmap
 - Formal
 - Informal
 - Desire Line



| Finger Post Style Sign |
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| 1: to Clachnaben, to Mount Battock, to Charr Bothy |
| 2: to Clachnaben, to Mount Battock via Burn of Badymicks, to Spital Car Park |

| Bollard Style Waymarker |
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| 3: to Clachnaben, to Mount Battock, to Charr Bothy |
| 4: to Mount Battock, to Charr Bothy via Burn of Badymicks, to Clachnaben |
| 5: to Mount Battock, to Charr Bothy, to Clachnaben |
| 6: to Mount Battock, to Charr Bothy |

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