

Welcome to Forfar Path Network

Forfar lies in the heart of Angus, surrounded by the rich farmland of Strathmore.

One thousand years ago Strathmore was a vast inhospitable area of bogs, lochs and scrub, and Forfar was one of the few crossing points. It was an important residence of Scottish Kings, with a Royal Castle on the shores of Forfar Loch. Forfar became a Royal Burgh in the 12th century but remained a small town until the 17th and 18th centuries, when farming expanded and huge quantities of flax were produced. Osnaburg cloth from Forfar's mills was exported to America and the West Indies.

The paths in this leaflet are a great way to explore the countryside around Forfar.

Over Bummie

Balmashanner Hill or 'Bummie' dominates the skyline south of Forfar. A network of paths link the old slate quarries on the hill, offering some reasonably energetic walks with views over the town.

Distance: 2-3 miles (3-5 km) round trip, depending on start point.

Approx time: 1 – 1½ hours.

Start: Reid Park, Dundee Road or South Street.

Terrain and accessibility: Hard surfaced paths and tracks, rough in places. Steps at Reid Park entrance. Some fairly steep slopes. No gates or barriers.

Other paths

The map shows other signposted paths around Forfar. These paths will let you link together the above routes, or make up your own circuit to explore the countryside around Forfar. You can find anything from a half hour stroll to a half day ramble.

Out to Lunanhead

This route explores the countryside to the east of Forfar and passes Lunanhead village. More adventurous walkers can extend the route to visit Restenneth Priory and cross Restenneth Moss, but should be aware that the path over the Moss is wet and muddy underfoot, and that it is often impassable during the winter months.

Distance: 4 miles (7 km) round trip.

Approx time: 2 hours.

Start: Whitehills.

Terrain and accessibility: Mainly grass/earth paths and tracks, which may be rutted or uneven in places. Some roadside pavements. Gentle slopes. Kissing gates between South Street and Arbroath Road. No other gates or barriers.



Round the Loch

Forfar Loch is a Country Park, preserved for recreation and wildlife. The path around the loch is an easy circular walk and a great way of seeing the wildlife.

Distance: 2½ miles (4 km) round trip.

Approx time: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Start Forfar Leisure Centre.

Terrain and accessibility: Hard surfaced paths. Fairly level. No gates or barriers.

Wherever possible, barriers such as stiles and steps have been avoided, to make paths as accessible as possible to all users, including disabled people, cyclists and horseriders. Path surfaces vary from firm purpose built paths to farm tracks and earth paths. Further details are included in the walk descriptions.

Many of the paths are on working farms and estates. Please respect land management operations, take your litter home and keep you dog under proper control.

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- **take responsibility for your own actions**
- **respect the interests of other people**
- **care for the environment.**

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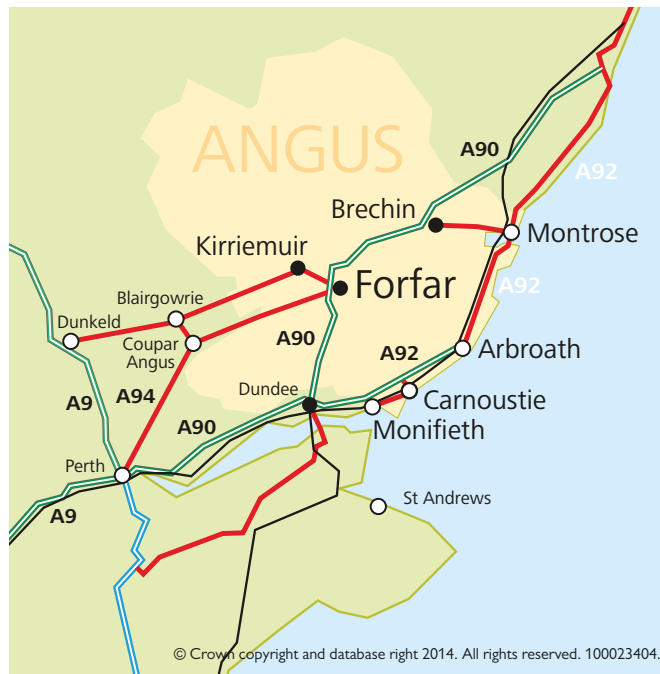


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Forfar Library
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