

Welcome to Glen Clova

Glen Clova is one of a series of steep-sided glens that together with Glen Isla, Prosen, Lethnot and Esk form the Angus Glens. Natural forces of ice and water have shaped the glens in a similar fashion, though each has its own distinctive qualities.

In the upper valley there are numerous corries that give the glen a wildness. You can almost imagine yourself being watched by an ancient Pict or a hungry wolf! At the top of the corries the land levels out into a broad plateau – part of the Cairngorms National Park and the largest area of high ground in the country, with plants and animals more commonly found in the Alps or the Arctic.



Glen Clova Walks

Glen Clova has a number of trails and paths that you can explore from low level routes through forests to more strenuous expeditions onto the hills with the reward of fine views. This leaflet suggests seven routes of varying length. Please take a few minutes to read the route descriptions before you set out, just to make sure that your chosen route is suitable for you and your group. Timings are very approximate depending on how fast you walk and how much wildlife you see! You can also combine some of the trails to make a longer expedition.

GREEN

Trout Loch Path

This relatively flat path takes you to Loch Heath. Permits to fish are available from the Glen Clova Hotel.

Distance: 1 mile (1½ kms) return trip
 Approx Time: 30 mins return trip
 Start: Glen Clova Hotel car park
 Terrain: Surfaced path suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.

RED

Loch Brandy

A steep climb of about 1,300 feet (400 metres) to the edge of Loch Brandy, which sits in an impressive, high mountain corrie.

Distance: 3 miles (4½ kms) return trip
 Approx Time: 2½ hours return trip
 Start: Rear of Glen Clova Hotel car park
 Terrain: Steep, rough hill path
 Please note: The paths beyond the loch are not waymarked and lead into very steep and remote mountain country.

PINK

Minister's Path

This is a link path from Glen Clova to Glen Prosen. It gets its name from the fact that the Manse in Prosen served both Clova and Prosen churches. This is the route the minister would regularly take in his pony and trap.

Distance: 6 miles (10kms) one way
 Approx Time: 3 hours one way
 Start: Clova Hotel or Glenprosen Village
 Terrain: Hill track and unsurfaced path (muddy in places).



Dykehead

As you approach Glen Clova from Kirriemuir you pass through Cortachy and Dykehead which are the starting points for some rewarding walks.

RED

Airlie Monument

A pleasant climb through mature forest to Airlie Monument, an impressive 65 foot high stone tower. Good views over the surrounding hills.

Distance: 1½ miles (2½ kms) return from Airlie Monument car park. 3½ miles (5 kms) return from Dykehead.

Approx Time: 1 to 2 hours return depending on starting point.

Start: Dykehead or Airlie Monument car park.

Terrain: Forest tracks and paths, moderately steep. Some muddy sections.



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Glen Doll

Glen Doll is a rugged steep sided glen at the very head of Glen Clova. For more walk ideas pick up a trail leaflet from the Glen Doll ranger base.

YELLOW

South Esk Trail

An easy but rewarding circular walk beside the River South Esk, with views into the upper glen.

Distance: 2 miles (3 kms), round trip.

Approx Time: 1 hour, return.

Start: Glen Doll Ranger Base.

Terrain: Forest path and track, gentle gradients.



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BLUE

River Esk and Sawmill Walk

An interesting route that takes you through mature woodlands with specimen trees and along the banks of the River South Esk.

Distance: 2½ miles (4kms) return.

Approx Time: 1½ hours.

Start: Car park beside Cortachy School or in Dykehead.

Terrain: Unsurfaced path. (muddy in places)



GREEN

Corrie Fee

Forest path to Corrie Fee, an impressive mountain amphitheatre gouged out by glaciers.

Distance: 4½ miles (7 kms) return.

Approx Time: 2½ hours, return.

Start: Glen Doll Ranger Base.

Terrain: Forest Track then path, moderate gradient.

Please note: The path beyond the viewpoint is not waymarked and leads into very steep and remote country.

Much of the Glen is sheep grazing country, and also important for ground nesting birds. Keep your dog under proper control at all times.

Some of the paths lead towards high remote mountain areas with steep terrain. If you plan to go further, please ensure that you are suitably experienced and equipped.

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.**

Visit outdooraccess-scotland.com or contact your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



The content of this publication can be made available in alternative formats or translated into other community languages.

Leaflets are also available for path networks in other parts of Angus.

Please contact the Council's ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778 for further information or email accessline@angus.gov.uk

For information on paths, local events, facilities and accommodation:

Visitor Information Centres:

Kirriemuir Gateway to the Glens Museum and Tourist Information: 01575 575 479

Glen Doll Ranger Base: 01575 550 233



Useful web sites: www.angusahead.com
www.angus.gov.uk
www.angusglens.co.uk
www.cairngorms.co.uk
www.visitcairngorms.co.uk

If you enjoyed exploring these 'Glen Clova Trails' then look out for other path leaflets to help you discover more of the Angus Glens and Cairngorms National Park.

Glen Clova Paths



Discover the Angus Glens

