

Welcome to Bennybeg

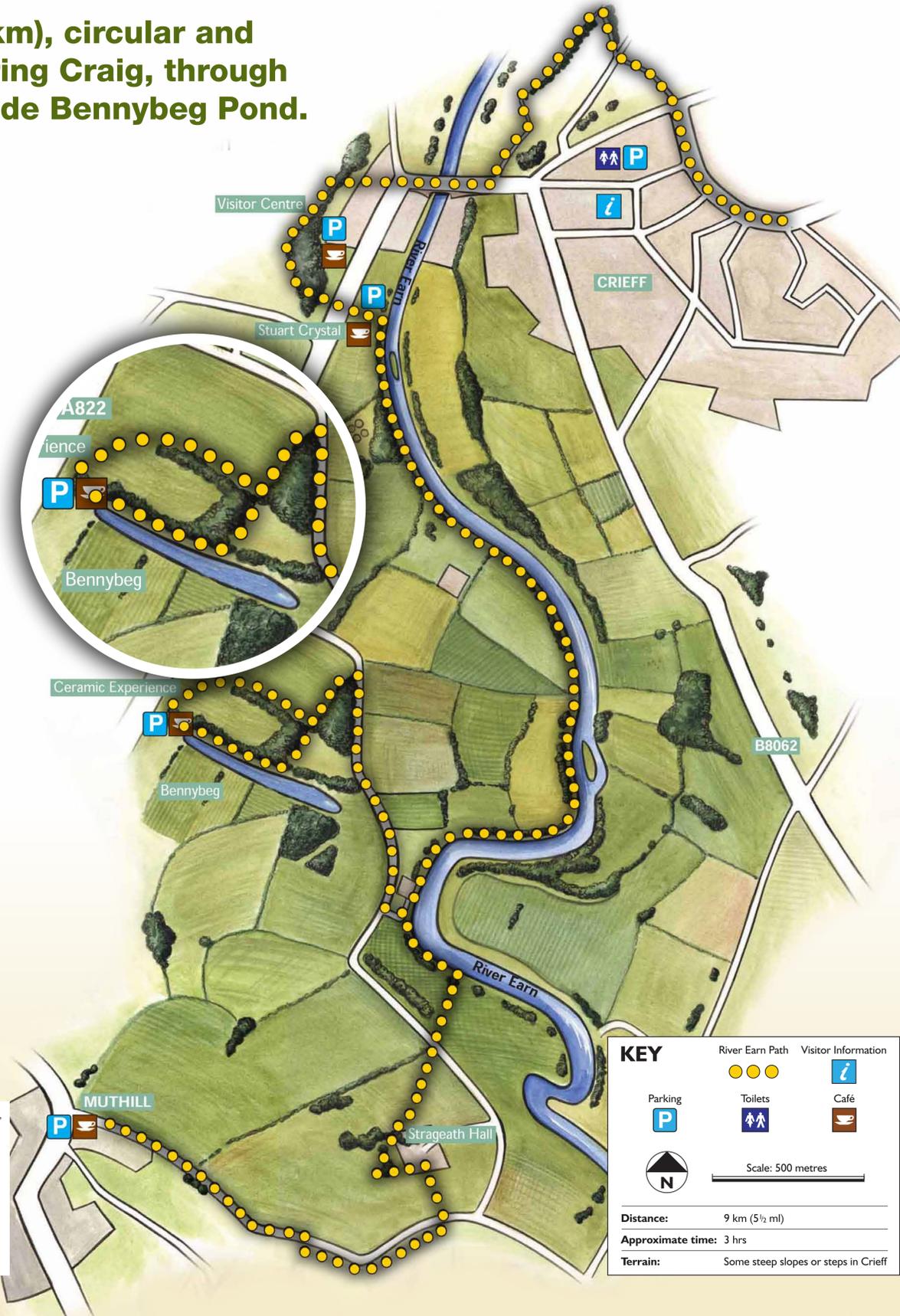
The Bennybeg Path provides a short (1.5km), circular and level route which passes below the towering Craig, through woodland bordering farmland and alongside Bennybeg Pond.

With all these different features there is plenty of interesting wildlife to enjoy and the path is laid out as a nature trail with numbered posts and a guide leaflet produced by Drummond Estate. The path has been upgraded to all abilities standard with the involvement of Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust.

Bennybeg Craig is a Quartz-Dolerite dyke. About 390 million years ago it formed as hard rock within a wider sandstone landscape. Over time the much softer sandstone has weathered away leaving only this hard rock to stand tall today. Other similar dykes run east - west across central Scotland.

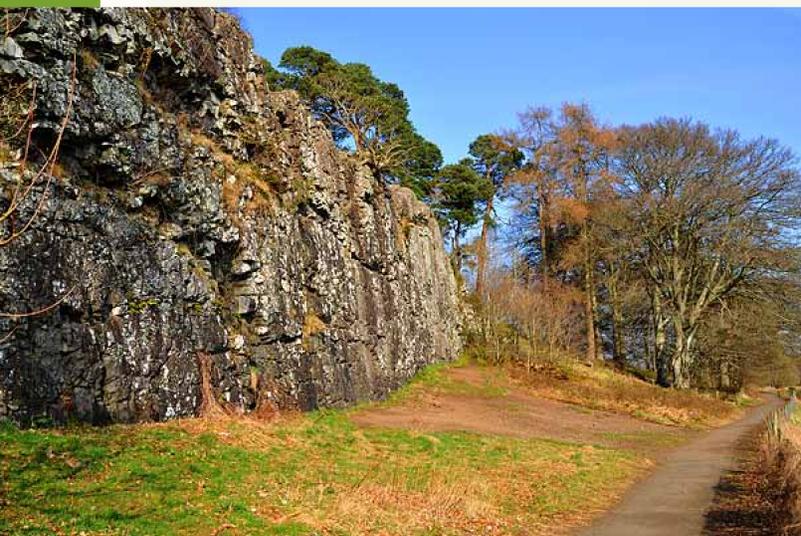
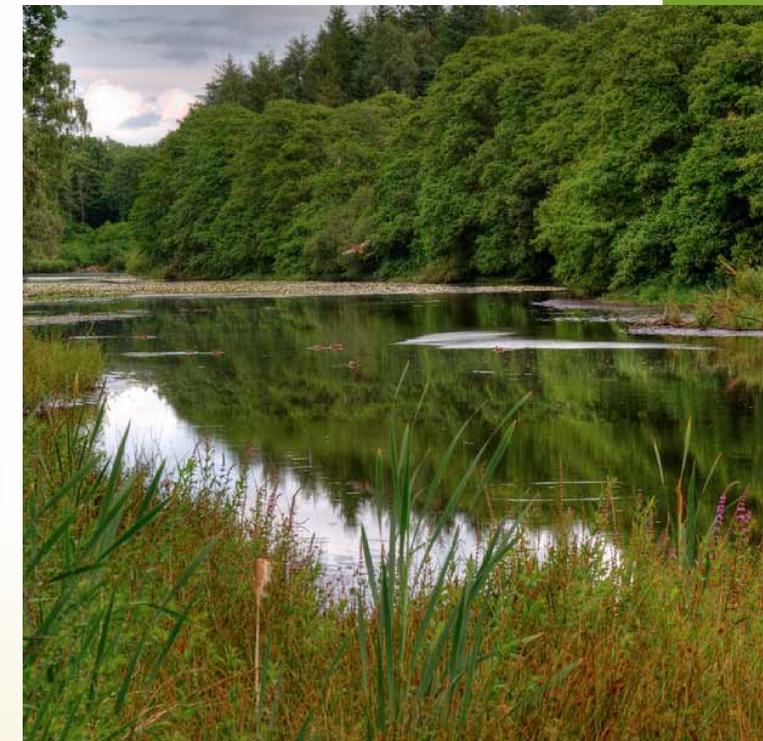
A route through the woodland to the top of the dyke gives views over the surrounding land. To the north Crieff and its Knock can be seen lying below the mountains around Loch Turret, Ben Chonzie being the highest and most distinctive.

Bennybeg Pond is linked to the much bigger Drummond Pond to the west through an area of wetland. Here willow and alder trees are surrounded by plants such as wood horsetail and yellow iris which help to provide cover for birdlife including little grebe and coot. Mute swans and mallards are frequently seen amongst the rafts of floating water lilies in the open water of the pond.



The Keep of Drummond Castle amid its wooded grounds can be glimpsed from the path. The castle dates back to 1491 and its gardens are open to the public during the summer.

For those keen to explore further the Bennybeg path connects with the River Earn Path which links Crieff and Muthill.



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