

From 'The Lang Toon' of Auchterarder, you can quickly be out in rural landscapes, following routes beside farmland, burns or through woodland all to take in the stunning scenery and sounds of the countryside. Keep eyes and ears out for an abundance of wild flowers and wildlife. Back in town, enjoy a range of shops and cafes along the longest high street in Scotland of 1 1/2 miles / 2.4km.

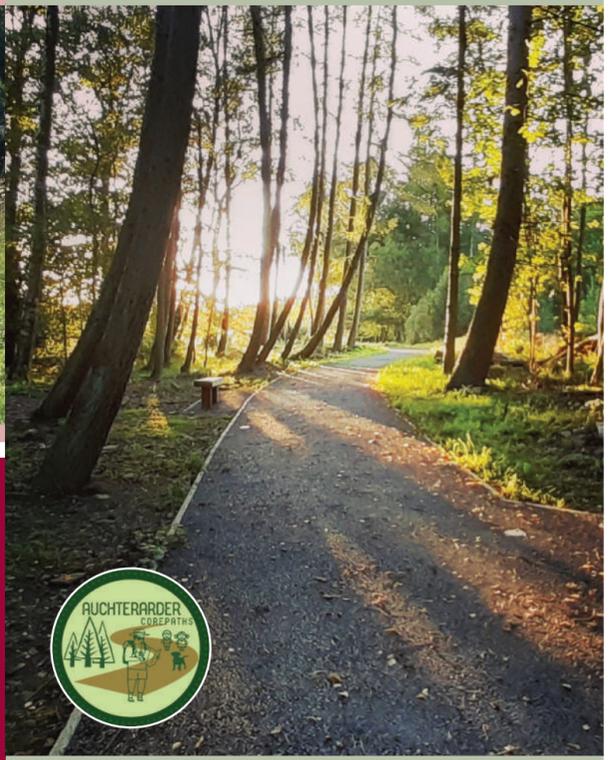
EXPLORE IN AND AROUND 'THE LANG TOON'



DISCOVER THE AUCHTERARDER PATH NETWORK - OVER 50 MILES / 80 KM OF PATHS FORMING A RANGE OF ROUTES FOR WALKING, CYCLING, WHEELING AND HORSE RIDING.

EXPLORE THE AUCHTERARDER PATH NETWORK

The Auchterarder Path Network is extensive, with these local paths linking the urban environment to the wider rural landscape and connecting communities. Other path networks within Perthshire are in and around Aberfeldy, Blairgowrie, the Carse of Gowrie, Coupar Angus, Crieff, Dunkeld and Birnam, Kinloch Rannoch, Kirkmichael and Pitlochry. Full details of all of Perthshire's path networks can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/paths



Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

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

KNOW THE CODE BEFORE YOU GO
 SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE outdooraccess-scotland.scot

Wildlife means an abundance of wildlife to be found. Roe deer, red squirrels and butterflies plus numerous bird species and wildflowers are to be seen throughout the seasons in and around Auchterarder.



WILDLIFE

Auchterarder is surrounded by exceptional countryside, including burns, mixed woodland with some magnificent trees, and open farmland that provides the backdrop to spectacular views of the Ochil Hills, Strathearn valley and Gampian mountains. The area offers a true escape from the everyday bustle.

COUNTRYSIDE



HOW TO GET THERE

TRAIN

Gleneagles Station is about 1 3/4 miles / 2.8 km from the High Street. It takes about 1/2-1 hour to walk (including crossing the A9 with great care) or about 10 minutes by bus. For more information on train services, visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or call Train Tracker on 03457 484950.

BUS

There are several bus stops near routes within the path network, with bus services running around the town and further afield to Perth, Stirling, Crieff and beyond. For more information about public transport timetables and journey planning, visit www.travelinescotland.com or call 0871 200 2233.

CYCLE

There are many cyclable routes in the area, but it is advisable to check CycleStreets to help plan your journey safely: www.cyclestreets.net. Ebikes are also available to hire in town (for free if a local resident) from Synergy Cycle Shop: www.synergycycles.cc or call 01764 664251.

WALK

Auchterarder benefits from connections to the extensive core path network in Perth and Kinross. For more information, visit www.pkc.gov.uk/corepathsmap

CAR

Auchterarder lies just off the A9 between Stirling and Perth. For Sat Navs, input PH3 1AA for the Crown Inn Wynd Car Park in the town centre. There are several electric vehicle charging points in the area. To find one, visit <https://chargeplacescotland.org/cpmap/>

This leaflet was delivered in collaboration with Smarter Choices Smarter Places, Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust and PK on the Go - SAVE MONEY, TIME AND HASSLE WHILE YOU TRAVEL www.pkonthego.co.uk



Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust (PKCT) is an independent charity that negotiates access to land, builds footpaths, helps care for Scotland's most spectacular woodlands and trees, and works on conservation projects all to improve and promote access to the countryside for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. It has project managed over £1 million in path upgrade works in Auchterarder since 2015.



www.pkc.org



www.facebook.com/ACSandr

Auchterarder Core Path Volunteers (ACPV) is a sub-group of Sports and Recreation (ACSR), which facilitates participation in sport and active recreation for all ages and abilities within our community.



www.facebook.com/auchterardercorepaths

A local community group of volunteers established to improve the condition and drainage of the core paths in Auchterarder for more users of all abilities. The initial work on the paths was instigated and carried out in conjunction with ACSR.



COMPRISING SEVEN PRIMARY ROUTES IN AND AROUND 'THE LANG TOON', THE AUCHTERARDER PATH NETWORK OFFERS MORE THAN 50 MILES / 80 KM OF ROUTES FOR WALKERS, CYCLISTS AND HORSE RIDERS.



Distance to Auchterarder:

Perth: 13 miles / 21 km Edinburgh: 44 miles / 71 km
 Glasgow: 46 miles / 74 km Aberdeen: 100 miles / 161 km

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HERE IS A SELECTION OF LOCAL PATH FAVOURITES...

Paths can be chosen to suit individual interests, time constraints and levels of fitness or accessibility. Most can be linked to reveal a wide range of habitats and scenery, including hedgerows, woodlands, farmland and the Strathearn and Ochil Hills.

COMMON LOAN ●●●

A great largely flat route (with exception of a long flight of steps at the southern end) between livestock fields and hedgerow. Two benches provide the perfect opportunity to savour the stunning view towards Craigrossie.

Wide, smooth, flat stone path. One wide gate. 48 steps at the southern end with bike ramp beside. Flat sealed surface beside Glenruthven mill leading to Abbey Road.



¼ mile / 500 metres
Allow ¼ hour

JOHNNY MATHEWS ●●●

A challenging route with steep and more gradual elevation along its length. It passes between livestock fields and oak woodland, crosses a railway line by an old stone bridge, and features rural landscape with scenic views and abundant bird species.

A wide, smooth, stone path with good drainage ditches. Some short stretches can be damp after heavy rain. Long section (70 metres) of steep climbing.



¾ mile / 1.1 km
Allow ¾ hr

BLACK ROAD ○○○

A valuable north / south link path within the town off Abbey Road. A gradual slope descending 20 metres passes behind the back of private gardens and is therefore sheltered and shaded in short stretches.

Mostly narrow, smooth, stone path in three sections. Some short uneven sections.



¼ mile / 490 metres
Allow ¼ hr



- ① Hunter Street
- ② Abbey Road
- ③ Ruthven Street
- ④ Castleton Road
- ⑤ Tullibardine Road
- ⑥ Orchil Road
- ⑦ Western Road

OTHER PATHS ■■■

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OAK WALK ○○○

A much-loved, peaceful rural route at the northern edge of the town that connects with the wider path network. The path passes through woodland, over a burn by three small bridges, and reveals the Strathearn valley to the Grampian mountains.

Mostly earthen path. Several short, steep, uneven sections. One narrow kissing gate. One stile. Some stretches can be muddy after rain and therefore unsuitable for prams, wheelchairs or walking aids.



½ mile / 750 metres
Allow ½ hr

EASTHILL ROAD LINK PATH ●●●

This short, low-level path through a strip of trees between two fields is a useful connection from Easthill Road to the Oak Walk path. It features an uneven slope and an informal bridge crossing over a ditch towards Oak Walk.

An earthen path between trees. Several uneven sections. Some stretches can be very muddy after heavy rain.



200 metres
Allow ¼ hr

AVENUE ●●●

A great largely low-level walk at the northern edge of the town meanders between fields, a ditch and hedgerow. It offers spectacular views towards the Grampian mountains and joins the Oak Walk and wider path network. Keep dogs under close control or on a lead.

Mostly narrow and uneven earthen path. Two wide self-closing gates due to sheep in the enclosure. Some stretches can be muddy.



¼ mile / 500 metres
Allow ¼ hr

PROVOST WALK - UPGRADED ●●●

An all access east / west link path featuring solar lights, several resting places with benches, mixed woodland, livestock fields, hedgerow and lovely views across to the Ochil Hills. Enjoy varied bird species, roe deer, red squirrels and other wildlife.

Mostly wide, smooth, flat, sealed surface path. Some zigzagged sections to reach the higher ground.



1½ miles / 2.5km
Allow 1.5 hrs