

With such a range of natural and cultural attractions to explore, why not take time to relax with an overnight stay or two in your choice of accommodation along the way or stop at one of the many cafes and restaurants to sample some highland hospitality. For more information visit



www.visitcairngorms.com and, en route pick up a **free copy** of the **Park Guide** which is full of useful information for your journey.

Travel the Snow Roads as the scenic way north or south. Link to Royal Deeside, Whisky Trail or the North Coast 500.

"What other sportive boasts taking in a ski resort, royal estates, whisky distilleries and over 100 miles of the most beautiful scenery that the Scottish Highlands has to offer? The Etape Royale is an inspired route and has a brilliant atmosphere."

**Mark Beaumont -
Broadcaster, Adventurer,
Speaker & Author**

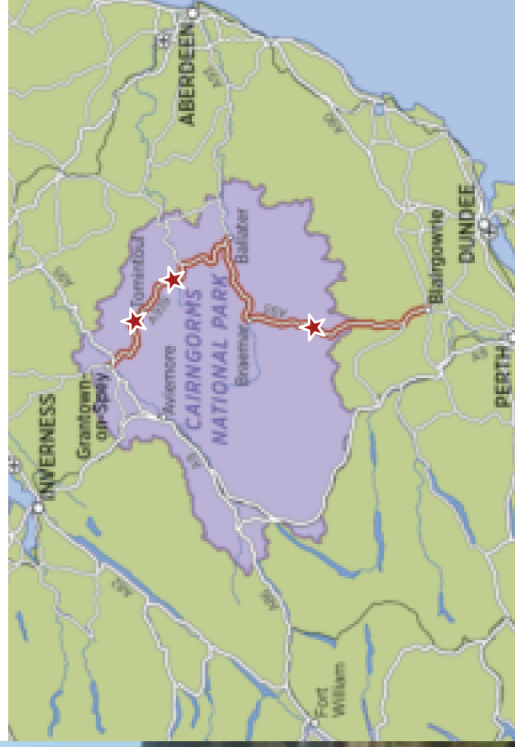


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How to get here

The Snow Roads are slow roads. Take your time to enjoy the views, villages and attractions along the route. You will experience steep hills, "blind" summits, tight bends and single track roads on part of the route so be sure to drive with care and courtesy. On narrow sections please be aware of other drivers and use passing places to allow others to continue on their way.

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The Snow Roads Scenic Route is a 90 mile journey which takes you from the picturesque market town of Blairgowrie through to the traditional Highland town of Grantown on Spey. The route traverses the highest public road in Britain (highest point at Cairnwell Pass 670 m (2199 ft) above sea level) by the Glenshee Ski Centre) taking you through some of the most outstanding landscapes on the eastern side of the Cairngorms National Park. The journey links the communities of Braemar, Ballater and Tomintoul with a range of natural and cultural attractions along the way.

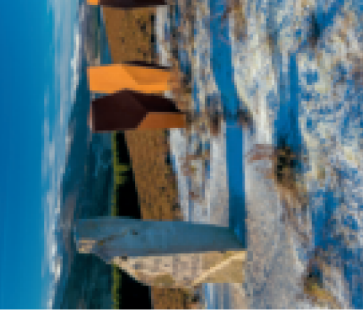
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Places of Interest

1. Balmenach Distillery
2. Well of Lecht
3. Lecht Ski Centre
4. Corgarff Castle
5. Gairnshiel Bridge
6. Burn O' Vat Visitor Centre
7. Crathie Kirk & Balmoral Castle
8. Royal Lochnagar Distillery
9. Braemar Castle
10. Glenshee Ski Centre
11. Cateran Trail – Long Distance Path

Fuel Stations

★ Scenic Route Installations



★ **The Watchers** by John Kennedy and **A Moment in Time** by Louise Gardiner
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★ **Still** by Angus Ritchie
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- Blairgowrie to Spittal of Glenshee – 19 miles**
- Spittal of Glenshee to Braemar – 14.9 miles**
- Braemar to Ballater – 16.7 miles**
- Ballater to Tomintoul – 24.6 miles**
- Tomintoul to Grantown – 14 miles**

★ **Connecting Contours** by Daniel Smith and Philip Zoechbauer
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Safety First! This route traverses the highest roads in Britain – it's called the Snow Roads for good reason. Please check the weather forecast and follow any travel warnings. There is an 18 tonne weight restriction on Gairnshiel Bridge.