



Nairn  
Active Travel Map  
Walking and cycling routes  
in and around Nairn



We are a thriving and sustainable community hub supporting local people with a focus on environmental solutions.

We deliver a wide range of activities, products and services which bring about "Happier People and Happier Places in Nairnshire".

This active travel map was produced with funding from Cycling Scotland to help you find shortcuts around Nairn and enjoy the amazing sites and scenery that Nairnshire has to offer.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Traveline Scotland - [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com)
- ScotRail - [www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk)
- Stagecoach - [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)
- Citylink - [www.citylink.co.uk](http://www.citylink.co.uk)
- Highland Council - [www.travelhighland.info](http://www.travelhighland.info)
- Moray Car Share - <https://moraycarshare.co.uk>

OTHER USEFUL WEBSITES

- Cycling Scotland - [www.cycling.scot](http://www.cycling.scot)
- Sustrans Scotland - [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)
- Paths for all - [www.pathsforall.org.uk](http://www.pathsforall.org.uk)
- Energy Saving Trust - [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland)
- Cycle Streets - Journey planning - [www.cyclestreets.net](http://www.cyclestreets.net)
- Walk Highlands - [www.walkhighlands.co.uk](http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk)

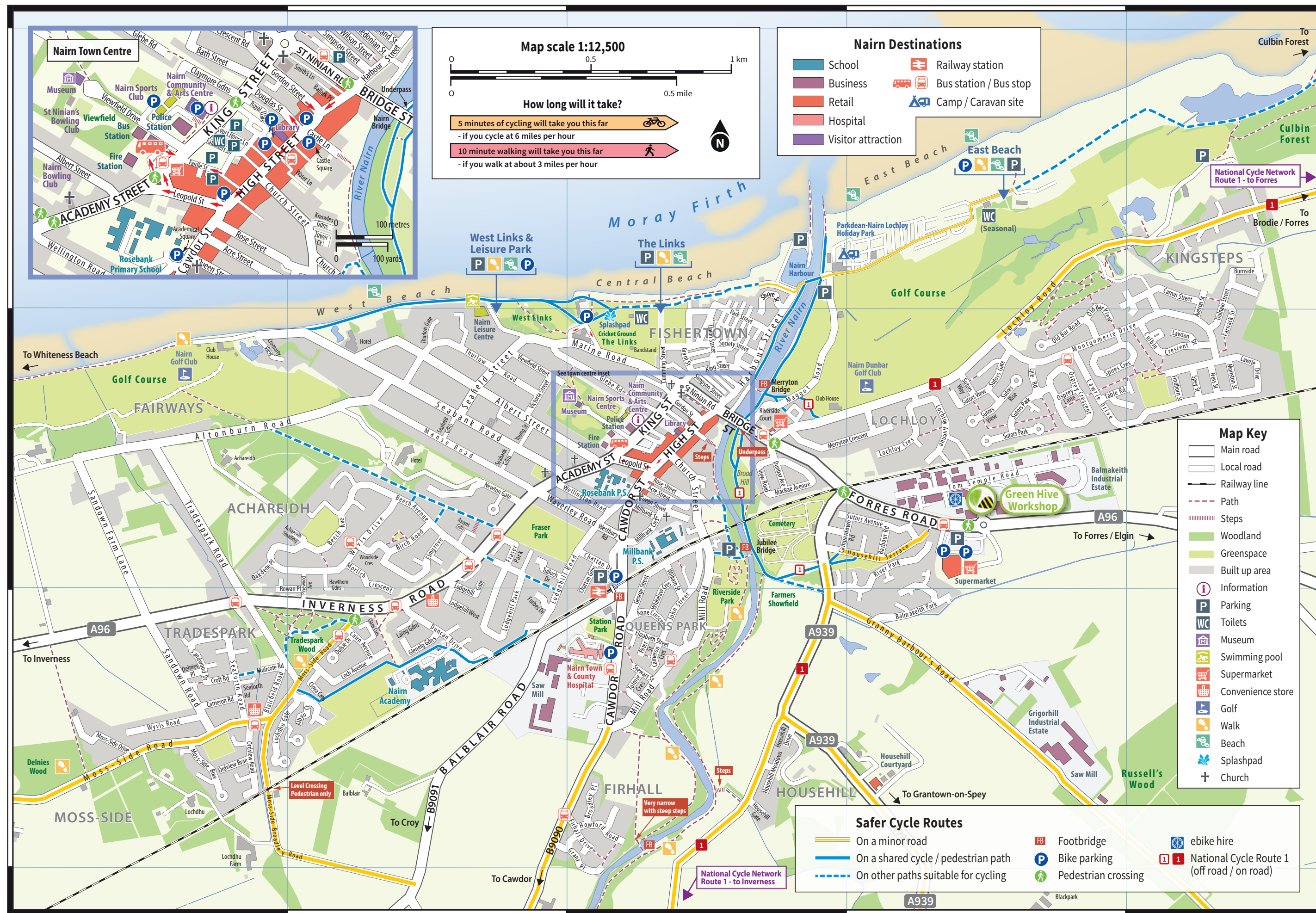


SCOTLAND'S  
HIGHLAND  
PLAYGROUND

Nairn is a relaxing and friendly seaside resort in the Scottish Highlands, blessed with three beautiful beaches, stunning scenery and two Championship Golf courses.

One of the sunniest and driest places in Scotland, Nairn is a popular family holiday destination and an ideal base for walking, cycling, touring the Highlands and golfing.

Located on the Moray Firth, at the edge of the sand-floored Culbin Forest, a visit to Nairn can bring you a surprising array of Highland wildlife-watching opportunities, including dolphins, minke whale, seals and some remarkable birdlife.



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Why choose Active Travel?  
It's free!

Walking is the natural choice for short, everyday journeys, and you don't have to worry about parking! It is often quicker to travel around town by bike than by bus or car.

**It helps you stay fit and healthy.**  
Incorporating exercise into your daily routine helps you to achieve the recommended 150 minutes of exercise a week which will help keep you mentally and physically healthy.

**It benefits the environment.**  
Active travel contributes to quieter streets and cleaner air. Driving less could mean a mixture of walking, cycling, e-biking, car sharing and using public transport for some of your journeys.

SIGNS YOU WILL SEE

- Shared use route**  
Walking and cycling traffic free.
- No cycling**
- Recommended cycle route**  
Often marked with a dashed white line on the road.
- Contraflow**  
Two-way cycling allowed on a one-way street.
- Cycle route ahead**  
Warns drivers of riders on the road
- National Cycle Network Route 1**: Inverness to Aberdeen  
See [sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map](http://sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map)



It's an offence to close-pass someone cycling and you could get three points on your license and be fined £100. Always give at least 1.5 metres space when passing - this will usually mean crossing into the other lane. Wait at a safe distance until you have space and visibility to pass safely.

SAFETY AND COURTESY

When you're cycling make sure you're easily visible to other road users - wear bright or reflective clothing and use front and rear lights when riding in the dark.

Check the Highway Code or information on walking, cycling and safe driving around cyclists. [www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk](http://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk) [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot)

BIKE HIRE & REPAIR

- Green Hive e-bike hire**  
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[www.hub.greenhive.co.uk/e-bike](http://www.hub.greenhive.co.uk/e-bike)
- Bike hire and maintenance from Bikespokes, mobile repair service**  
<https://bikespokes.co.uk>
- Matt's Bike Workshop located in Forres**  
[www.mattsbikeworkshop.co.uk](http://www.mattsbikeworkshop.co.uk)
- Auldearn Bike Repairs and Servicing located in Auldearn**  
[www.facebook.com/auldearnbikes](http://www.facebook.com/auldearnbikes)
- Car and e-bike hire from Moray Car Share**  
<https://moraycarshare.co.uk>

GOOD CYCLING ROUTES FROM NAIRN

- Nairn - Cawdor 13 miles / 21 km**  
**Start from the Riverside Park.**  
Cross the Jubilee bridge and turn right, turn onto the A939, then turn right onto the B9009 and follow to Cawdor. Coming back, turn right at Clephanton onto the B9091 to come back to Nairn.
- Nairn - Fort George 18.6 miles / 30 km**  
**Start from Nairn Links Central Car Park.**  
Cycle along Marine Road, turn left onto Seafield Street, right at the junction of Seabank Road and left onto Altonburn Road. Follow Altonburn Road to the junction and turn onto Sandown Farm Lane, cross the A96 and continue down to Moss-side Road. Turn right onto Moss-side Road and keep on until you reach the junction at Moss-side. Turn right towards the junction with the A96. At the A96 go straight across, making sure to secure the gate, then turn left onto the B9092 and keep on until Ardersier and then the B9006 to Fort George. Return on the minor road past Kirkton.
- Nairn - Brodie & Culbin Forest 14.2 miles / 23 km**  
**Start from Lochloy Road.**  
Keep on Lochloy Road until you reach the junction signposted for Brodie Castle. For the Culbin woods - Keep straight on and turn left at the junction for Cloddymoss. For Brodie and Brodie Castle - Turn right following signage for the Castle, turn left before the railway crossing and then left at the sign for the Castle.

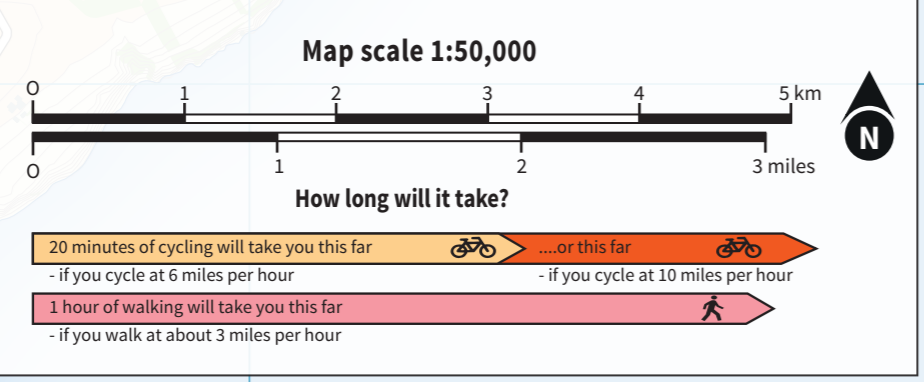
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USING THIS MAP  
This active travel map highlights suggested routes for cycling in and around Nairnshire. Where possible, it identifies traffic-free routes which are shown as quieter roads which people may prefer for cycling. Nairnshire is a great place to walk and cycle, where many people choose to make their journeys actively. This map shows how easily you can reach key destinations by bike or on foot.



# Nairnshire Active Travel Map

- Map Key**
- A96 Main roads
  - B9101 Minor roads
  - Track
  - Path
  - Railway line
  - Woodland
  - Greenspace
  - 10m contours
  - Parking
  - Toilets
  - School
  - Train station
  - Bus station
  - Bus stop\*
  - Supermarket
  - Convenience store
  - Hospital
  - Museum
  - Visitor Centre
  - Swimming pool
  - Beach
  - Splashpad
  - Castle
  - Caravan / campsite
  - Golf
  - Walks
  - Mountain biking trails
- \* Bus times and stops are liable to change



- Safer Cycle Routes**
- On a minor road
  - On shared cycle / pedestrian path
  - On other path suitable for cycling
  - Steep section
  - National Cycle Route 1 (off road / on road)

**Suggested Cycle Loops**

- Nairn to Cawdor  
13 miles / 21 km (round trip)
- Nairn to Fort George  
18.6 miles / 30 km (round trip)
- Nairn to Brodie & Culbin Forest  
14.2 miles / 23 km (round trip)  
- with the option of returning through the Culbin Forest

**Suggested Walking Loops**

- Whiteness Beach (Secret Beach)  
8 miles / 13 km (there and back)
- River Nairn to Cawdor  
5.5 miles / 9 km (one way)
- East Beach, R.S.P.B. Nature Reserve and Culbin Forest  
2 miles / 3.5 km (one way)  
- with the option of various paths through the Culbin Forest



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**KNOW THE CODE BEFORE YOU GO**

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

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