

The Formartine & Buchan Way

Maud to Old Deer

3 miles



Walking, Cycling & Horse-riding



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Directions

Access to the route at Maud is well signposted in the town. Maud Junction Railway Station is just off the B9029 in the centre of the village. This is one of the few stations still with a recognisable station. Parking is available in the station car park. As Maud was the junction for all trains to Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Dyce, you can access 3 parts of the route from this village. Maud to Mintlaw is the Peterhead line.

This section of the route is suitable for wheelchair users, although there is a slight gradient to access the route in Maud.

Old Deer itself is a small country village situated beside Deer Abbey.

The Abbey was founded in 1219 by William Comyn who was the Earl of

Buchan. It was a Cisterian monastery, famed for having produced the Book of Deer (or Deir), written some time in the 900s. It contains the earliest written Scottish Gaelic yet discovered and is now held in the Cambridge University Library.



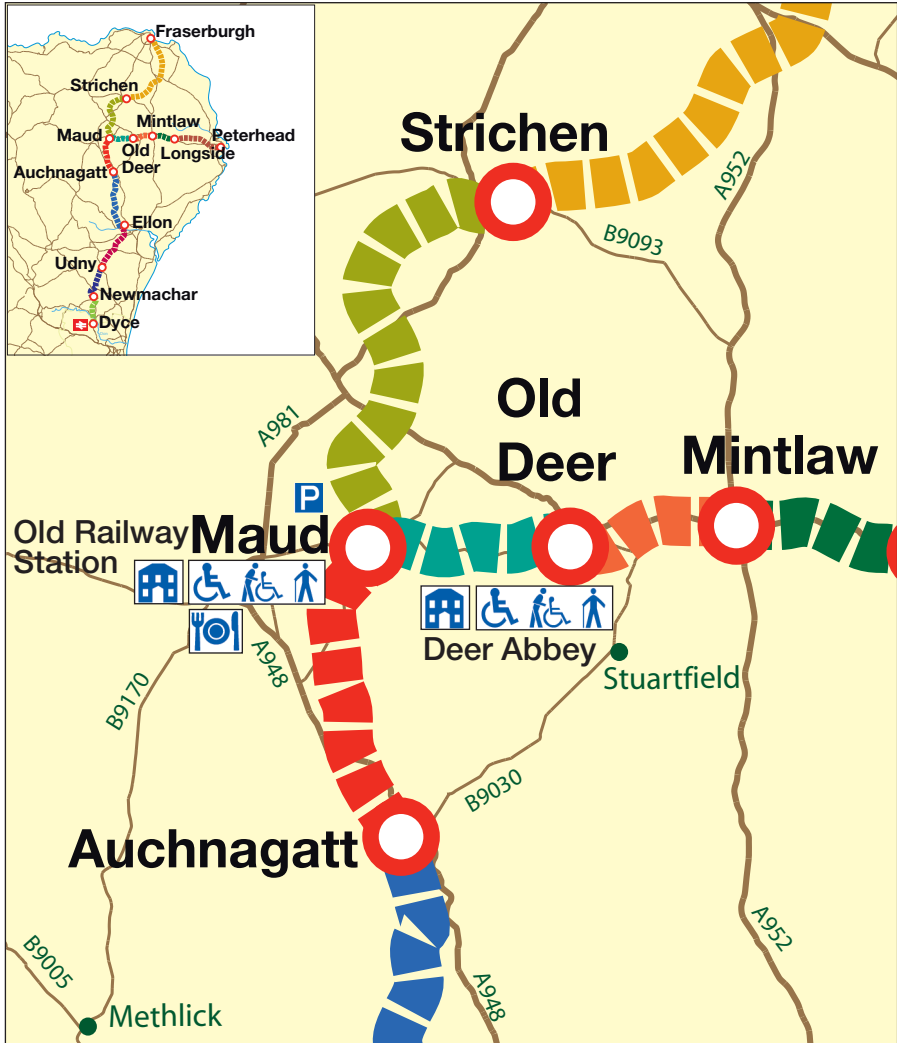
Hints and Tips

- The surrounding countryside is abundant with natural flora and fauna. See if you can spot a fox, a willow warbler or a roe deer.
- Take a picnic and meander through the ruins of Deer Abbey.
- The Wizard Music Festival offers the visitor a chance to listen to a variety of bands at the end of August in New Deer, just a few miles west of Maud. It's a family music festival with 4 stages.

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