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Deeside, Donside and Strathbogie together make up the Aberdeenshire Council area of Marr. Between them they provide a diverse range of scenic and historical experiences. The area provides a range of woodlands from Birchwoods to Caledonian Pine Forest as well as a wealth of historic buildings and archaeology.

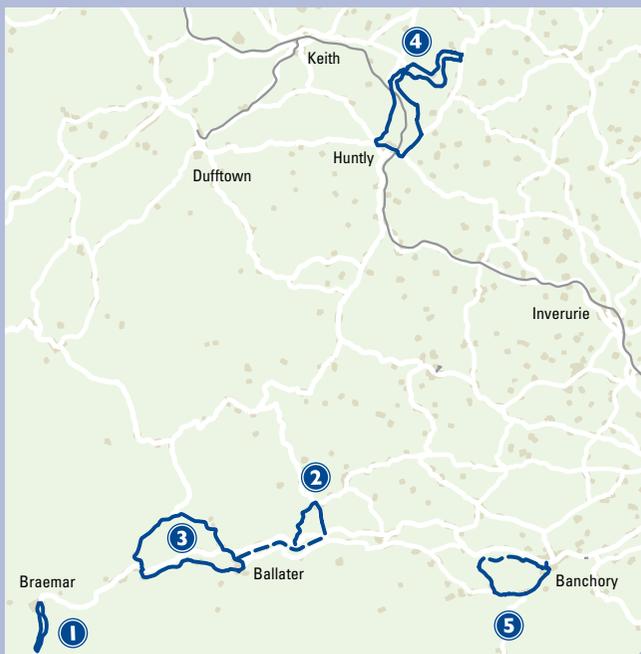
Most of the cycle routes described in this leaflet have been designed to cater for all ages and abilities and where possible, off-road, family and commuter routes have been selected. Some routes require more effort than others.

The routes in this leaflet show distance, effort required and tourist attractions. Most routes use the quieter roads but may involve short stretches of main 'A' roads to continue the route. Great care should be taken at all times whilst cycling, particularly on these busy stretches of road. Please let large vehicles pass and remember you may encounter forestry operations off-road. Please keep well clear and observe signs and diversions for your safety.

We advise that you also take an OS map with you. While the routes featured follow quiet roads and key features have been identified, an OS map will guide you further in the area. LandRanger 1:50,000 Nos 29, 37, 38 and 43.

To plan any journeys using public transport visit www.travelinescotland.com or call 0871 200 22 33.

Area covered by this map



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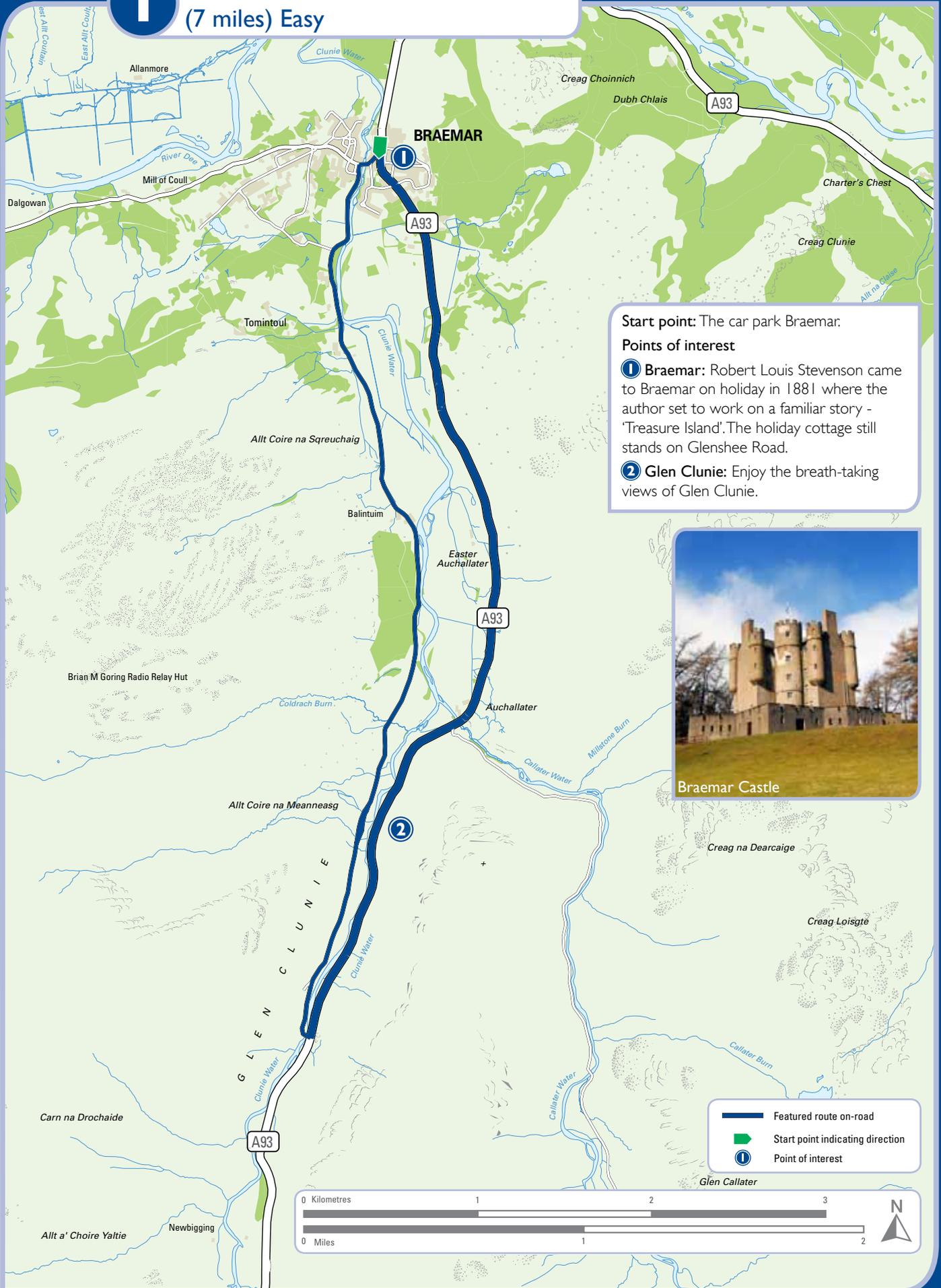
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BRAEMAR TO GLEN CLUNIE

(7 miles) Easy

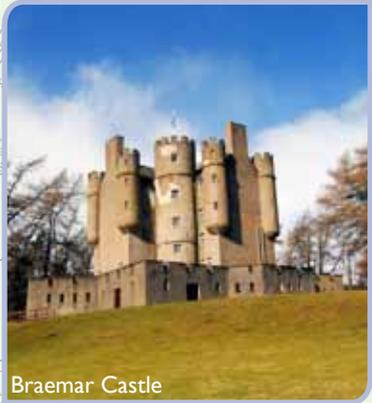


Start point: The car park Braemar.

Points of interest

1 Braemar: Robert Louis Stevenson came to Braemar on holiday in 1881 where the author set to work on a familiar story - 'Treasure Island'. The holiday cottage still stands on Gleshee Road.

2 Glen Clunie: Enjoy the breath-taking views of Glen Clunie.



Braemar Castle

-  Featured route on-road
-  Start point indicating direction
-  Point of interest

2 BALLATER TO BURN O'VAT CIRCULAR (18 miles) Easy

This is an ideal family route, mainly flat with plenty of spots for having a picnic. The off road section is suitable for mountain bikes and hybrids. Those on touring bikes may be advised to use the A93 which runs parallel to the Deeside Way. The Deeside Way follows a disused railway and is suitable for mountain bikes.

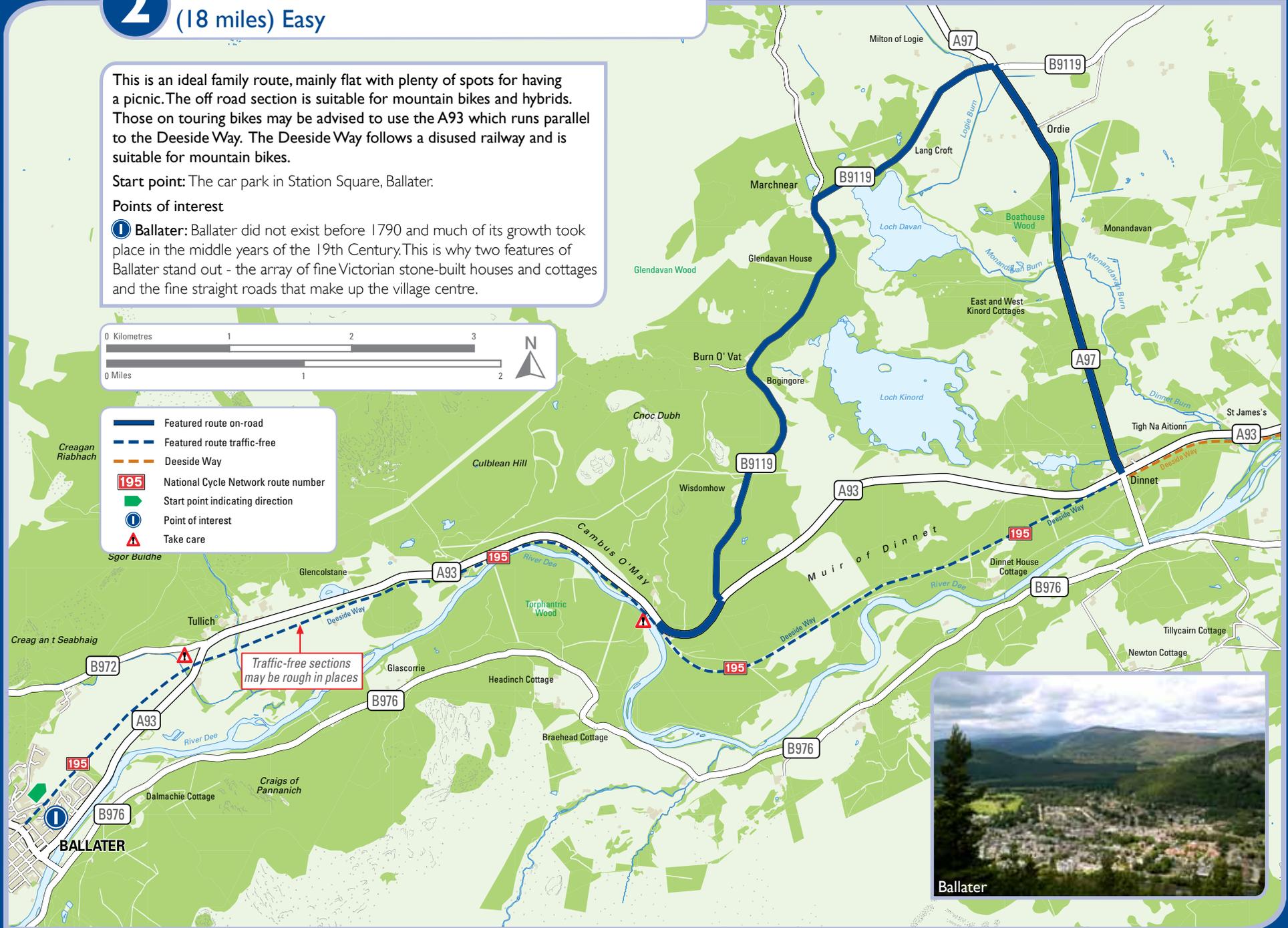
Start point: The car park in Station Square, Ballater.

Points of interest

1 Ballater: Ballater did not exist before 1790 and much of its growth took place in the middle years of the 19th Century. This is why two features of Ballater stand out - the array of fine Victorian stone-built houses and cottages and the fine straight roads that make up the village centre.



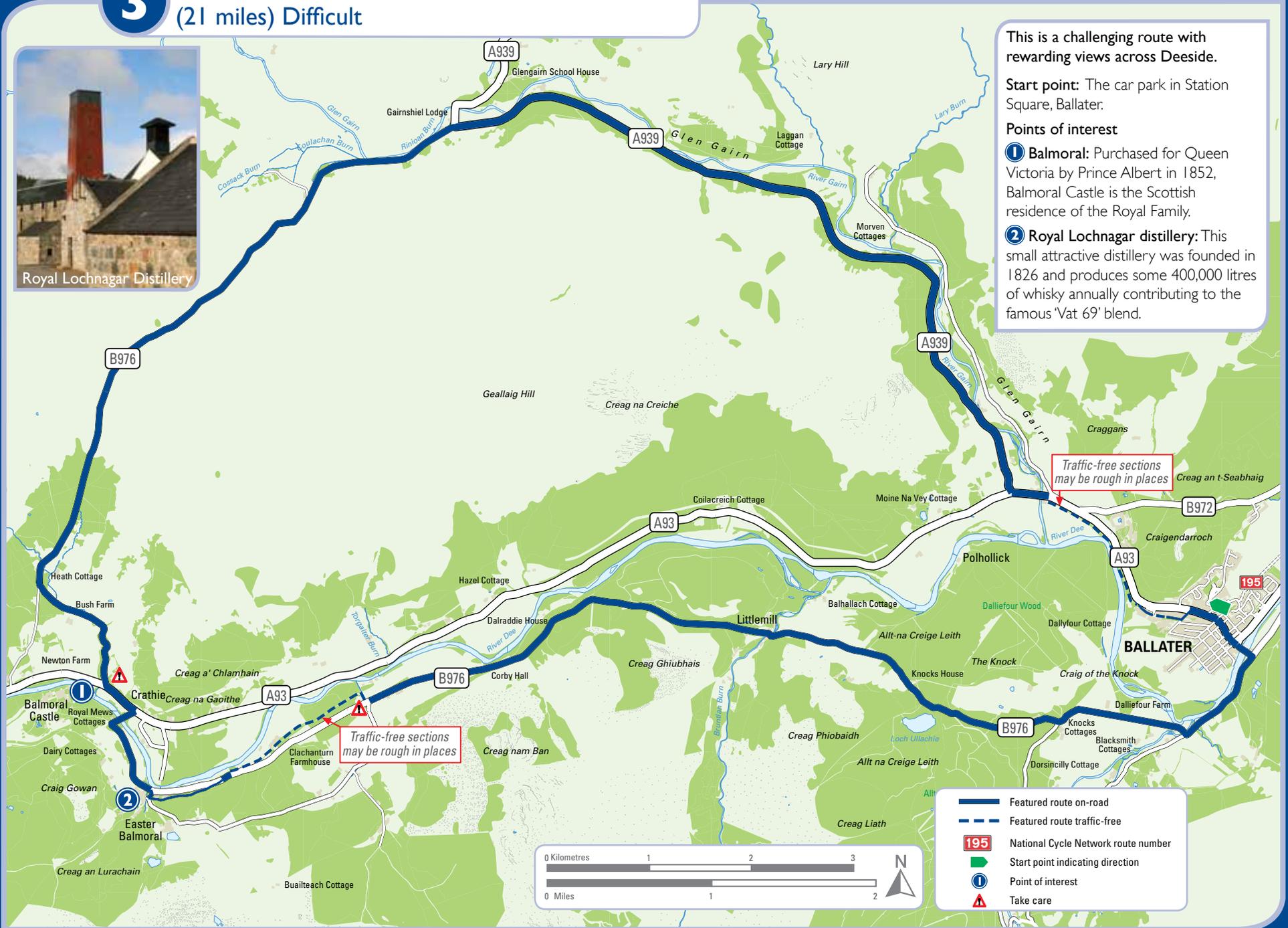
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- Deeside Way
- National Cycle Network route number
- Start point indicating direction
- Point of interest
- Take care



Traffic-free sections may be rough in places



3 BALLATER TO GAIRNSHIEL CIRCULAR (21 miles) Difficult



This is a challenging route with rewarding views across Deeside.

Start point: The car park in Station Square, Ballater.

Points of interest

- 1 **Balmoral:** Purchased for Queen Victoria by Prince Albert in 1852, Balmoral Castle is the Scottish residence of the Royal Family.
- 2 **Royal Lochnagar distillery:** This small attractive distillery was founded in 1826 and produces some 400,000 litres of whisky annually contributing to the famous 'Vat 69' blend.

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- ➔ Start point indicating direction
- ① Point of interest
- ⚠ Take care

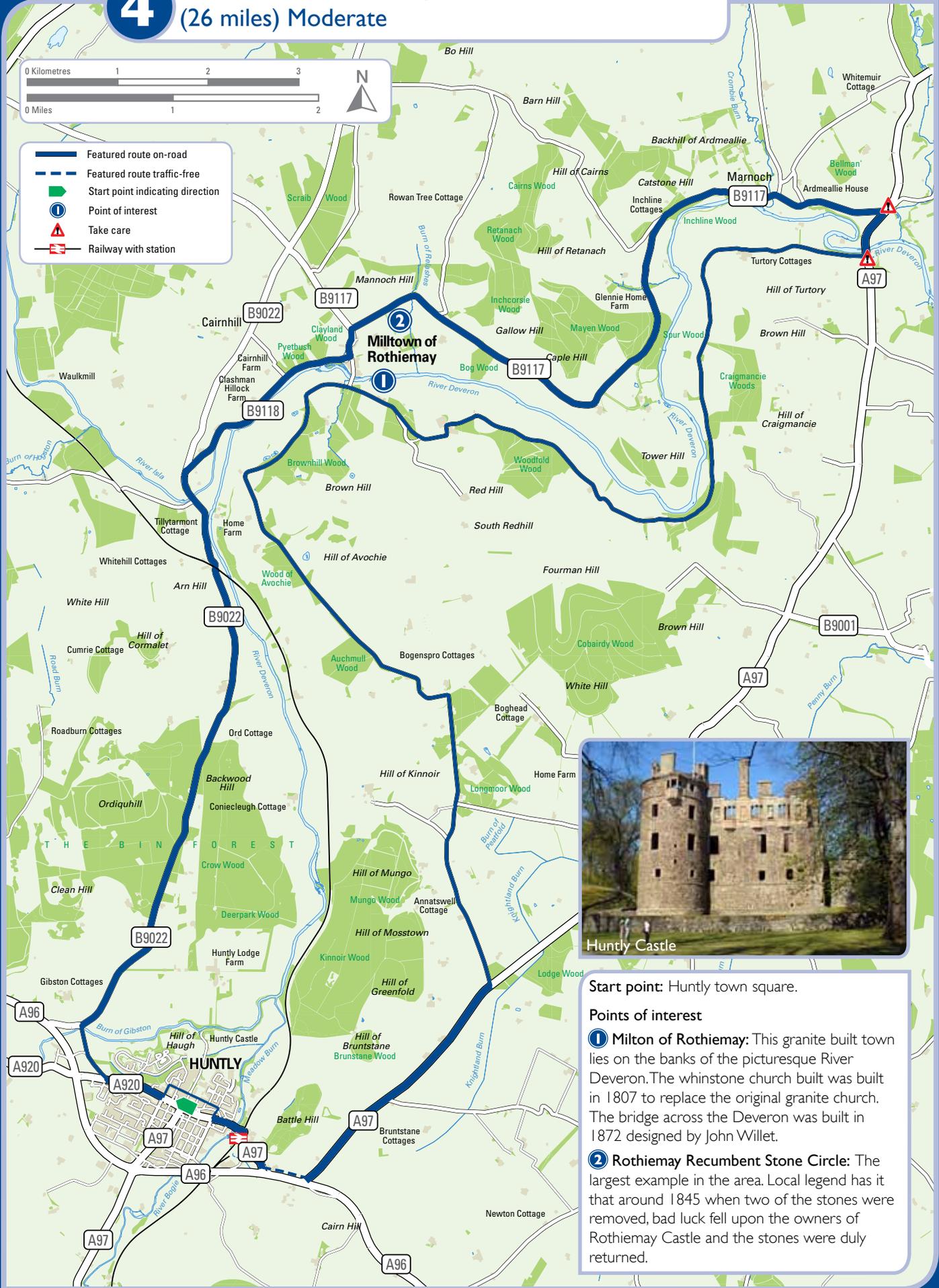
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DEVERON VALLEY, HUNTLY CIRCULAR

(26 miles) Moderate



- Featured route on-road
- Featured route traffic-free
- Start point indicating direction
- Point of interest
- Take care
- Railway with station



Huntly Castle

Start point: Huntly town square.

Points of interest

- 1** **Milton of Rothiemay:** This granite built town lies on the banks of the picturesque River Deveron. The whinstone church built was built in 1807 to replace the original granite church. The bridge across the Deveron was built in 1872 designed by John Willet.
- 2** **Rothiemay Recumbent Stone Circle:** The largest example in the area. Local legend has it that around 1845 when two of the stones were removed, bad luck fell upon the owners of Rothiemay Castle and the stones were duly returned.

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BANCHORY – BLACKHALL FOREST

(13 miles) Moderate

