

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly!

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly.

Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Respect the interests of other people
- Care for the environment

Visit: outdooraccess-scotland.com or contact your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



Work to improve the Dava Way is ongoing. For more information or to contact us visit: davaway.org.uk

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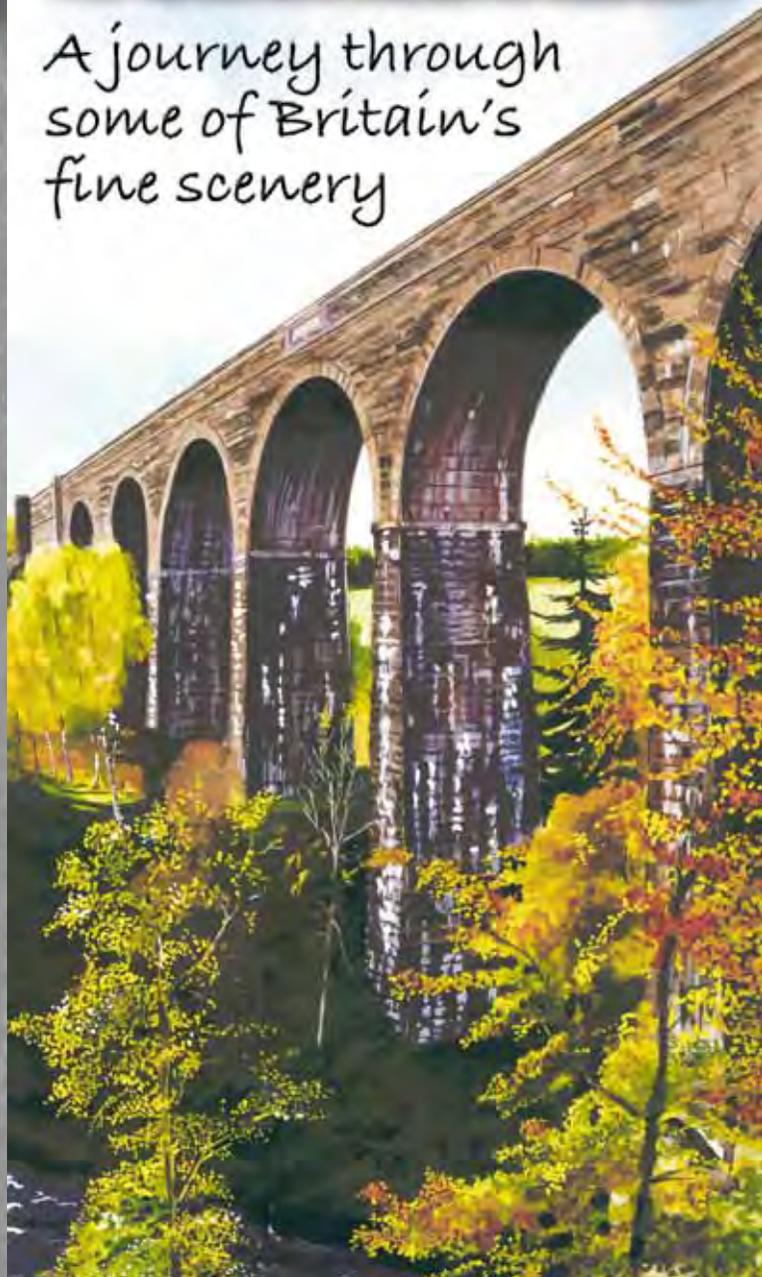


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A journey through some of Britain's fine scenery



The Dava Way is one of Scotland's Great Trails, visit: scotlandsgreattrails.co.uk

It is a way marked path between the towns of Forres and Grantown-on-Spey. There are panoramic views across the shire counties of Nairn, Inverness, Moray and Aberdeen; and across the Moray Firth to Ross and Cromarty, and Sutherland.

The path links the towns of Forres (near the Moray coast) and Grantown-on-Spey (in the Cairngorm National Park), mostly following the route of the dismantled Highland Railway Line.

It is a way for you to enjoy the countryside, outdoor recreation and the benefits of improved health and wellbeing.

This is a pleasant and easy route. The surface of the path is generally compacted railway track-bed material which is rough in places. Depending on the weather, stretches may be wet. It is suitable for walkers and off road cycling. In 2012 there were 12 opening gates along the route and a flight of steps at Squirrel Neuk bridge. Route descriptions and maps can be downloaded from davaway.org.uk

The route offers a variety of landscape, flora and fauna along with natural and railway heritage. It is about 24 miles (38km) to Grantown-on-Spey from the centre of Forres.

Starting your journey from Forres, go down Tolbooth Street and way markers guide you to the outskirts of the town. Alternatively there is a network of sign-posted paths through the various woodlands surrounding Forres, from Grant Park and the Sanquhar Pond which also lead to the Dava Way.

Starting from Grantown-on-Spey, go along Seafeld Avenue past the caravan park to Dulicht Bridge.

The route links the fertile Moray Coast with Strath Spey passing through varied woodland, farmland and moorland. There are extensive views, to the north across the Moray Firth and to the south, the Cromdale Hills and beyond that, the distinctive Lairig Ghru which cuts through the heart of the Cairngorms massif can be seen.

The varied habitats mean that the observant will be rewarded with interesting flora and fauna.

The Dava Way passes through a number of sporting estates. The shooting season runs almost throughout the year. You can help to minimise disturbance by being alert to the possibility of shooting taking place and taking account of advice on alternative routes.

The Dava Way passes through some remote areas. Take the appropriate clothing and footwear and be prepared for changing weather on the upland sections. A midge repellent is recommended in the summer months.



The path mainly follows the old railway line. The entire route is clearly signposted. At Dava and Dunphail it passes by private property. Please minimise intrusion and keep your dog under close control or on a short lead, there may be domestic livestock.

Although the path is never far from the Grantown-on-Spey to Forres road, there is no public transport and there are no places for refreshment throughout the length of the route. You are advised to take food and water with you.

At Forres the Dava Way links up with the Moray Coast Trail and the North Sea Cycle Route.

At Grantown-on-Spey the Dava Way links up with the Speyside Way and a local paths network in the Anagach Wood.

The Moray Way is a 95 mile circular route that combines the Dava Way with the Moray Coast path and the Speyside Way. For more information visit: morayways.org.uk

The Highland Railway ran 166km from Forres to Dunkeld in Perthshire. Joseph Mitchell, a Forres born Civil Engineer, oversaw the construction. Building started, with a lavish turf cutting ceremony, on 17 October 1861 and the railway was passed by the Government Inspector of Railways on 9 September 1863, having taken just 1 year and 11 months to build. Many of the bridges and structures are still standing despite the ravages of time.

Please visit our website at davaway.org.uk for more information about the path including updates, events and OS maps or to contact us about the path.

