



SCOTLAND

Loch Garten Nature Centre
Open April to October



Welcome Hub
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Nature Trail

Big Pines Trail

Two Lochs Trail

250m
≈ 5 minutes
Walking speed based on 2 miles per hour at a gentle pace.

- Dogs on lead April 1 – August 31
- Dogs under close control September 1 – March 31
- No fires or BBQs at any time

Abernethy Reserve boundary

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Nethy Bridge

Cairngorms National Park

Boat of Garten

North

Cairn Gorm Mountain

Ben Macdui

Reserve land

- Car park
- Bike parking
- EV charging
- Information
- Toilets
- Accessible toilets
- Changing Places
- Baby changing
- Refreshments
- All terrain wheelchairs available
- Viewpoint (showing direction of view)
- Coach parking
- Path
- Road
- Bog Woodland
- Woodland
- Bog

Discover Loch Garten



Visit the Nature Centre to catch up on this season's Osprey family drama.

Two Lochs Trail

2.7 km (1.7 miles),
50-minute loop walk
Gradient: up to 22%



Take a peaceful stroll through towering Scots Pine trees and enjoy the vista from two beautiful viewpoints. The first overlooking Loch Garten and the second allows you to enjoy the tranquil delights of Loch Mallachie.

You might be able to spot Goldeneyes and Greylag Geese on the lochs and Crossbills, Crested Tits and Red Squirrels in the tree canopy.

What is the trail like?

A mainly wide and firm path with some loose stones and uneven areas. There is a section near the Loch Mallachie viewpoint where there is a 22% slope over 23 metres.

Good to know

The start point of this trail can be accessed from the Loch Mallachie Car Park, or if you've come along the Big Pines Trail, simply cross the road to the start of the trail at the car park..

There are benches and places to perch along the trail and at the two viewpoints.



Big Pines Trail

1.6km (1 mile) there-and-back
35-minutes to walk there-and-back
Gradient: up to 34%



This trail features some of the biggest Scots Pines on the nature reserve and some fabulous bits of dead wood, which support many species and is vital for a healthy forest. There might be Great Spotted Woodpeckers or Crested Tits flitting between the trees, and in July and August look for the delicate flowers of the Creeping Ladies Tresses Orchids.

What is the trail like?

This path is about 1 metre wide with some passing places. It has a mainly firm surface with some loose stones and uneven sections. There's one section with a 34% slope over a 34 metre distance.

Good to know

You may wish to continue on from this Trail to walk the Two Lochs loop.

There are benches and perches to rest on along the trail, as well as two fallen trees, which make good natural places to perch.

For detailed map with accessibility information, please scan the QR code



If you hear something landing nearby, look up! It might be a Red Squirrel dropping the scales from a pine cone.



Key

 Viewpoint



Breathe in the peace and tranquillity of Loch Garten.





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