

5 PETERHEAD & CENTRAL BUCHAN

This is the Buchan Area of Aberdeenshire Council. Buchan means the land at the end of the ocean. The coastline itself is varied with long sandy beaches and steep, bird inhabited cliffs. Farming and fishing is the mainstay of the local economy. The rich agricultural lowlands are sparsely populated and are in striking contrast to the bustling coastal towns and villages.

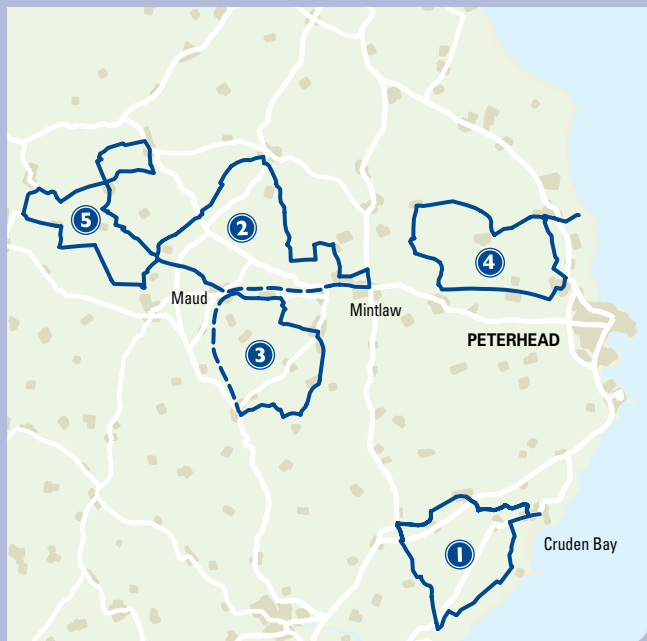
Most of the cycle routes described in this leaflet have been designed to cater for all ages and abilities and where possible, off-road, family and commuter routes have been selected. Some routes require more effort than others.

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 No. 30.

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Area covered by this map



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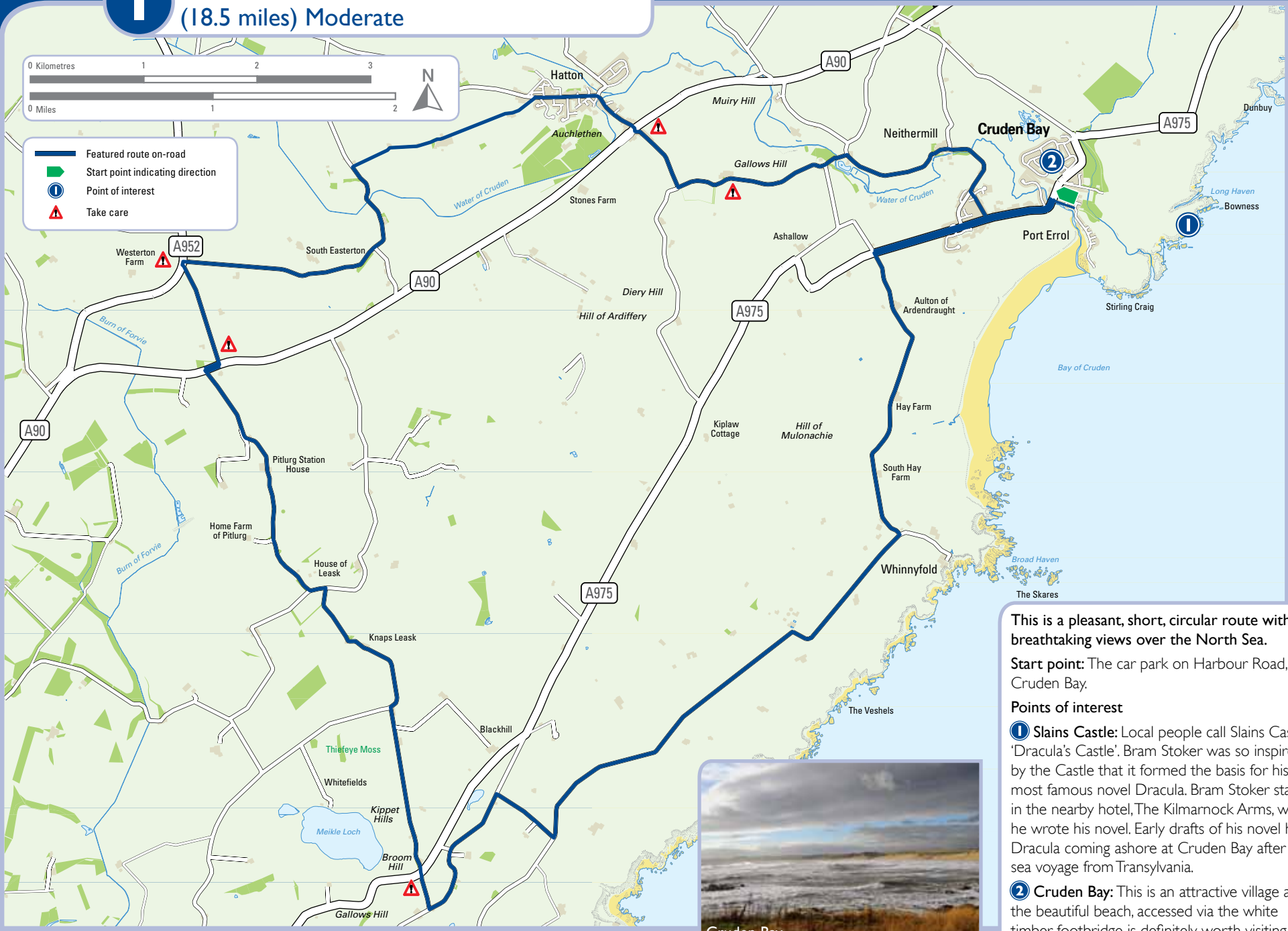


I CRUDEN BAY HATTON CIRCULAR

(18.5 miles) Moderate



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



This is a pleasant, short, circular route with breathtaking views over the North Sea.

Start point: The car park on Harbour Road, Cruden Bay.

Points of interest

- 1 Slains Castle:** Local people call Slains Castle 'Dracula's Castle'. Bram Stoker was so inspired by the Castle that it formed the basis for his most famous novel Dracula. Bram Stoker stayed in the nearby hotel, The Kilmarnock Arms, whilst he wrote his novel. Early drafts of his novel had Dracula coming ashore at Cruden Bay after his sea voyage from Transylvania.
- 2 Cruden Bay:** This is an attractive village and the beautiful beach, accessed via the white timber footbridge is definitely worth visiting.

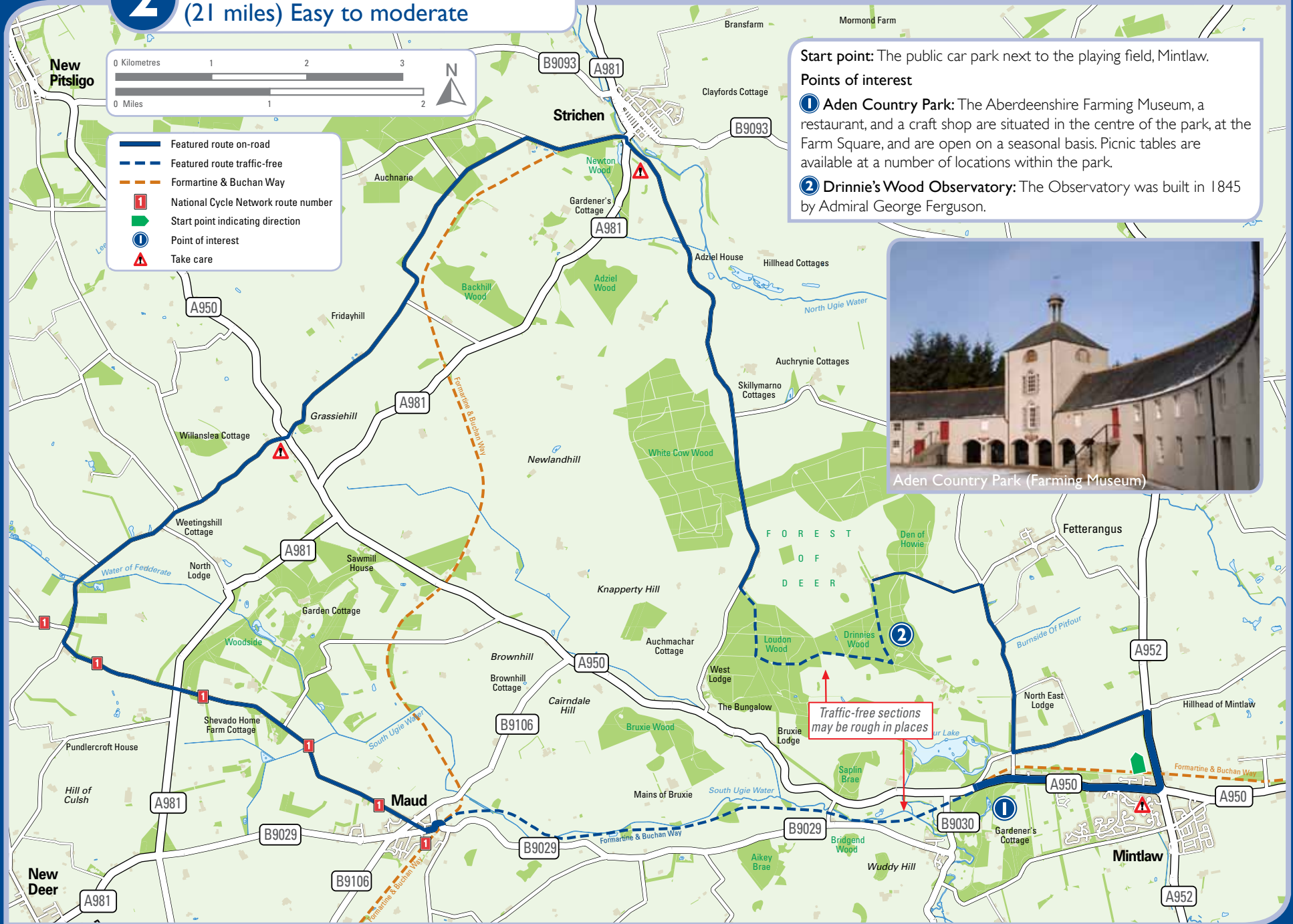


Cruden Bay

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FOREST OF DEER CIRCULAR

(21 miles) Easy to moderate



Start point: The public car park next to the playing field, Mintlaw.

Points of interest

- ① **Aden Country Park:** The Aberdeenshire Farming Museum, a restaurant, and a craft shop are situated in the centre of the park, at the Farm Square, and are open on a seasonal basis. Picnic tables are available at a number of locations within the park.
- ② **Drinnie's Wood Observatory:** The Observatory was built in 1845 by Admiral George Ferguson.



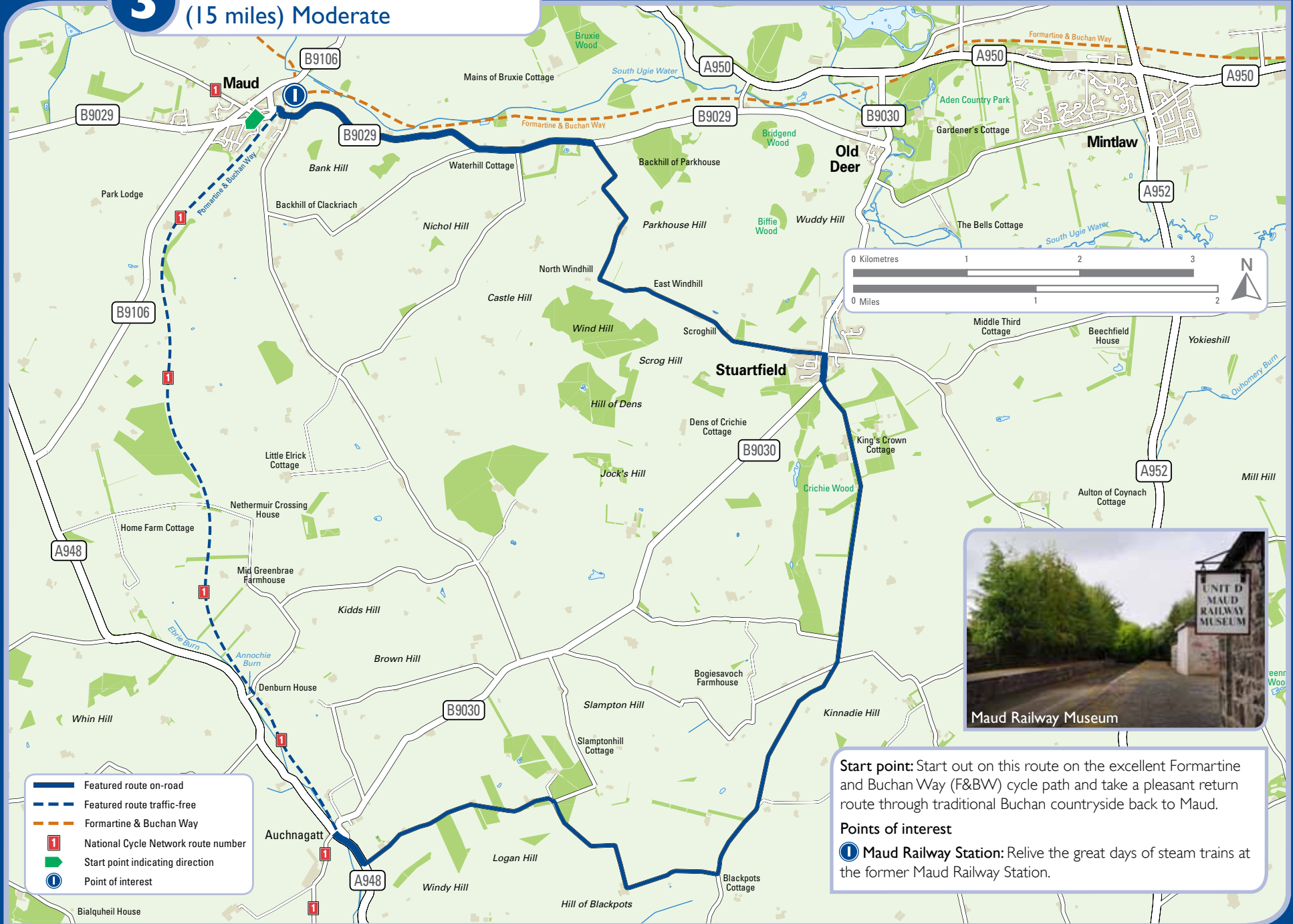
Aden Country Park (Farming Museum)

Traffic-free sections may be rough in places

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MAUD TO AUCHNAGATT

(15 miles) Moderate



Start point: Start out on this route on the excellent Formartine and Buchan Way (F&BW) cycle path and take a pleasant return route through traditional Buchan countryside back to Maud.

Points of interest

1 Maud Railway Station: Relive the great days of steam trains at the former Maud Railway Station.



Maud Railway Museum

4 RORA MOSS CIRCULAR, PETERHEAD (19 miles) Moderate



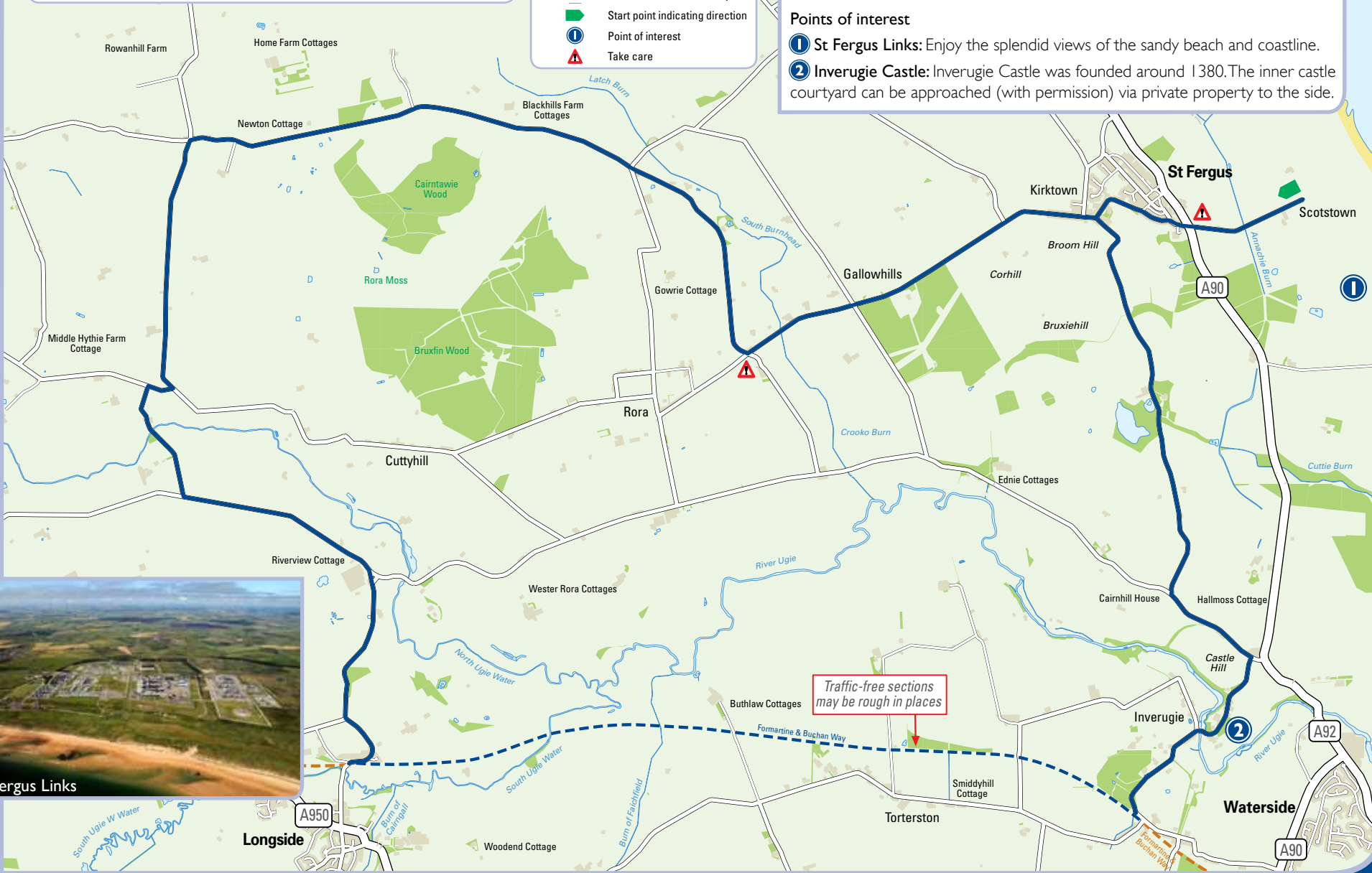
- Featured route on-road
- Featured route traffic-free
- Formartine & Buchan Way
- Start point indicating direction
- Point of interest
- Take care

This is a scenic route using part of the Formartine & Buchan Way and circling Rora Moss, a site of Specific Scientific Interest.

Start point: Scotstown Head car park, about 800m directly east of St Fergus village.

Points of interest

- 1 **St Fergus Links:** Enjoy the splendid views of the sandy beach and coastline.
- 2 **Inverugie Castle:** Inverugie Castle was founded around 1380. The inner castle courtyard can be approached (with permission) via private property to the side.



St Fergus Links

