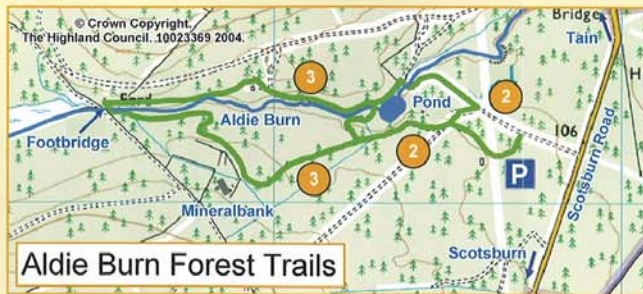
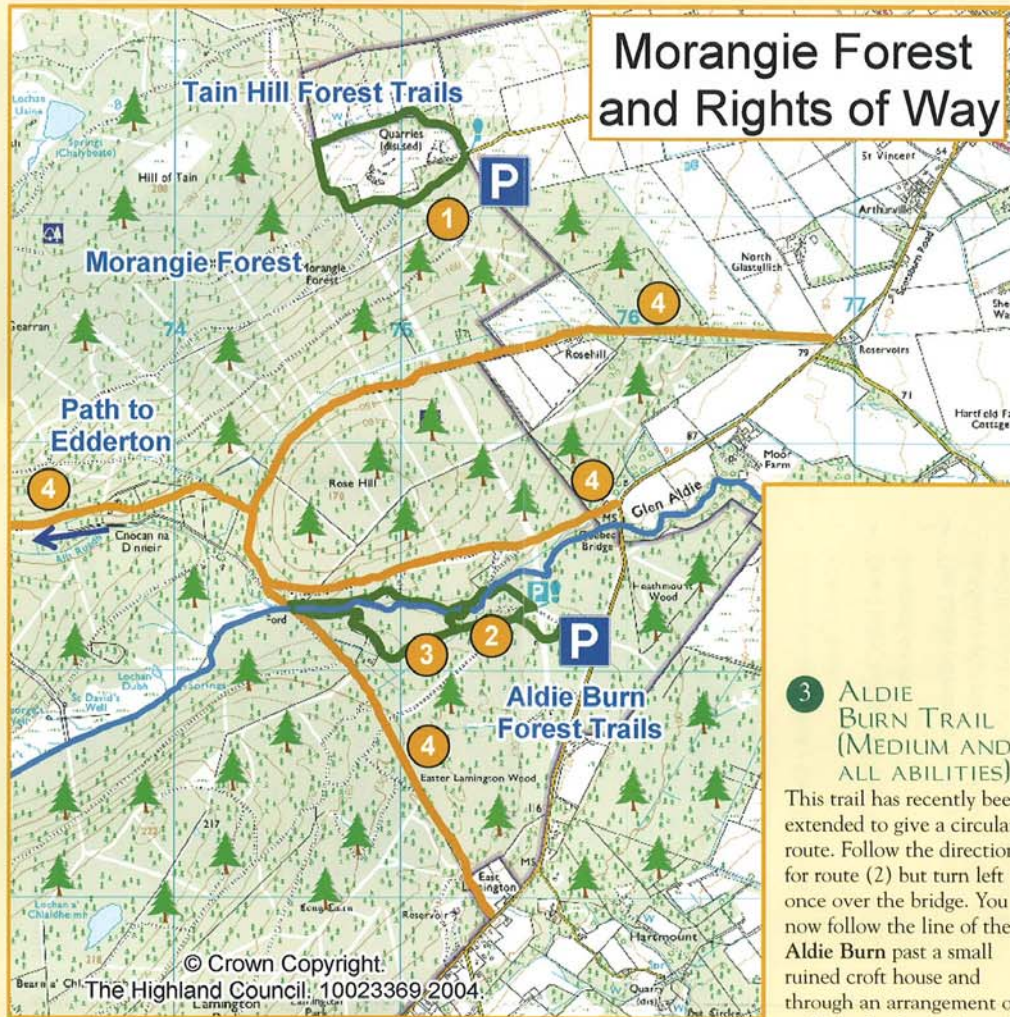


Paths Around Morangie Forest



right to the boulder marked junction and back to the car park. The trail is marked by Red waymarkers.

Allow 20 mins - 1km / ½ mile
Parking - Aldie Burn car park
Easy - sensible footwear

Morangie Forest and Rights of Way

1 TAIN HILL

Turn off the A9 at the Tain Hill Forest Walks sign and follow the Quarry Road past Carnegie Lodge Motel and Viewfield Farm to the car park at the top of the road. Facing Tain, go through the gate on your left. This track skirts round the area of the old quarries to the left and the old ruined croft of Quarryhill to the right and up to a viewpoint marked by a large boulder. This provides uninterrupted views of the Dornoch Firth, the Sutherland Coast, the hills beyond and most of the Tarbat Peninsula. From here turn downhill along the powerline past Japanese larches. Two left turns at the next two junctions will bring you back to the car park. The trail is marked by Red waymarkers.

Allow 1 hour - 2km / 1½ miles
Parking - Tain Hill car park
Moderate - waterproof footwear



Tain Hill

2 ALDIE BURN POND TRAIL (SHORT)

Turn off the by-pass at the Aldie Burn Forest Walks sign along the Scotsburn/Lamington Road. You enter the forest beyond Quebec Bridge at the Aldie Burn sign. The car park entrance is on the left. Follow the path from the information board at the car park going straight on at the junction marked by 4 boulders until the path forks. Take the right hand path which overlooks the salmon shaped pond (suitable for pond dipping) and a picnic table beside a ford. Cross the wooden bridge and turn right, then right again when you pass through a gate to join the forest road. Follow this road before turning



Pine Marten. With kind permission from Laurie Campbell

4 MORANGIE FOREST

Tain Hill and Aldie Burn are part of the Morangie Forest which borders the west side of Tain. Here there are a large number of other forest paths and tracks. These offer much scope for the more adventurous including two signed cycle routes and a Right of Way link to Edderton from the Scotsburn Road. These can be reached by starting from Tain or using the Aldie Burn car park. Please park with care if starting from other sections along the Scotsburn Road.

Also starting from the Scotsburn Road is the Strath Rory right of way. This route starts from Dalnacloch, near Scotsburn and follows the river through varied ground until the B9176 Struie Road is reached. The route is 7km (4.5 miles) and can often be wet underfoot. There is a car park on the Struie Road but please park with consideration on the Scotsburn Road.

Two other path networks are also accessible close to the Morangie Forest, the Hill of Edderton and Balblair Wood that are both nearby to the village of Edderton on the Dornoch Firth. A local leaflet is available for the Hill of Edderton and fingerposts promote the walks within Balblair Wood.

3 ALDIE BURN TRAIL (MEDIUM AND ALL ABILITIES)

This trail has recently been extended to give a circular route. Follow the directions for route (2) but turn left once over the bridge. You now follow the line of the Aldie Burn past a small ruined croft house and through an arrangement of rocks in the form of a snake sculpture to reach a second ford. Here you cross another bridge to join the new section of the trail on the south side of the burn. This path passes close to the ruins of Mineralbank and a wildlife pond. The trail is marked by Blue waymarkers.

Alternatively the walk can be done in reverse by taking the left fork above the salmon shaped pond.

Allow 1 hour 20 mins - 3¼ km / 2 miles



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