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Using OS Maps to Provide a Route Map

As part of our efforts to safely reopen the crossing, ScotWays has prepared a questionnaire and map to gather living memory information about the use of the level crossing to access long-distance through routes west of Dalwhinnie.

Both map and questionnaire can be downloaded from our website: www.scotways.com/dalwhinnie and **we need both** to be returned for your response to be valid.

For some, drawing a line on the provided map may prove tricky, but there is another option. You can use route planning software to create the line and send us either the GPX file or a link to the file. One such package you can use is OS Maps.

What is OS Maps?

It's a feature-rich web or mobile app that uses Ordnance Survey maps to allow people to plan, record, share and follow routes. Find out more [here](#).

How do I use it to create a route?

To use Landranger (1:50,000) or Explorer (1:25,000) maps you will need a premium account and the above link will give you a 7-day free trial. Some Ordnance Survey paper maps come with a free digital download of the same area as the paper map that you can use with OS Maps.

To actually create your route, follow the instructions in the [Routes part of the OS Maps FAQs](#).

How do I share my route with you?

You can do one of two things. You can download a GPX file of the route and send it to us along with your questionnaire ([OS Maps FAQ Routes Guide](#)). Or you can share the route with us directly from the OS Maps app ([OS Maps FAQ Routes Guide](#)) by either popping the link generated by the app into the other information box on the bottom of page 3 of the questionnaire or by adding it your email to us that has your completed questionnaire attached.



Ben Alder Level Crossing, Dalwhinnie

Do I have to use OS Maps?

No. There is a range of other route creation software such as Outdooractive and Komoot, and free services including Google Earth and [GPS Visualizer](#). You may even have a track recorded by a GPS unit or smartphone app. Whichever option you choose; our preference is for a GPX file of your route. As long as your chosen software can either provide you with a GPX file you can download and send to us or a link that will allow us to download the GPX file directly, any program will do.

Can I still send you a paper map and questionnaire?

Yes. You can download and print the map and questionnaire on our website or if you prefer, we can send you a paper version of the questionnaire and map. To have one posted to you, please get in touch using the details below.

For further information

For further information visit our website <https://scotways.com/dalwhinnie>, contact the ScotWays office 0131 558 1222 or dalwhinnie@scotways.com