

How you can help us

Become a volunteer

Volunteers play a vital role in ScotWays' work! Our volunteers:

- Maintain and check signposts and routes.
- Help update information in CROW.
- Represent ScotWays on Local Access Forums across Scotland.
- Help with heritage research, translation, office tasks and leaflet distribution.



Whether you prefer being outdoors, at your desk, or in the archives, there's a way to get involved.

Find current volunteering opportunities at scotways.com/volunteer

Become a member

If you love exploring Scotland's outdoors, help protect our access rights by joining ScotWays. Your support enables us to:

- Uphold access rights and promote responsible access.
- Maintain and install signposts.
- Produce guides, maps and educational materials.
- Continue our advocacy and public advice work.

As a **member**, you'll receive:

- Regular newsletters and our annual report.
- Discounts on our books and publications.
- An invitation to our AGM with guest speakers.
- The knowledge that you're helping safeguard Scotland's access rights and heritage for generations to come.

Gift Aid your support and make it go 25% further at no extra cost

Join today: scotways.com/become-a-member



Leave a gift in your will

Legacies are a vital source of income to us. When making or reviewing your will, please bear ScotWays in mind. Every gift, large or small, helps create a lasting impact and helps preserve public access in Scotland. Remember too that anything left to a registered charity such as ScotWays is free of inheritance tax.

Donate

Any gift you can spare us, as either a one-off or regular donation, would be very welcome. If you are a UK taxpayer, increase the value of your gift to us at no extra cost to you by making a Gift Aid declaration. Each contribution will help us to continue our work to uphold public access.

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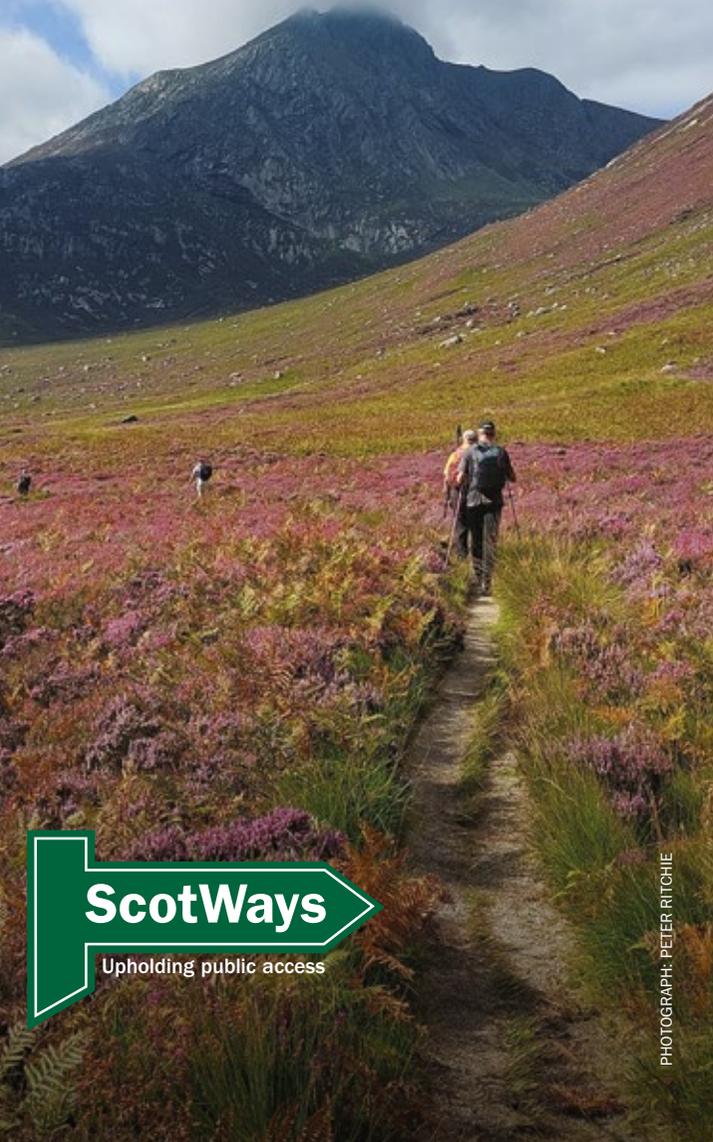
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For people who love getting outdoors in Scotland



ScotWays

Upholding public access

Who we are

Founded in 1845, ScotWays (The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society) is Scotland's independent charity upholding and promoting public access rights.

We maintain the only national database of rights of way across Scotland and are widely recognised as experts in the law and practice of access. We also provide advice on access problems, offer training and information on responsible access, and promote historic routes. You've probably seen some of our thousands of green and white signs, marking routes from the Borders to the Highlands!

What we do

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 established statutory public rights of access to most land and inland water in Scotland. Despite this, access is still being obstructed in various ways, and access takers and landowners don't always meet their responsibilities under the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

ScotWays plays a vital role in helping to keep Scotland's world-renowned access rights alive and working, as well as safeguarding the protection afforded to rights of way.



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We:

- ✓ Maintain the Catalogue of Rights of Way (CROW) – the national digital record of Scotland's rights of way.
- ✓ Support access authorities (local authorities and National Parks) to fulfil their statutory duties and protect public access.
- ✓ Provide information and advice to solicitors, developers, landowners and the public.
- ✓ Comment on a wide variety of planning applications where public access is affected.
- ✓ Signpost and provide heritage information on routes across Scotland.
- ✓ Respond to consultations to advocate that outdoor access is protected at policy level.
- ✓ Promote the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, encouraging both responsible enjoyment of the outdoors and responsible land management which respects public access.
- ✓ Publish guides and information, including *Scottish Hill Tracks* and *The Law of Access to Land in Scotland*.
- ✓ Preserve history through projects like Heritage Paths, telling the stories behind Scotland's historic routes.
- ✓ Provide Ask KEN as a publicly available resource that provides clear answers and expert guidance on access law. www.scotways.com/ken

Scottish Hill Tracks

Scottish Hill Tracks has been around in one form or another for more than 100 years. The current edition features 350 routes through the hills, plus 175 variants, most of which have a long history of use. The book provides route information and directions to enable people to plan outings of various lengths, from half-day routes to multi-day expeditions. We also maintain an 'updates' page on our web site to inform the public of changes to the routes.



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Heritage Paths

Our Heritage Paths website is freely available to the public and features more than 400 historic routes that criss-cross the Scottish landscape. These routes originated as Roman roads, drove roads, pilgrimage routes, military roads, coffin roads and the like. The Heritage Paths site provides historical information, route descriptions, photos and mapping for each of the routes. We aim to inspire people to explore these routes, following the centuries of users that have come before them. Please visit scotways.com/heritage-paths



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