

**Buzzard walk (Green):** Head north up the Community footpath to Glentroot. Continue up through the village and when you reach the other side you will see a footpath across the road with a small green 'Core path' sign. Follow this footpath and after about 30 yards you will see a forest track to your right. Take this track which will gradually climb up above the campsite. Follow this track for around 1 ½ miles when you will come to a junction. Take the right hand track and follow it for a further ¾ mile. At the end of this track, turn right and follow the track for about ½ mile. This track will bring you out on to the A714 just above the bridge over the river Cree. Turn right again and follow the signs for the Galloway Forest Park and Basecamp. At the House o' Hill Hotel pick up the Community footpath back to Basecamp.

**Minniwick Moss (Pink):** Head north up the Community footpath to Glentroot Village. Continue through the village and when you reach the other side you will see a footpath across the road with a small green 'Core path' sign. Follow this footpath and after about 30 yards you will see a forest track to your right. Take this track which will gradually climb up above the campsite. Follow this track for around 1 ½ miles when you will come to a junction. Take the left hand track and follow for about ¾ mile. The forest track will come to a dead end but keep the faith and keep going. At the very end of the track you will see that there is a small path that winds its way across the open ground which, after about 1/3 mile will bring you out onto the tarmac road. Turn left and follow the road for about ½ mile and you will come to Stroan Bridge. Turn left before the bridge and you will see a footpath to your left heading into the woods. Take this path back up to Glentroot Village, then take the community footpath back to Basecamp.

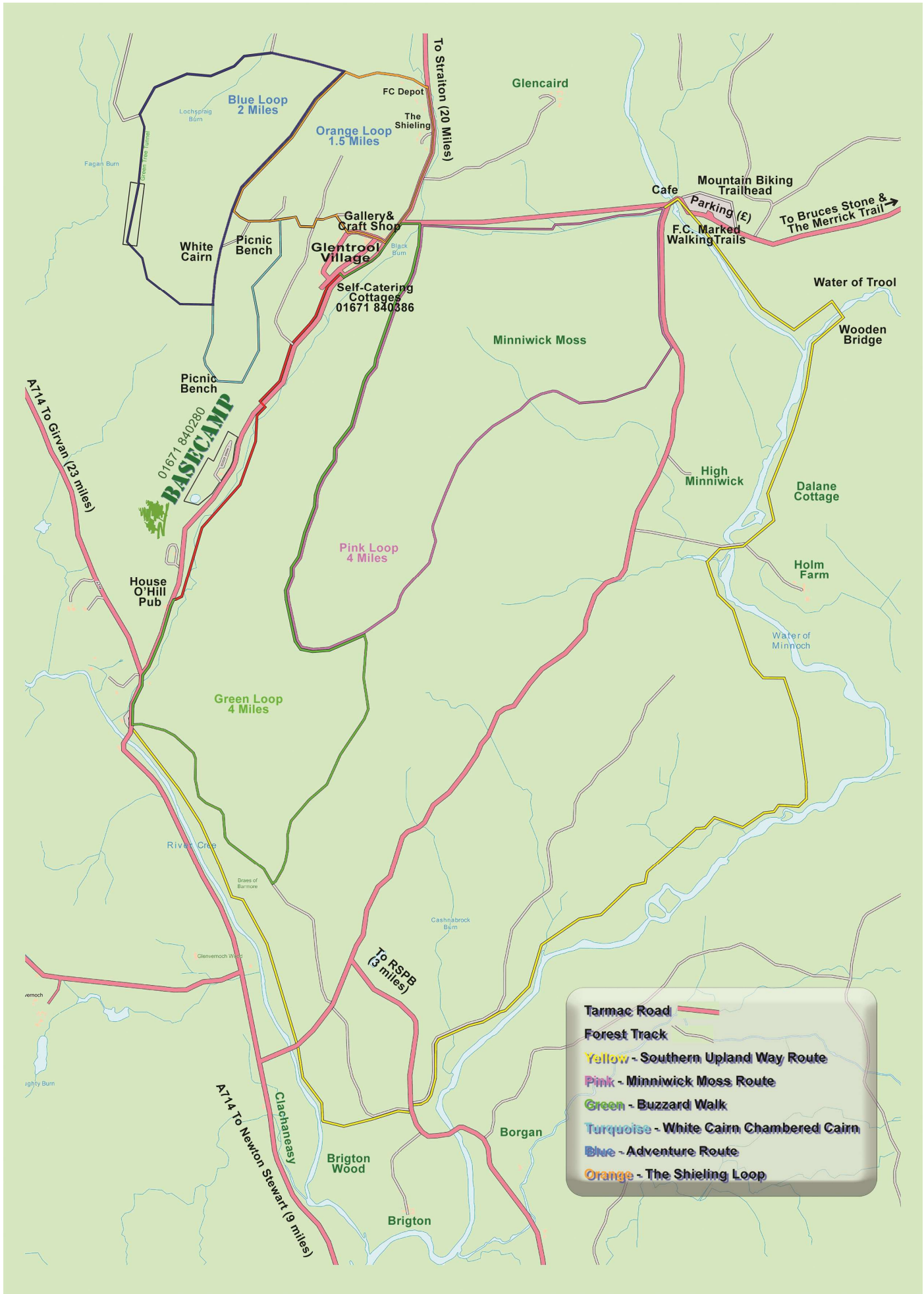
**Southern Upland Way Loop (Yellow):** Turn right onto the Community footpath and continue to the end of the road. Turn left and just before the bridge over the river Cree you will see the Southern Upland Way (SUW) way marker. Turn left here and keep following the directional signs for the SUW until you reach a wooden suspension footbridge over the Water of Trool. Go over this bridge and turn left, following the footpath back up to Glentroot Visitor Centre and cafe. Cross the road bridge at the Visitor Centre and you will see a footpath to your left heading into the woods. Take this path back up to Glentroot Village, then take the community footpath back to Basecamp.


**Whitecairn Chambered Cairn (Turquoise & Blue):** Head north up the Community footpath towards Glentroot Village. After about ½ mile you will come to a forest track going off to the left. Follow this track as it winds round to the right for about 1/3 mile. Look for a clear, well walked grassy path off to your left uphill. Take this path and after about 150 yards you will reach a forest track. Turn left along this track and keep an eye open for a picnic bench to your left. As it comes into view you will see there is a path leading to it. The path goes beyond the picnic bench and will take you back on to a forest track where you will see the sign for Whitecairn Chambered Cairn. At this point, you can simply retrace your steps back to Basecamp or (for the more adventurous) return via the scrub land route. To find this route, as you're facing the chambered cairn, turn left and follow the forest track. Where the track bends sharply round to the right, you continue straight on. The path quickly begins to look like an overgrown animal track. This is the track you follow. It will wind its way through the scrub land and you will shortly come to another picnic bench. You can see Basecamp from here. Follow the track as it continues to wind its way down to the forest track, then retrace your steps back to Basecamp.


**The Shieling Loop (Orange)** This is a short 1.5 mile loop on a mix of tarmac and forest roads that starts and finishes at Glentroot Village and can be easily walked in either direction. This is the anti-clockwise version. Walk past the village heading roughly NE on the tarmac road, taking care as logging trucks may pass you. You will pass the turning on the right for the Visitor Centre and then another for Glencaird House. You can often see red squirrels here. Pass houses on the left and the views on the right open up to show Bennan and Benyellary and there are sometimes Belties in this field. Carry on and turn left up the forest road after the FC Depot. Gradually climb, then turn at the first left junction taking you along a long straight path until after about 1/2 mile turn left again up a slight rise. Keep straight on through some trees (path may be wet here) until the path drops steeply down to join a stony forest road. Turn left and then almost immediately right and then right again at a small rock cairn. This will bring you through some recently planted fruit trees and down a little "alley" by the side of White Rose Croft into Glentroot Village itself. Follow the road to the left passing the Gallery & Craft Shop to bring you back to your starting point.

**The Adventure Loop (Dark Blue)** This route is a bit tougher than most and you may get wet and have to "find your way" at times, but is all good fun. Start at Glentroot Village and take path out of the back of the village by White Rose Croft (orange on map). Turn left at the first stony forest road then left again and the almost immediately right up a steep grassy path. Keep till you drop down to a T-junction, turning left (now on dark blue map) towards the White Cairn. Pass the cairn and then turn right. Keep on this usually muddy path with trees on either side until it opens up into an area of felled trees (boxed area on map). You need to find your way across to essentially the diagonally opposite corner then search the trees there for an opening through to a very green "tree tunnel path" which can be quite wet. You will need to ford a stream and continue until you emerge from the trees at a forest road. Turn right and follow this road till the first right turn which will bring you along a long straight section. After about ½ mile you can take a left turn to join the path to take you back into village again via your previous outgoing route.





**Tarmac Road** 

**Forest Track** 

**Yellow - Southern Upland Way Route**

**Pink - Minniwick Moss Route**

**Green - Buzzard Walk**

**Turquoise - White Cairn Chambered Cairn**

**Blue - Adventure Route**

**Orange - The Shieling Loop**