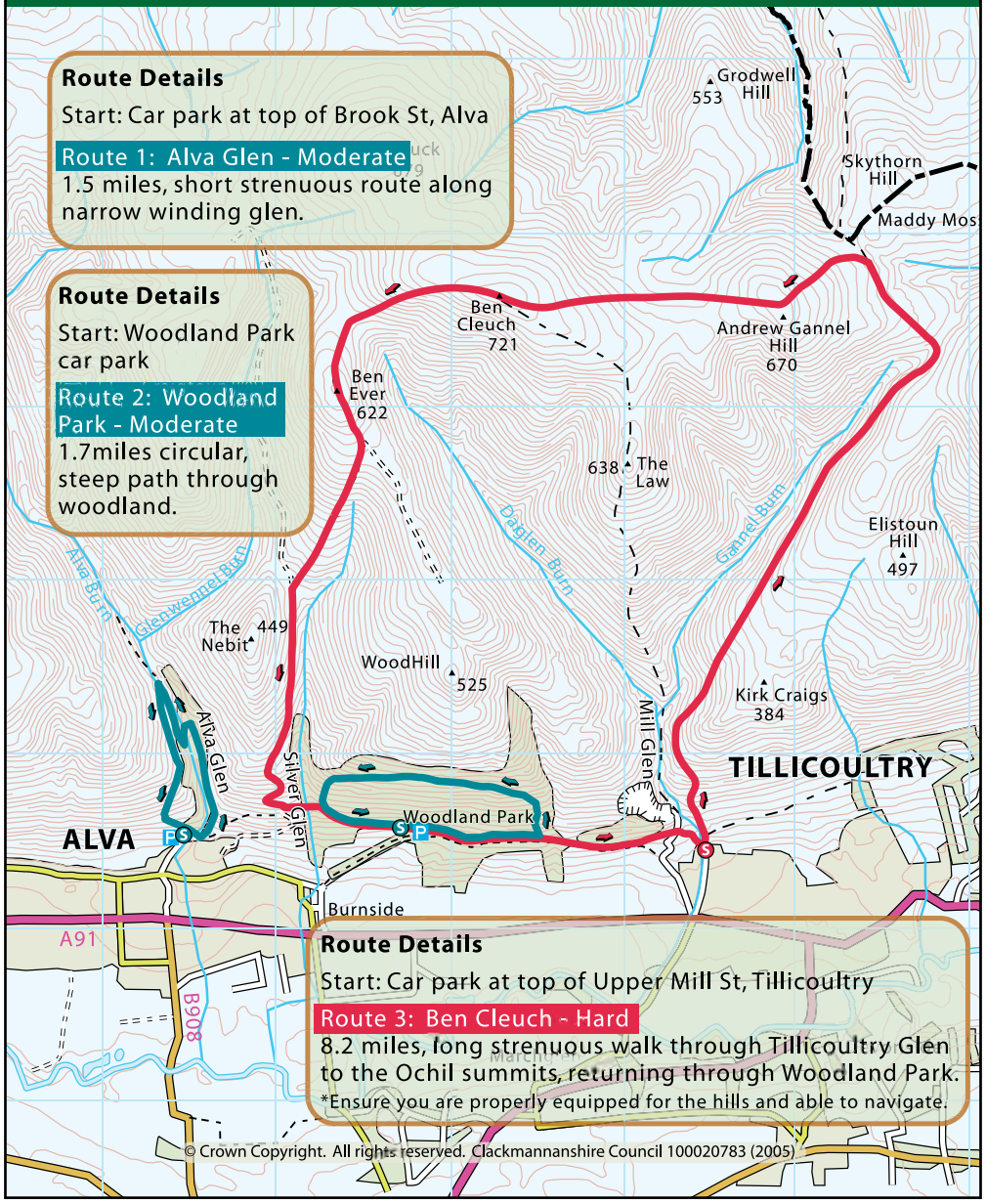


WALK 5 Woodland Park to Ben Cleuch

Three varied routes through the Hillfoot Glens – dramatic steep-sided wooded glens with fast flowing watercourses



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Bluebells

A brilliant display of bluebells *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* can be seen in the spring in the Woodland Park. The non-native Spanish bluebell has paler blue flowers and stiffer stems and is hybridising with the native bluebell. Be sure to plant the native species in your garden.



Northern Brown Argus

Green woodpeckers, spotted flycatchers, blackcaps and various tits may also be seen in the Woodland Park.

In late June and July watch out for the northern brown argus a locally rare butterfly. Identify this butterfly by its chocolate-brown upperside, usually with a characteristic white spot in the middle of the forewing.



Alva Glen

The steep fast flowing burns and the ability to harness their power, was a major factor in the growth of the hillfoot towns as textile manufacturers during the late 18th century. Remains of weirs and sluices to control the flow of water can still be seen in Mill Glen and Alva Glen.