

ScotWays

Upholding public access

Celebrating 175 Years in 2020

The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society

Join us in celebrating 175
amazing years of ScotWays



What you can do!



1. Revisit the scenes of our triumphs!

The Battle of Glen Tilt in 1847, the signposting incident in Glen Doll in 1885, and the local populace pulling down barriers on the Darn Walk near Dunblane and at the Lions Face near Braemar. These are just some of the significant locations in the history of public access in Scotland. Over the summer, download maps, historic background and route descriptions from our website and experience these beautiful places.



2. Discover a Heritage Path

ScotWays has gathered information on old paths and roads in Scotland – drove roads, military roads, coffin roads, smugglers roads and more ... add a new dimension to your walks when you discover these historic pathways for yourself. See www.heritagepaths.co.uk



3. Challenge yourself in our Access Quiz

Scotland has some of the best public access rights in the world. Find out how much you know about your rights by trying our fiendish online Access Quiz.



4. Find as many cast-iron signposts as you can

ScotWays has installed thousands of green and white signs on paths across Scotland. Go to our website to find out where some of the oldest are, plus the stories behind them. Look out for them when you are out and about and send us a survey report. There may be a prize for the person who surveys the most posts!



5. Discover some Scottish Hill Tracks

'Scottish Hill Tracks', our popular guide to hundreds of routes for walkers, cyclists, riders and runners is available from our online shop. Let it encourage you to get out in the Scottish hills!



6. Go for a walk, cycle, run, horse ride, paddle or caving trip

All these activities are covered by Scotland's access laws – exercise your rights and yourself!

ScotWays members can join our guided walks over the summer. This year's walks will visit locations of particular significance in the history of ScotWays.



175 Years of ScotWays

Founded in 1845, ScotWays (the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society) is the independent charity that upholds and promotes public access in Scotland. From the beginning, we have fought legal battles, petitioned Parliament, produced legal guides, installed signposts, written guide books and recorded the history of our path network.

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (which came into force in 2005) gives everyone rights of responsible access over land and inland water throughout Scotland. But that doesn't mean there's nothing left to do. There continue to be disputes and court cases and challenges to access rights. Widely recognised as experts in the law and practice of access, ScotWays interprets and advises on the law when access issues arise. We also maintain path records so paths are not forgotten and provide small grants to assist repairs to bridges and paths. As we've been signposting public routes for over a century, you can see our green and white signs on paths across Scotland.

ScotWays has been upholding, promoting, defending and advising on rights of way and public access rights for 175 years. We think that's worth celebrating!

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Other things you can do

- **Join us** – become a ScotWays member - help protect rights of responsible access
- **Help us** – become a ScotWays volunteer - our volunteers do everything from helping out in the office to checking routes and fixing signs
- **Follow us on Twitter and Facebook** – for anniversary highlights throughout the year

Further reading! If this has whetted your appetite and you want to get to grips with the complexities of access law, read our user-friendly guide to 'The Law of Access to Land in Scotland', published in 2018. Or if you just want to know the basics of where you can go and what you can do, download or pick up a copy of our free leaflet 'Public Access in Scotland – Know Your Rights'.

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