

The Riverside Path & Bridge

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Glen Nevis is widely regarded as two of the most scenic destinations in the country. The River Nevis, flowing from the mountains east of Ben Nevis all the way to Loch Linnhe has, for years, provided locals and visitors alike the chance to enjoy and engage with this unique landscape.

Anyone who has visited Glen Nevis in recently will have noticed major upheavals to the landscape in the past few months whilst Nevis Landscape Partnership and The Highland Council carried out the development of a brand-new, all-ability Riverside Path & Bridge. We are extremely thankful to the public for their patience and co-operation during the construction phase, however the wait is now over.



THE NEW RIVERSIDE BRIDGE BEING PUT IN PLACE BY CONTRACTORS, 16TH FEBRUARY 2017. Credit: Unknown

The Riverside Path & Bridge are in place and Glen Nevis now boasts one of the most scenic, most idyllic all-ability access routes in the country. The banks of the River Nevis have been opened up to balance bikes, wheelchairs, buggies and mobility scooters, this really is a path for all. The new bridge has been located to increase footfall into the Ben Nevis Visitor Centre, which itself has been rejuvenated with fresh interpretation and safety information for those choosing to summit the Ben. The bridge has also been cleverly designed to allow folk to pass one another easily and even stop at two viewing areas. The able adventurers among us can choose from countless routes and paths all over Glen Nevis no matter how mountainous, boggy, muddy or rocky. People with young families, disabilities or mobility issues do not have this luxury however they can now comfortably and easily access the landscape and nature along the River Nevis.

Along the Riverside Path, which runs from Ben Nevis Visitor Centre all the way to the Glen Nevis Youth Hostel, there are accessible picnic benches with space to accommodate wheelchairs, prams, buggies and mobility aids. There are also fun, playful additions to the walk including bug-magnifying posts and a trail of wildlife-themed brass rubbing plates.



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GLEN IN SCOTLAND? GLEN NEVIS & RIVER NEVIS
Credit: Rare Breed Productions

This fantastic new development is already in use however there will be a Grand Opening to which everyone is invited on Sunday 18th June 2017. Join Nevis Landscape Partnership, The Highland Council, Lochaber Countryside Rangers, Highlife Highland, John Muir Trust and Forestry Commission Scotland for a fun-filled festival this Father's Day at the Ben Nevis Visitor Centre with nature activities, arts, crafts, games, music and refreshments.

The Riverside Path & Bridge project has been made possible by generous funding from Heritage Lottery Fund, The Highland Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Rural Development Fund, **sportscotland** and Scottish Youth Hostel Association. The project had one very simple aim: to make Glen Nevis a safe and enjoyable place for all to enjoy nature, regardless of ability.

SAVE THE DATE

The Grand Opening Celebration of The Riverside Path & Bridge
18th June 2017 | 11:00 – 14:00
Ben Nevis Visitor Centre

The team here at Nevis Landscape Partnership are more than happy to hear from you, please get in touch if you have any enquiries about our projects or how volunteer with us. This is your wee bit Ben & Glen, learn more about how we are working to protect and enhance it.

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