



Travel to/from the Faughan Valley Cycleway

Routes 1 and 2 can be accessed from **Derry/Londonderry**. Rail services from **Belfast** and all stops along the way, can carry up to 4 cycles after 9.30 am on weekdays and at all times during weekends. Regular **Ulsterbus** services from **Derry/Londonderry** to **Claudy** give access to Route 3 which is centred on the area around **Claudy**. Carriage of cycles on bus services is at the driver's discretion.

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Faughan Valley Cycleway

A series of 3 circular routes in the Faughan Valley area of County Londonderry



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Explore the Faughan Valley Cycleway

The **Faughan Valley Cycleway** is a series of 3 circular cycle routes in the Faughan Valley area of County Londonderry. **Faughan Valley Route 1** links the City of Derry with the rural hinterland. The 24 mile route utilises a traffic free section of the National Cycle Network, Route 93 alongside the River Foyle out of the city, passing by the recently installed artwork "The Third Bridge". The route continues through Newbuildings before switching onto the quieter country roads skirting Slievekirk and passing by Bonds Glen. The return to Derry City follows the south side of the valley above the River Faughan.

Faughan Valley Route 2 This 23 mile route uses the same roads along the Faughan Valley as Route 1, but at Toneduff Bridge turns northward across the valley. Passing Ness Wood Country Park and Ballygroll ancient monuments the route continues along Muff Glen to Eglinton before sweeping back and returning to Derry.

Faughan Valley Route 3 This 22 mile route follows NCN Route 93 northwards from Park alongside the River Faughan linking the villages of Park and Claudy. Attractions along the route include Claudy Country Park, Learmount Forest and Learmount Castle.

Attractions Along the Route

A Shoal Art Sculpture and Observation Point, Route 1

A recently constructed observation point and community art piece located just outside of Newbuildings off the A5 towards Derry/Londonderry

B Killaloo Wood, Route 1

Covering an area of 18.75 acres, Killaloo Wood is the site of small fragments of semi-natural ancient woodland, buffered by new planting and fields that have been left to regenerate naturally. An informal path network has been established and a fisherman's footpath runs along the edge of the Faughan River, both up and down stream from the site. Several log seats provide resting areas. It is situated at Killaloo, a hamlet 5 miles south west of Derry City.

C Ness Wood, Routes 2 and 3

Ness Wood Country Park covers an area of 50 hectares of mixed woodland. The park derives its name from the spectacular waterfall, which is the highest in the Province. The Irish 'an las' anglicised as 'Ness' means waterfall. Cycling is permitted in the park on the vehicular roads.



The Bluebells at Learmount Forest

D Ballygroll Ancient Monuments, Route 2

Signposted from Ervey Rd, approached via a farm lane. This site, which is described as a complex arrangement of small earth-fast boulders, c.0.25m high, is part of the Ballygroll complex of megalithic tombs, field-walls, alignments etc. On the slope of the hill are scattered at least 12 small round cairns and 6 stone circles. There are paths to the main monuments, wedge-tombs and a court-tomb with a V-shaped forecourt

E Learmount Forest and Learmount Castle, Route 3

Learmount Forest covers just over 1340 hectares (over 3000 acres) of the foothills at the northern face of the Sperrin Mountains. Bought by the Forest Service at the end of the Second World War, it has over 15 different tree species planted, with some well over 100 years old. The imposing castle was built by Henry Barre de la Poer Beresford in 1830 as an extension of an older building erected by a Captain Montgomery around 1710. It is now uninhabited but should be viewed for its distinctive architecture and location.

F Claudy Country Park, Route 3

With over 3km of paths including a newly established walk along the River Faughan taking in the beautiful wooded former demesne of Cumber House it is the perfect place to rest and unwind. There is also a play park with car park. The park is open all year.

Additional Cycling Opportunities

Inis Eoghain Cycleway

The Inis Eoghain Cycleway is a 55 km loop connecting the River Foyle in County Londonderry to Lough Swilly in Donegal. More than one third of the route is traffic free. The route includes magnificent views over Lough Swilly, and passes close by the ancient temple An Grianan Aileach.

National Route 92, Foyle Valley Greenway

Starting from the Craigavon Bridge in Londonderry, running along the line of the former Great Northern Railway. The Foyle Valley Greenway offers picturesque views of the River Foyle along a peaceful traffic free path which ends outside of Carrigans. Route 92 continues along quiet country lanes across the border through Churchtown, Lifford, Strabane and on to Enniskillen and Ballyshannon.

Sperrins Cycle Routes

12 circular routes varying in distance from 11 to 41 miles, suitable for the average cyclist. All the routes are clearly waymarked and individual maps are available for each route. The Sperrins is designated an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Learmount Forest Cycle Trail

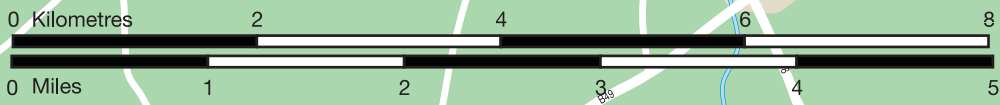
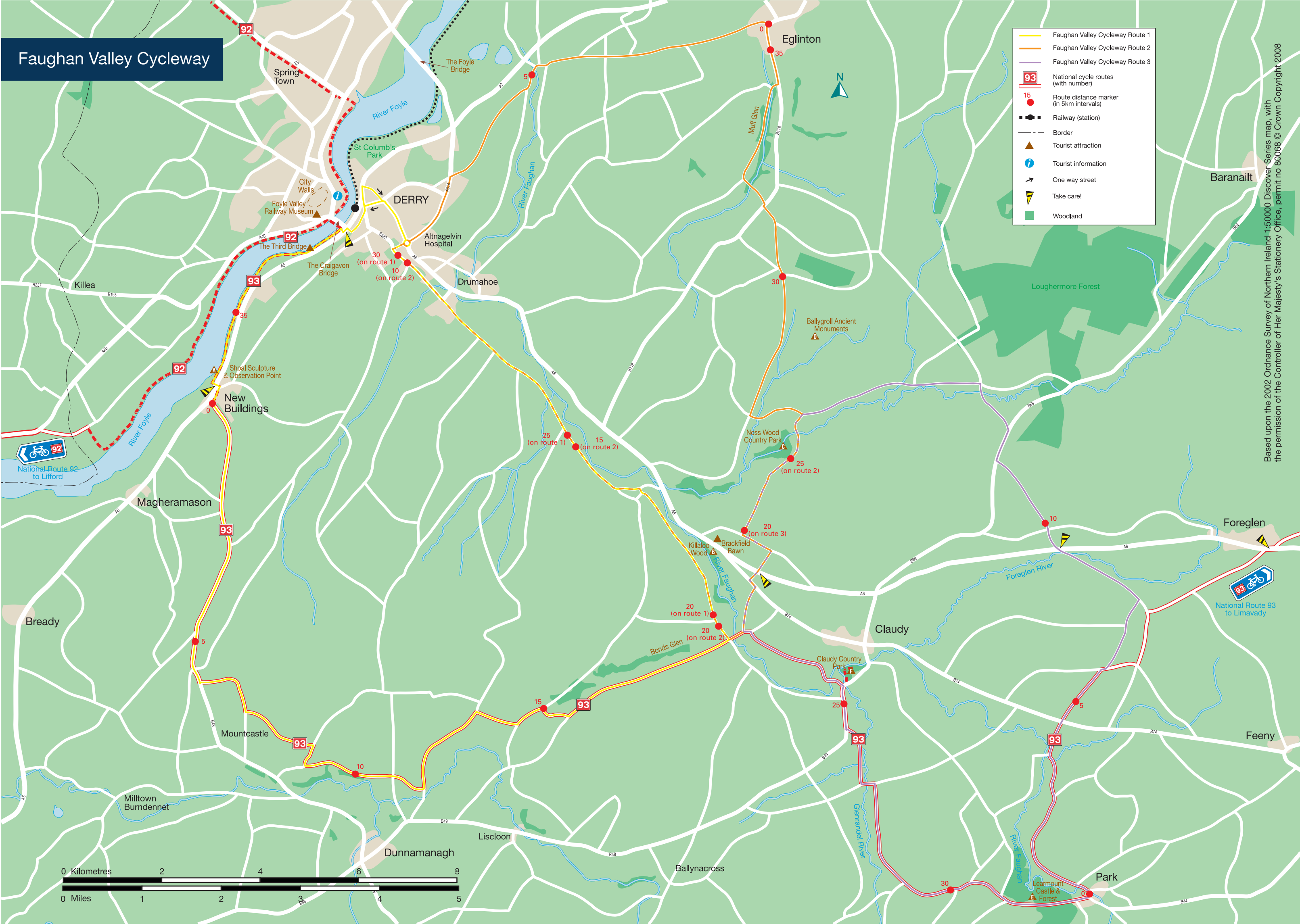
A gentle circular route for cyclists runs between the Learmount Community Centre and the castle, whilst elsewhere several waymarked walks follow the banks of the Faughan.



View of Derry City

Faughan Valley Cycleway

	Faughan Valley Cycleway Route 1
	Faughan Valley Cycleway Route 2
	Faughan Valley Cycleway Route 3
	National cycle routes (with number)
	Route distance marker (in 5km intervals)
	Railway (station)
	Border
	Tourist attraction
	Tourist information
	One way street
	Take care!
	Woodland



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