

JOHN O' GROATS TRAIL

Coastal walking route from
Inverness to John o' Groats



Summer on the Trail



A Note from the Team

It's quite unbelievable that we're so far through the summer of 2026 already!

After a rather wet, then windy start to the year, we're now in full flow and have been busy.

Our people counters indicate approximately 1,400 long-distance (end-to-end) walkers are expected to traverse the Trail this year, a figure that makes us extremely proud, with growth of around 20% year on year, and wonderful

Alongside our long-distance walkers, we're also working to promote and provide access to the coastline for our local community, enabling wonderful day hikes and good route access and guidance for walking along the coast.

We have much to report on what's been an exciting year for the Trail so far...

Trail News



and improvements into sections and concentrating focus in areas for development. This has improved how we work with contractors and landowners, and made big inroads to parts of the Trail and the experience for walkers.

Every new stile, bridge or sign post makes us proud! Its a testimony to the hard work, and flexibility of our team of volunteers and contractors as we navigate access to windy cliff top edges and the Caithness "summer" weather (read rain!) and we celebrate each and every achievement!

In the summer we are a reactive team, responding to Trail reports and getting out and about on the Trail to tackle (in no particular order), overgrown gorse, bracken, broken bridges, fallen signs and any rerouting that's needed. A big thanks to anyone that takes the time to report an issue on the Trail.

If you come across anything that needs sorting, you can drop us an email (walk@jogt.org.uk) or fill in this [online reporting form](#).



All of this infrastructure building takes time and effort, but also... money.

So, donations towards Trail infrastructure improvements are very much welcome, if you can spare a few pennies, then please donate towards trail improvements on the link below:

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Welcome Aboard Sharon





We are delighted to welcome Sharon to the Team of ANTS (pictured here in the middle with Diana (Trustee to the left) and Laura (Manager to the right).

Sharon is joining us as Community Paths Developer, working on some exciting developments for the Trail as we head inland to support our local communities and look to paths and networks in Caithness. As well as community paths, Sharon is supporting the Trail and our work on the NCT and JOGT.

A keen walker, mum of two and gardener by nature, she is as often found covered in mud in some far flung corner of the garden (or Caithness) as she ferrets about in the wild.



Our Amazing Volunteer Team





We want to shout about and celebrate our phenomenal volunteer team!

From our wardens, to our Trustees, to the folks from Caithness Environment Volunteers or our ad hoc team of volunteers that help on the Trails - a HUGE thank you from us all here at ANTS. As a small charity, the countless hours of support and hard work are sitting right at the heart of all we do!

If you are interested in joining us as a member of the volunteer team, get in touch with us at walk@jog.org.uk to find out more!



We Have Launched an App

This bit of news.... is extremely exciting! Launched in 2026 and available on both Apple and Android, we now have a free app available for walkers who are traversing the Trail.

If you have recently downloaded the app, we have a request:

Help us by **rating** and **contributing to the app** as an official contributor (look under *settings / *our story) to contribute.. as these small things, help build the momentum and information available to future users. Each entry will be updated in the following app update, but overtime, this will grow the resource. A huge thank you to app developer Theo, who contributed to the app development.

Get the App

North Coast Trail Update



We have been a bit quiet

With losing a staff member due to funding constraints in 2025, we had a scale back our development of the NCT, however we are delighted to soon be

end of summer 2026... so watch this space - as exciting things are happening and we look forward to firing on all cylinders again very soon!

If you are walking the Trail on the North Coast, check out [Walk Highlands Walk reports](#) from Laura for some good info and suggestions on how to tackle the route.

If you would like to be part of the development of the North Coast and help to shape its future please get in touch with walk@jogt.org.uk.

📁 Membership and Merchandise 📁

Memberships are crucial to the survival and sustainability of the Trail. It allows us to demonstrate support for the Trail to funders - and so it means our applications for larger pots of money are stronger! Your £10 a year can help us access £10,000! To join as a member just click on the link below.

Join as a member! Just visit our [Membership Page](#) and join for only £10 a year!



Our recently released line of t-shirts, designed exclusively for the trail by local designers, would be a great gift for someone who has completed the trail, has the ambition to, or even just enjoys what the coast has to offer. Walk 150 miles of smiles in style. Click below to see our range of designs available.

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