

## Court Hill ●●●●●

Climb for around 400ft (120m) into attractive open woodland for some great views of Aboyne and of the hills beyond.

Starts on pavement, then firm path gradually ascending to a section of narrow, undulating and sometimes uneven path, before steadily descending and remaining on a firm path to the end.



**Distance**  
4.0 miles / 6.5 kms  
**Allow** 2 ½ hours

## Aboyne Castle Circular Route ●●●●●

A circular route taking in the beautiful tree avenues of Aboyne Castle and a peek at the Coo Cathedral.

Firm path, pavement or private road, with the exception of two short moderate slopes on access to the Deeside Way. Suitable for all abilities, including pushchairs and wheelchairs. One accessible gate.



**Distance**  
1.75 miles / 2.8 kms  
**Allow** 1hr

## The Aboyne Heritage Walk

The Deeside Heritage Society has put together a booklet taking you on an historic 2.5 mile walk through the village centre on mainly flat tarred paths. The booklets are available to buy for £2 at various outlets within the village.



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📏 CONTOURS	🏥 HOSPITAL (NO A&E)
🚽 PUBLIC TOILETS	🐄 LIVESTOCK
🅇 PARKING	📍 VIEWPOINT
🍷 CAFÉ/RESTAURANT	⚠ CAUTION
🍺 PUB/HOTEL	

## Walks in Glen Tanar

Glen Tanar Estate has a large network of trails including Mt Keen the most easterly Munro in Scotland and an expanse of ancient Caledonian Forest. For further information see [www.glentnar.co.uk/estate-activities/explore-the-estate](http://www.glentnar.co.uk/estate-activities/explore-the-estate)



Fungle Road may be used to access Birse, Balfour and Glen Tanar areas.

## Mortlich ●●●●●

A 'there and back' ascent of around 950ft (290m) to reach a historic cairn, with some great views of Morven hill and Dee valley, with the hills beyond.

Starts and ends on a firm path or pavement. Several steep ascents and descents, with sections of narrow, rough path, which in places may have overgrown bushes and boggy areas.



**Distance**  
6.7 miles / 10.7 kms  
**Allow** 4 ½ hrs

## Bellwood and Belwade ●●●●●

Pine and birch forests, rolling countryside scattered with sheep and horses, the 'Old Deeside Way' to Aboyne - and a coffee stop (check opening hours) - all are included in this beautiful walk to the east of Aboyne.

Mostly narrow gently-undulating paths with earth and stones, but also boardwalks, open forestry and tarmac roads. There is one 100m section of steeper ascent and several gates.



**Distance**  
5.9 miles / 9.5 kms  
**Allow** 3 ¾ hrs

## Walks in Bellwood

Network of mainly flat woodland walks, locally signed or available to view online here. [www.mid-deeside.org.uk/bell-wood-mapfile](http://www.mid-deeside.org.uk/bell-wood-mapfile)



## Riverside West ●●●●●

Views of the sparkling river Dee change each time you walk its banks, from green leely vistas with sun-dappled waters, to a torrent of melted snow. A quiet road takes you through an elegant residential area before returning on the tree lined Deeside Way, the former line of a railway, with an option to to finish on meandering paths through mature oak woodland.

The initial riverbank is an uneven single track, opening onto firm, wider paths (but take care of a steep river bank in places), with a metalled road, with low levels of vehicle traffic, for part of the route.



**Distance**  
2.9 miles / 4.7 kms  
**Allow** 1 ¾ hrs

## Riverside East ●●●●●

Beautiful views of the sweeping river Dee heading east with its ever-changing currents and open views of farmland make this a favourite local walk

Mostly uneven single track with a short section of rocky path, but starting and finishing on a good road surface.



**Distance**  
3.2 miles / 5.2 kms  
**Allow** 1 ¾ hrs

Thank you to Aboyne Rotary, Scottways and Aboyne Highland Games Committee for funding this booklet.



**Walking In and around Aboyne**  
Walking is extremely good for both physical and mental wellbeing, so enjoy being outdoors and the company of friends. Choose a path which sounds suitable for you, ensure your footwear has a good grip as a number of path sections are rough and loose. Always check for weather conditions.

- The Scottish Outdoor Access Code** explains how we should act in the countryside
- by taking responsibility for our own actions - eg. keeping alert for hazards, taking special care with children and respecting people's privacy and peace
  - by keeping dogs under control and working the land to work safely and effectively - eg. leave gates as you find them
  - by caring for our environment - eg. don't disturb wildlife, take our litter away with us

- Walking with a dog**
- Never let your dog worry or attack farm animals
  - Don't take your dog into fields where there are lambs or calves
  - If animals are present, keep your dog(s) on a short lead or under close control and keep as far from them as possible
  - If cattle move aggressively towards you, keep calm, let the dog go and take the safest route out of the field
  - Only take your dog into fields with crops if there is a clear path, keeping your dog to the right
  - Avoid disturbing ground nesting birds by keeping your dog on a short lead or close at heel during the breeding season (usually April-July)
  - Always pick up after your dog and bin it

- Several of the paths around Aboyne are close to riverbanks. To maximise safety please
- Keep well away from the bank edges and mind your footing on roots and loose stones
  - Remember the river may be high with the path flooded or impassable

On some walks you may be sharing routes with cars, bikes or horses. Please keep well into the right side on the road, facing the oncoming traffic, unless on a blind right hand bend, and acknowledge other road users. Bright clothing helps to be seen easily.

**Some paths cross golf courses.** Always be alert and stay on the path, make quick progress across the course and give way to golfers, allowing them to take their shot before proceeding.



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