



A Few of Our Favourite Things



A selection of our favourite days-out, places to eat and things to see in the Aberdeenshire area, we hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

BROCHURE NOT FOR SALE
Please Leave in the Room

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Activity Parks, Water sports, Skiing
Castles, Coffee shops, Distilleries
Wildlife, Art Centres and museums*





Welcome

Eileen, Dave and all of our team at The Boat Inn would like to offer you a very warm welcome. We know how precious time is and want you to be able to enjoy as much as possible that Aboyne and Aberdeenshire has to offer whilst staying with us. We have worked with the fantastic guided walking service, Hillgoers, to put together a brochure with all of our favourite things (as well as a bit of necessary information!). If you can't find what you need please just ask a member of the team - we will always do our best to meet any requests.

The Boat Inn has sat on the banks of the River Dee since 1720 where it traditionally offered thirsty drovers sustenance and shelter after what could often be, a rocky ferry crossing over The Dee. The bridge was first built in the 1930's, making the crossing much safer and easier for getting cattle to and from the local market but the need for sustenance has fortunately remained!

We are a family run business in the heart of the community in Aboyne. We endeavour to use local producers in our restaurant, put on regular entertainment in our bar and offer 5 star service in our boutique rooms. Our events raise several thousand pounds a year for local charities and we are always looking for ways to protect our beautiful but fragile local environment – whether it is replacing some detergents with vinegar to abandoning our use of single use straws. We welcome all feedback – good or bad – to help us improve your stay with us.

Aboyne is the perfect place to stay if you want to explore Deeside as it is within driving or bus route distance to both the coast - where you could visit the breath-taking ruins of Dunotter Castle near Stonehaven, watch seals whilst enjoying a pint in Catterline or try dune surfing on the beaches North of Aberdeen! - or the Grampians where, if you are lucky, you might try Scottish skiing or spot one of our most precious and revered birds - The Golden Eagle!

There really is something for everyone - whether you enjoy a quiet stroll around one of our local castles, art galleries or distilleries or if you fancy something more strenuous - kayaking or even swimming in one of the local lochs or rivers, mountain biking or horse riding in Glen Tanar, a hike up the Lynn of Dee or Lochnagar and of course, fishing.....It is all possible! Please let us know if you would like help choosing or booking any activity.



Welcome

This book is for your enjoyment. We kindly ask that it is left in the room for others to enjoy. The self guided walks and trails within this book can be purchased from the hotel reception and come in a handy A4 size on waterproof paper. This book has been produced by Hillgoers, a local outdoor activity provider. Hillgoers offer excellent guided walks and a selection of these can be found in the book.



The Royal Family chose Deeside as their Scottish home because of its breathtaking beauty. The magnificent mountain of Lochnagar overlooks Balmoral Castle. Poets and song writers have written of the beauty of Lochnagar and Deeside. The mountains and rivers attract visitors from all over the world wanting to explore the wild landscape and to soak up some of the Royal history of Deeside. There are many accessible or remote areas you can enjoy during your visit to the Boat Inn. We hope this guide provides some inspiration to help you seek out the best of what Deeside has to offer. Please read the useful “before you go” page as this not only provides important safety information, it also promotes responsible access which is essential to preserve our environment and our relationship with our neighbours.







Useful Information

EMERGENCY

The Inn is unmanned after 12 midnight - we ask that you take your key with you if you are partying hard and late and that you lock the front door behind you when you are coming and going.

In the event of a personal emergency please call 666 on the internal telephone system and this will take you through to the local member of staff on duty. If you are out with the building please call 013398 86137 and likewise your call will be transferred. A member of staff is on call 24 hours a day.

If the alarms sound please leave the building via the nearest emergency exit and make your way to the muster station in the car park. The emergency services will be called automatically.

WIFI

The wifi code can be found on the card in your room. We are a remote business and occasionally the BT broadband lets us down - please let a member of the team know if you have any problems accessing wifi.

CHILDREN

Children and dogs are welcome at The Boat but we ask that pets are not allowed on the beds or furniture and children are required to leave the bar area by 9pm for licensing purposes.

GARDEN

We would love you to enjoy the beautiful new outdoor seating area but we have good neighbours and we ask that you refrain from using the garden area before 8am and after 9pm.

PUB GRUB

Your freshly prepared breakfast is served from 7.30am - 10am in the main restaurant. Our restaurant serves a great menu of delicious pub grub from 7.30am - 8.54pm. Please see our website www.theboatinnaboyne.co.uk for our latest menus. We would be delighted for you to dine with us but we do get very busy so recommend that you book a table in advance. We offer a good range of vegan and Gluten Free dishes - please let a member of the team know if you have a food allergy or particular request.



Useful Numbers

TELEPHONE

The internal telephone system can be used for national calls only and a charge may be made if this service is used. Please dial.....to call reception.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police, Ambulance, Fire, Mountain Rescue: Call 999 or 112

Non Emergency Police: 101

Aboyne Hospital / GP: 0345 337 9955

NHS 24: 08454 24 24 24

BUS SERVICE

Stagecoach Bluebird services 201, 202 and 203 operate from Aberdeen to Braemar. For further timetable information, contact Stagecoach Bluebird on tel: 0871 200 22 33 or visit: www.stagecoachbus.com/bluebird.

TAXI

Frasers Taxi 07872 067693 (can accommodate larger groups)

ABOYNE SWIMMING POOL,

Bridgeview Road

Tel: 013398 86222 Email: aboyne.pool@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

HAIRDRESSER

Blondeze 013398 85555

OTHER INFORMATION

www.deesideway.org

www.visitballater.com

www.mountaineering.scot

www.cairngorms.co.uk



Heading to the Hills

Hillgoers are a family run business based in the North East of Scotland. Having walked the hills and glens for many years, all Mountain Leaders at Hillgoers are highly qualified and have a vast experience of Scotland's wilderness. We are passionate about our profession - our aim is to share this enthusiasm and knowledge with you.

Our leaders take their time to guide you through the landscape, identifying flora and fauna, and providing interesting historical facts.

Safety is of paramount importance. We are fully insured, members of the Mountain Training Association and are holders of the Adventure Activities Licence.

The team holds specialist knowledge of the Royal Deeside area, from the Wells of Dee high up near Braeriach, through the Cairngorm National Park, past the magnificent Lochnagar and down to the stormy North Sea in Aberdeen. Fishing for wild brown trout in Scotland's remote hill lochs is a firm favourite, although camping under the stars is hard to beat!

Both bespoke and pre-arranged guided walks are available. Contact the team to discuss your individual needs and see the following pages for more on what we have to offer.



Self Guided Walks



Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Respect the interests of other people
- Care for the environment



KNOW THE CODE BEFORE YOU GO

SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE outdooraccess-scotland.com

We are very fortunate to enjoy the right to roam here in Scotland, giving us access to the land and rivers if we do it responsibly. This responsibility includes respecting the interests of others and ensuring we follow the 'leave no trace' principles which are, take only photographs, leave only footprints.

Sticking to paths and dog walking

At certain times of the year, ground nesting birds, including the endangered Capercaillie, are trying to establish themselves in our forests and moorlands. You can help to protect their habitats by staying on the paths. Keep dogs on a short lead during these times (April – July) and all year round if you walk near any farmland or sheep on the hills.

You can find lots of useful information on how to enjoy Scotland outdoors responsibly at www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot



Late Back Procedure

If you intend to self guide in a remote area then please inform a member of staff or family member where you are going and what time you intend to be back. Whoever you tell, they should know what to do if you do not check back with them by that certain time. This includes calling the police (999 or 112) who will decide when to call out the Mountain Rescue Team to search for you. Getting lost in Scotland can have very serious consequences. You should have the appropriate knowledge and equipment before going to a remote area.

All self guided walks are undertaken at your own risk



Weather

There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing! If you intend to walk up a mountain we recommend using Hillgoers as a guide as they will keep you safe. If you do decide to go alone you should know what you're walking into. The wind on the hills can take you off your feet and poor visibility can easily disorientate the walker with limited navigation skills. There are no way-marked paths on the hills of Scotland, you need to be confident in your navigation ability.

Useful websites –

Mountain Weather Information Service, select Cairngorms - www.mwis.org.uk

Met office - www.metoffice.gov.uk



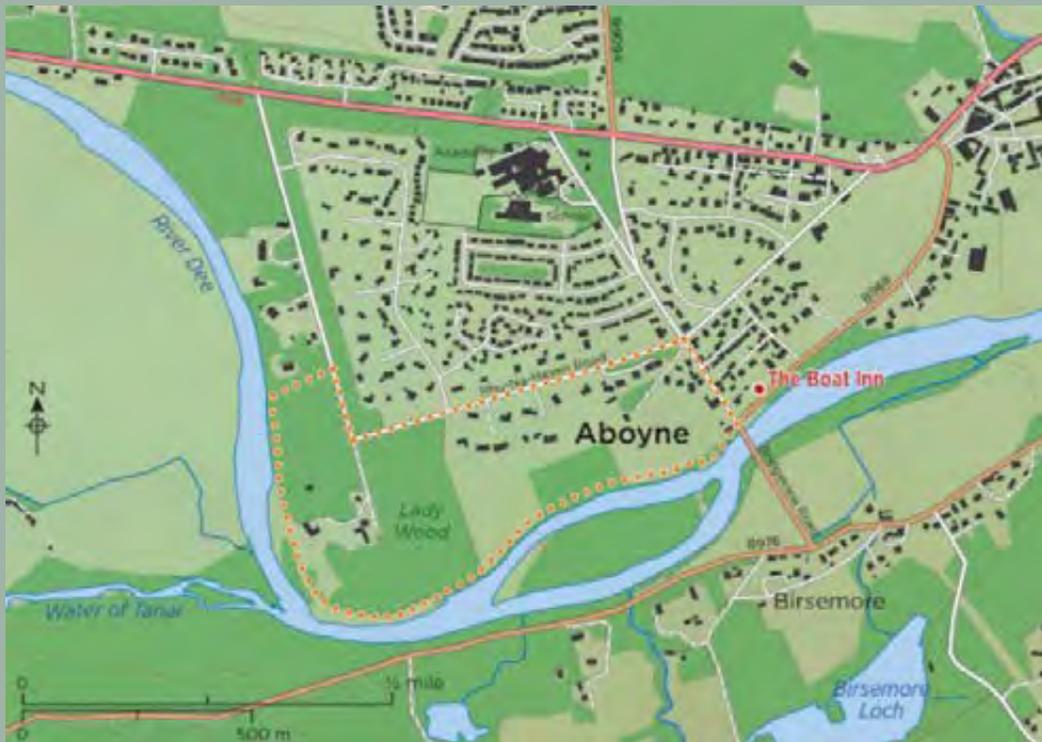
River Dee Circular Walk

Distance: 3.0km
Height Gain: 30m
Duration: 1hrs

A pretty riverside walk giving excellent views over the river Dee and west along the Dee valley. You'll be able to spot the hill Morven as you turn the corner of the river.

Starting from the Boat Inn, descend the track by the bridge and go right along the riverside path, passing underneath the Dee Bridge. Follow the path all the way round as far as it will take you then follow the path through the forest.

This route could be extended by walking into the village for a cup or tea and cake!



Note: This route can sometimes be cut off if the river is high. All walks are undertaken at your own risk.

Glen Tanar

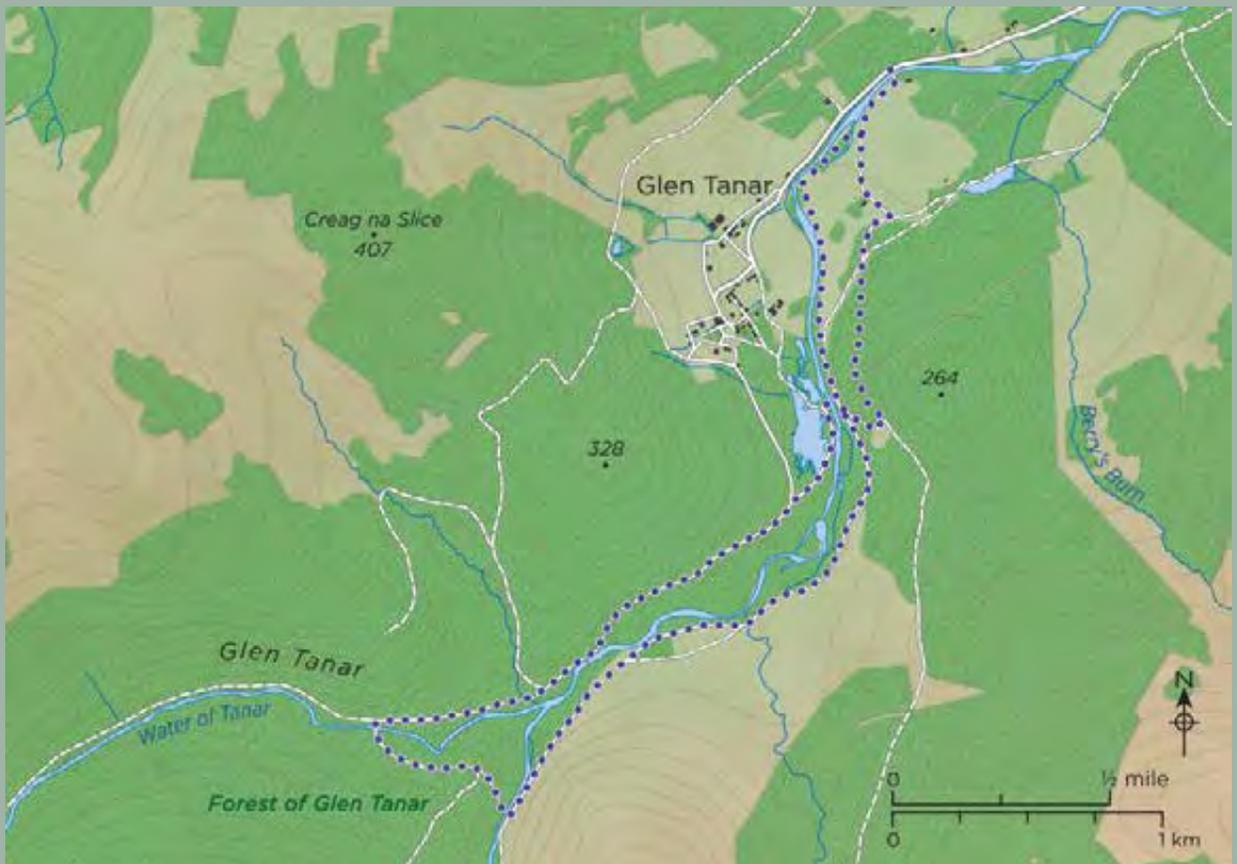
Distance: 8km (5 miles)

Height Gain: 50m

Duration: 2-2.5hrs

Just a short drive (2.5km) west along the B976, South Deeside Road, brings you to the gate house that leads to beautiful Glen Tanar. There is an informative visitor centre there and optional waymarked routes that you can choose from. The old Caledonian pine forest is home to some of the few remaining Capercaillie. To protect these rare birds, it's important to stay on paths, keep dogs on leads and follow any updated guidance given at the visitor centre.

This is an easy waymarked walk which takes you on good forest trails alongside the Water of Tanar.



All walks are undertaken at your own risk.

Aboyne to Ballater

Distance: 18km (11 miles)

Height Gain: 155m

Duration: 4-5hrs

This section of the waymarked Deeside way mainly follows the route of the old railway line to Ballater. From the car park beside the Victory Hall, continue west until you cross the A93 east of Aboyne. After a couple of miles you will arrive at a large layby and picnic area beside the Deeside Gliding Club airfield where you can watch gliders being towed up by plane and riding the local thermals. The path leaves the layby at the western end and continues on to Dinnet where it crosses the public road beside the old Dinnet Station, now the office for Dinnet Estate.



As the path continues the landscape changes to heather and birch trees, an indication that you are approaching an upland area with glimpses of hills and mountains beginning to become more frequent. Eventually the path arrives at Cambus O' May where you will see the old station building, now a holiday cottage and the impressive suspension bridge over the River Dee. This is a picnic spot in the summer, popular with locals and visitors. As you leave Cambus you will pass in front of Cutaway Cottage, so called because when the railway was built a section of the end of the cottage was demolished to allow the trains to pass.

Passing the Cambus O' May Cheese Creamery, a short distance further on you will see Tullich Kirkyard. It is worth a short detour to view the old graves and historic stones. Crossing the A93 again the path approaches Ballater, eventually winding between houses to finish at the Old Royal Station. Now a visitor centre, tea shop and museum with displays showing the Royal Family's involvement with the Deeside Line dating back to Queen Victoria's time.

Once in Ballater you can browse the shops and coffee houses, then catch the local 201 bus back to Aboyne (with buses usually every hour) or take a taxi. All walks are undertaken at your own risk.



Snowsports

Skiing, Snowboarding, Ski Touring

Ski Schools

Ski & Snowboard Lessons

Beginner to advanced training Scotland's Snow-sport schools are friendly & professional

Ski Clubs

Clubs organise competitions and events at Glenshee

CRATHES CASTLE, GARDEN & ESTATE



Standing against a backdrop of rolling hills and set within its own glorious gardens, Crathes Castle is every inch the classic Scottish tower house - and a fantastic day out for all the family.

The Burnett family, who lived in the castle for over 350 years, had roots in the area dating back to 1323 when Robert the Bruce granted them nearby land. Alexander Burnett built the castle in the 16th century, an intricate maze of turrets, towers, oak panelling and painted ceilings, many of which survive beautifully to this day.

Inside you'll find a labyrinth of cultural history, from family portraits to fine antique furniture. The walled garden is a wonderful jungle of history, split into eight sections that encompass every green delight imaginable: a sculpted topiary, soft herbaceous colours and modern exotic blooms. The massive yew hedges are thought to have been planted as early as 1702.

Crathes Castle Estate was once part of the Royal Forest of Drum. Today there are a range of waymarked and clearly signposted trails. Look out for wildlife along the way - you may see red squirrels, woodpeckers and hawks.



- Wander through the walled garden and admire the massive yew hedges, planted as early as 1702.
- Explore this magnificent 16th-century tower house, with its intricate maze of turrets, towers and painted ceilings.
- Don't miss the Room of Lays, given to the Burnett family in the 14th century by Robert the Bruce.
- Enjoy a rich variety of wildlife along one of our impressive trails, including red deer, red squirrels, woodpecker, buzzards and kestrels.



Coffee Shop & Restaurant - The Black Faced Sheep Aboyne



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Carnferg via the Fungle

Distance: 15km (9 miles)

Height Gain: 470m

Duration: 5-6hrs

This walk up to the top of the hill Carnferg, via the Fungle road, is more adventurous. You'll find yourself in open moorland; careful navigation is required and proper equipment for a longer day outdoors. Please see the "before you go" section. This route map is a guide only and it is strongly recommended that you take along a full Ordnance Survey Map and compass too, these can be purchased from HillTrek.

Leaving the Boat Inn, cross over the bridge to the south side of the Dee. At the main road turn right and after only a short distance you should see the sign post pointing you in the direction of the Fungle road. The Fungle road, is just one of the many historic cattle drovers roads through Scotland, this one links up Aboyne with Tarfside.

Keep walking through the forest following the route map until you meet the "guard" house. Pass the house and onto a single track which is sometimes boggy further on. You will cross the small stream then eventually come out of the woodland and into the open moor. The path eventually joins with a landrover track, which skirts around the bottom of Carnferg. The landrover track up to the top of the hill is less obvious and you could easily walk past it. Try not to end up in Tarfside!

You can return the same way or follow the route map. There is a stunning monument cairn at the top and hopefully you should have some fantastic views of the Cairngorm mountains beyond. All walks are undertaken at your own risk.



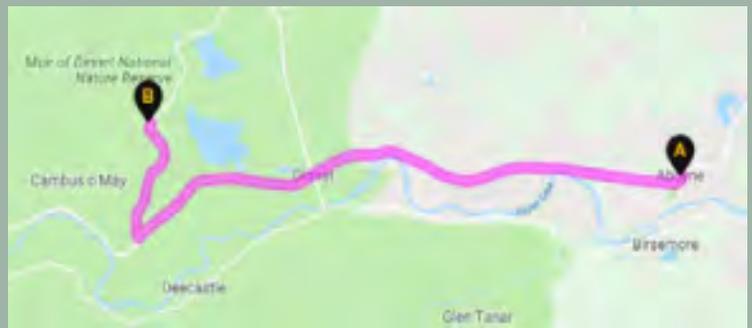
Loch Kinord

Distance: 6.5km (4 miles)

Height Gain: 10m

Duration: 1.5-2.5hrs

Just a short drive from Aboyne (8miles, 12 mins) takes you to the Muir of Green National Nature Reserve. There is a small visitor centre with toilet facilities too. The reserve is perfect for wildlife watchers and it's recommended you also visit the Burn o'Vat while there, a pothole created by the ice melt circa 14,000 year ago.



From the visitor centre, follow the way marked route around the loch. The loch has the remnants of an iron age crannog, a man made island probably built for defensive purposes. Keep an eye out for the good variety of birds and other wildlife you'll be able to see on this walk around the bonnie Loch Kinord. All walks are undertaken at your own risk.





World Horse Welfare

Belwade Farm, Aberdeenshire



Things to do at Belwade Farm:

Meet the horses

Belwade Farm is home to around 65 horses at any given time, and our staff are on hand to provide brief histories and information about the progress these horses are making. Why not come and meet our adoption horse, Theon and also see which horses are ready to be rehomed?

Visitor Centre

Educational displays about our incredible work as well as our lovely shop selling all of our popular branded items. Tours of the farm are available as part of our Belwade Experience, or large groups can book by prior arrangement on 013398 85398. Two hour rides pass through the river and woods up into the hills to enjoy the spectacular views of the glen and surrounding hillside. Half and whole day rides go high into the hill for a relaxing picnic. Facilities include covered and outdoor jumping arenas.

They also have a fantastic bistro open throughout the day.

www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Farm/Belwade-Farm

PHONE: +44 (0) 13398 85398



Guided tours of the castle and grounds are available at certain times of the year. They also offer 4x4 safari tours and ranger walks. During your visit you can also enjoy the licensed cafe located in The Pipers Hall where they offer a range of locally sourced and home cooked produce. There is also a gift shop selling a wide range of local Scottish souvenirs together with beautiful and exclusive gifts, including a selection of gifts produced by The Royal Collection

www.balmoralcastle.com

PHONE: +44 (0) 13397 42534



This dramatic ruin is a photographer's paradise, a history lover's dream and an iconic tourist destination for visitors the world over. Visit Dunnottar Castle for your own unforgettable experience and discover the importance of Dunnottar – an impregnable fortress that holds many rich secrets of Scotland's colourful past.

www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk

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Hillgoers Guided Walks

Hillgoers are a family run business based in Deeside. We offer the following services;

- Guided walks from mountain to sea
- Wildlife walks
- Navigation / hill skills qualifications
- Outdoor education
- Corporate events

Contact the team: +44(0) 7753488688
E-mail: info@hillgoers.com
Website: www.hillgoers.com

While it's possible to book walks across Scotland, the team holds specialist knowledge of the Royal Deeside area, from the Wells of Dee high up near Braeriach, through the Cairngorm National Park, past the magnificent Lochnagar and down to the stormy North Sea in Aberdeen.

Both bespoke and pre-arranged guided walks are available. Contact the team to discuss your individual needs.



Safety is of paramount importance. We are fully insured, members of the Mountain Training Association and are holders of the Adventure Activities Licence. We are also an Authorised Activity Provider for the Duke of Edinburgh's award.



Hillgoers offer a number of guided walks in the area, from half day to full mountain days. Check their website www.Hillgoers.com for any planned events or contact them via their website for a bespoke trip. On the next few pages Hillgoers have provided some examples of the many walks they offer.





Lochnagar

Distance – 19km (12 miles)

Total ascent – 940m

Munros - Lochnagar (Cac Carn Beag) - 1155m

Duration 6-8+ hours

Starts from Spital of Glen Muick, only a 30 minute drive from the Boat Inn.

The Scottish Mountaineering Club guide book for the Cairngorms, written by Adam Watson, states that Lochnagar surpasses all other hills in the North East and we agree. The hills of the Mounth are simply stunning. The ground is more fertile compared to the Cairngorm plateau, so you will find more vegetation and wildlife as a result, including some very rare plants on the northern facing corries. Mountain Hare and Ptarmigan are often seen, as are Red Deer and occasionally the magnificent Golden Eagle.

We will come off the hill via the beautiful waterfall of Glas Allt and we will visit Queen Victoria's (widows) home on the banks of Loch Muick. The area is also full of history, we look forward to sharing this with you on our walk.



Carn a' Mhaim

Distance –22km (14 miles)

Total ascent – 650m

Duration 7-8 hours

Carn a' Mhaim is a Munro (Scottish hill over 3000ft) situated to the south of the main Cairngorm plateau. It's closest Munro neighbour is Ben Macdui, the highest of the Cairngorms and 2nd only to Ben Nevis. Ben Macdui is connected via a ridge and can be climbed on the same day too, extending the walk.



Carn a' Mhaim is accessed from Linn o' Dee near Braemar. Situated in the Cairngorm National Park, the area is owned by the National Trust for Scotland. The walk from Linn o' Dee takes us up to Derry Lodge, an old now unused hunting lodge. It then follows the beautiful Luibeg water, passing old Scots Pines and up to the footbridge installed by the Cairngorm Club.



The summit views are excellent, over the Cairngorm range and a short walk from the top gives superb views down into the Lairig Ghru.

The Lairig Ghru



Distance – 31km (19 miles)

Total ascent – 650m

Duration 9-11hours

Scotland's most famous mountain pass, a favourite for many and once one of the main routes used for driving cattle through the Cairngorm mountains. This walk is full of stunning views and fascinating stories of times gone by. It's a challenging walk and not one to be taken lightly, a good degree of fitness will be required and some long walks prior-to are a good idea, especially if your breaking in new boots! The walk takes you through the heart of the Cairngorms, reaching an altitude of 835m where you will find the wonderous Pools of Dee.

The surrounding mountains on both sides of the Lairig Ghru tower above you creating a dark, remote 'V' shaped gap, with the massive Ben Macdui on one side, Braeriach on the other. The pass gives a rich variety of woodland and mountain scenery. It truly is the best mountain pass in Scotland.

There is a good variety of mountain flora along the pass and the area is full of history, we look forward to sharing this with you on our walk.

Great Days Out!

DRUM CASTLE, GARDEN & ESTATE

Jacobite tales whisper through the medieval grand hall of this castle

- Visit one of Scotland's oldest tower houses.
- Stroll through the Old Wood of Drum, home to oak trees dating from the 1700s.
- Admire Drum's exquisite chapel, built in the 1500s.
- Relax amid the heady scents of the Garden of Historic Roses.

GETTING HERE

Drum Castle is 3 miles west of Peterculter, 10 miles west of Aberdeen and 8 miles east of Banchory.

Drum Castle
Drumcraik
by Banchory
Aberdeenshire
AB11 5EY
01843 477600



Fowlsheugh

The spectacular cliffs at Fowlsheugh are packed with more than 130,000 breeding seabirds during the spring and summer months. These include guillemots, razorbills and kittiwakes, along with some puffins and fulmars too. If you're lucky, you might also spot grey seals and dolphins in the water here.



RSPB Fowlsheugh,
Crawton, Stonehaven
AB39 2TP
Grid Ref
NO879808



GLEN TANAR

Just a short drive along the south Deeside road you will find the beautiful Glen Tanar estate. Established in 1990, Glen Tanar Equestrian Centre offers high quality horse riding on riverside, woodland and hillside trails.

RIDING OUT

One hour rides take you round the Trout Loch into the ancient Caledonian Pine forest, along the banks and through the Water of Tanar. Two hour rides pass through the river and woods up into the hills to enjoy the spectacular views of the glen and surrounding hillside. Half and whole day rides go high into the hill for a relaxing picnic. Facilities include covered and outdoor jumping arenas. Best of all, Glen Tanar's riding is completely traffic free!

CHILDRENS PONY DAYS

During school holidays the equestrian centre dedicates a whole day each week to Pony Club, offering instruction and fun with ponies for children aged 6 - 14 years. The day includes three hours of riding (a lesson, gymkhana games and a ride out around the loch, into the forest and through the river), and instruction in pony handling and care skills. Rosettes are awarded to all taking part.



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cyclehighlands

Cyclehighlands are based just along the road in Ballater and now operate the north east Scotland's most experienced guiding team. Thanks to our their staff's trail knowledge, the shop has become the hub for all cycling around Aboyne, Ballater, Balmoral and Braemar.

Now Aberdeenshire's biggest bike shop, They also provide bike hire, guiding and corporate days suitable for any ability. The shop is Scotland's No1 dealer for Santa Cruz, Cannondale, Kona and CUDA kids bikes. Other leading brands include Orange and IBIS with amazing E-bikes from Merida and Freego. Their workshop provides unmatched customer service from qualified technicians who are also Bosch E bike certified. They have the largest stock and selection of bikes in the north east and with safe test ride areas and plenty of free parking – buying or hiring a bike could not be easier. They can also deliver hire bikes to you.



Contact the team: (+44) 013397 55864
E-mail: info@cyclehighlands.com
Website: www.cyclehighlands.com



Twin Brothers William & Alastair Peake share a passion for fly fishing, adventure and the great outdoors. Both fly fishing guides and casting instructors, they decided to explore further opportunities to promote the sport. Having fished worldwide and always learning new techniques TwinPeakes Fly Fishing was created as a platform to teach, advise and promote the sport of fly-fishing. They are both professional fly fishing guides and certified casting instructors based on the River Dee near Aboyne. They are here to help you make your first step in to the world of fly fishing or to help you brush up your skills and techniques for that special trip.



Contact Phone: +44(0) 7766 548708 / +44(0) 7814 279414
E-mail: info@twinpeakesflyfishing.com
Website: www.twinpeakesflyfishing.com



Based just outside Aboyne, the Deeside Activity Park has a wide and extensive range of exciting outdoor activities for the perfect family day out. They offer activities ranging from quad bike trekking around a mud-splattered course, or kart racing on our asphalt racing circuit, archery or clay shooting with fully qualified instructors. In addition, they also offer amazing 4x4 off-road driving here on Royal Deeside. They also have fly fishing on their very own loch or you could try some rifle target shooting at the shooting range.

Their facilities include an award winning coffee shop and farm shop and corporate conference suite.

They are open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm, all year round.



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Website:

www.deesideactivitypark.com

THE GRAMPIAN TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Located in the historic village of Alford, just 25 minutes from Aboyne, the Grampian Transport Museum boasts an impressive range of transport exhibits, from travelling chariots of the 1800's, to some of the fastest cars ever made. The museum is a living museum that probes the past, present and future. Many exhibits are climb aboard, hands on and even ride on! The exhibits are updated every year during the closed season, providing a wide range of new and exciting things to see each year.

They are open daily from 10am to 5pm from the 30th March - 30th September and then 10am to 4pm during October till the 27th.

The Travellers Rest Tea Room

Sit down and relax with a cup of tea or coffee in the cosy café. With a selection of tasty cakes, trays bakes and freshly prepared sandwiches, the 'Travellers Rest' is the ideal place for a quick refresh during your visit. There's even a range of ice creams available for those sunny days! Open daily from 10:30am – 3:30pm.

Alternatively, you can grab a coffee to go and sit in the Coffee Corner, located in the museums reception area.



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The Farm shop

The Finzean Estate Farm shop is a superb showcase for local suppliers. Home reared beef, Finzean wild venison, game and rabbit, local vegetables, award winning cheeses, hand baked bread, pork, free range eggs, Finzean honey, preserves and ready made meals can all be found here.

The Tearoom

Eat, drink and shop in the beautifully converted Balnaboth Steading and admire the wonderful views of the Feugh valley and Clachnaben. Beautifully prepared breakfasts and lunches, incorporating the best of local ingredients. Irresistible home bakes and freshly made sandwiches make our afternoon teas a must, but please book in advance to avoid disappointment.



Contact Phone: +44(0) 1330 850710
Website: www.finzean.com



ESTD **ROYAL** 1843
LOCHNAGAR

One mile from Balmoral Castle, Royal Lochnagar distillery sits at the foot of the Cairngorm mountains, fed by the crystal clear water of the Scarnock springs. Originally called New Lochnagar, it was renamed following the a visit by Queen Victoria in 1848. Today, the smallest distillery in their collection, combines the traditional pagoda kiln heads and techniques like the open mash tun with a modern visitor centre for the appreciation of malt whisky.

They offer a selection of guided tours and tasting sessions. Open all year, please check their website for opening times.



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E-mail:

royal.lochnagar.distillery@diageo.com

Website:

www.malts.com/en-row/distilleries/royal-lochnagar



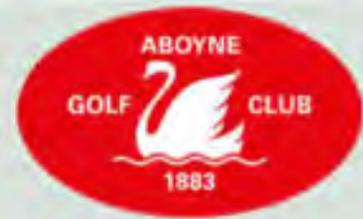
Aberdeenshire's award-winning multi-arts centre.

The Barn delivers an ambitious and diverse year-round programme of performances, screenings, exhibitions, artists' support programmes, talks, festivals, environmental learning projects and a community-focused programme of workshops, events and children's activities that attracts around 20,000 visitors each year.

As the only arts centre of its kind in Aberdeenshire, the Barn plays a vital role in enabling rural audiences of all ages to access high-quality arts activities and creative learning opportunities within this large geographic area. They have events running all year round, check their website for What's On. Located in Banchory, just 15 minutes from Aboyne.

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Lecht 2090



Lecht 2090 is based 2090 feet (645m) above sea level amid the beauty of the Eastern Cairngorms. The Activity Centre is situated in the heart of Scotland's largest National Park at the top of the pass between Tomintoul and Strathdon.

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The oldest club on Royal Deeside. 6,000 yards of impeccable fairways and faultless greens - a golfer's haven. Aboyne is the understated jewel in the Aberdeenshire golfing crown.

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Tangletree Studio



Tangletree Studio is an artistic hub in Aboyne providing arts, crafts & cultural workshops with an Art Gallery & Shop featuring work by local artists.

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Website: www.facebook.com/tangltreestudioaboyne/



The Royal Deeside Railway is a standard gauge steam and diesel hauled heritage railway, in a beautiful setting running alongside the River Dee. The line is currently about one mile long and the return journey lasts about 15 to 20 minutes. At the Milton of Crathes, they have an award-winning Victorian station, a railway carriage tearoom, a shop with ice creams etc, all with a wonderful view of the surrounding hills.

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Website: www.deeside-railway.co.uk

Knockburn Loch offer conferencing facilities, teambuilding, open water swimming, kayaking, and multisport events. They welcome individuals to visit the site, enjoy the tranquil setting and visit the coffee shop at weekends which provides high quality home baking and fresh coffee.

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Website: www.knockburn.co.uk/

Granite Adventures



Granite Adventures offer water based activities on the lochs and on the beautiful rivers including the River Dee that flows past our front door at the Boat Inn. Get in touch with them if you'd like to try some kayaking on the Dee.

Contact Phone: +44 (0) 7974 431153
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Spider on a Bicycle

Based in Aboyne, Spider on a Bicycle serve a small menu that focuses on good ingredients and simple eating. It has a warm, welcoming space for all members of the community to enjoy. Whether it is a delicious bowl of hot soup, fresh handmade baking or a carefully prepared artisan coffee, everything is made in house and served with thought and care. Supporting small local business is at the heart of their ethos, and they are proud to have so many great independent producers, like Wark Farm, Huntly Herbs, The Highlander's Bakehouse, John Troup Butchers and Katy's Eggs.

Opening hours: Tuesday – Saturday 8:30am - 4:30pm. Sunday 9.00am - 4:30pm
Located in Station Square Aboyne.



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Hilltrek

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Hilltrek are a unique outdoor clothing business offering off the shelf, customised and 'made to measure' clothing in a choice of colours, operating in Aboyne, Royal Deeside for 30 years. Available from Hilltrek, made in Scotland and used worldwide.

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RICK WOOD *Photography*



Born in Aberdeen and living in Aboyne. Rick Wood has an international reputation as a Cinematographer/Photographer and film producer for TVP Multimedia in Aberdeen. Rick has been producing films for over 30 years. His adventures as an underwater cameraman has taken him to exotic locations throughout the world, like Truk Lagoon, Red Sea, Palau, Scapa Flow, Florida Keys to name but a few. Rick is a painter of light and his creative work can be seen through his landscapes and wildlife photography. His images encapsulate the Scottish landscape in the style of Ansel Adams.

"I never say no to an adventure. Camera in hand, I am driven by passion and a childlike curiosity to explore the world around me. Luckily, my job has enabled me to travel all over the world and meet fascinating people".

Individual prints of Rick's wildlife and landscape work can be seen at:

<https://500px.com/ricktvp>



