



Aberlour Parish Church Walking Group Autumn & Winter Walks

Welcome to our 2021 Autumn walks! Aberlour Parish Church Walking Group is a friendly group, open to all. Children are welcome, and so are dogs, under adult supervision. Please bring packed lunch for these walks and wear walking boots or strong shoes. Come ready to start the walks at 11am. If you need more information or help with transport please contact Jimmy (881 707) or Donald (07909 936724). While any Covid restrictions are in place, please contact Donald in the week leading up to the walk to confirm that you are coming.

Sat 11th September 2021: Anagach Woods and River Spey Circular (11.5km / 7.25m)

Park at the NW side of Anagach close to Grantown Primary School. The route starts at the small car park close to the Curling Rink and follows the Speyside Way through Anagach to its SE edge (close to the Cromdale bridge over the Spey). We then walk along the Spey past Craigroy, Easter and Mid Anagach and back down to the old stone bridge over the Spey. We walk back on the tarmac through Speybridge and follow the Old Military Road back to the starting point at the Curling Rink Car Park. A 6km short route option will be available.

Sat 9th October 2021: Scalan and Tom Trumper Circular (10km / 6.5m)

Travel through Tomnavoulin, turning left shortly after Auchnarrow, and parking in front of the Braes of Glenlivet Hall. The route passes through Chapeltown and Scalan (old seminary) before climbing Tom Trumper. It is not difficult but some might find it steep. We rejoin the route near Scalan, and return by road to the car park. A shorter 7km route will be available, but unescorted on the way back.

Sat 13th November 2021: Culbin – Findhorn Bay and Buckie Loch (11km / 7m)

Travel through Forres towards Kintessack, turning right just before Kintessack to park in the Wellhill Car Park. Our walk along good forest tracks takes us past Lady Culbin's Buried Trees to have lunch overlooking Findhorn across the Bay. We return via Buckie Loch and Sandlife to the car park. A shorter 5km circular option will be available on the Hill 99 Viewpoint Trail.

Sat 11th December 2021: Dufftown – Giant's Chair and Meg's Widd (8km / 5m)

Meet at Dufftown Square / top of Balvenie Street. Both Long and Short Walks go from Dufftown Square by the pleasant riverside path to the Giant's Chair on the Dullan Burn, and then back to Mortlach Kirk. The Short Walk (5km) goes directly back to the Square by road while the Long Walk returns by Meg's Widd. We hope to arrange Christmas Lunch in Dufftown.

Sat 8th January 2022: Aberlour circular via Macallan (5km / 3m)

Meet at the Victoria Bridge car park. We will loop via Macallan and back to the car park (TBC)

Thanks

Finally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to David Anderson for coordinating the walking group over the past seventeen years. David's legacy is the portfolio of 170 walks, the happy memories of many on these walks, and most importantly the warm social atmosphere which provided an opportunity to meet and chat with others.

Thanks David !