

Walk 8. Milltimber Circular Walk

A walk which includes paths on both the east and west sides of the AWPR in woodland and on tracks with views across and up the River Dee. It entails walking from the Deeside Way up to almost the highest point of Milltimber.

There are three suitable starting points in close proximity: the junction of Bellenden Walk with the North Deeside Road, if joining the walk by bus (bus stops are close by); the Deeside Way, if walking from Bielside; and Culter House Road, if arriving by car, with parking at the side of the road.

Walk Details

Grade: Easy.

Terrain: Woodland, tracks and some road.

Distance: 3.6 mile; 5.8km

Allow. 2 hours.

Way marked: No

Route Directions

These directions start at the junction of Bellenden Walk with Culter House Road and describe the route in an anti-clockwise fashion.

Enter a narrow passage, almost opposite Bellenden Walk with wood fences on either side on the west side of No. 48. At the back of the houses the path crosses a small stream, enters woodland and fades out. Bear left up the woods in north-westerly direction and you will eventually meet a path heading roughly north about ten yards in from the field on the west side of the wood. Follow this till you can go no further north and the path does a U-turn and enters a rough field. Carry on to the centre of the field where it meets another path; turn left here and make for the north-east corner, close to the junction of Colthill Road with Contlaw Road. The field may become a housing development site but the developer has promised to maintain access as far as possible between the woods and Contlaw Road.



On reaching Contlaw Road head uphill but be very careful when the pavement finishes as there is a nasty corner. Follow the road, with open view to the south, till the bridge over the AWPR is reached. Immediately past the bridge, turn left down a lane leading to Nether Beanshill farm. When you arrive at the farm turn right and follow the track, past Guttie Hill to Culter House road – there are some great views to the south and west.

Cross straight over Culter House Road into the wood and immediately turn left on a rough footpath. Follow this and turn right (south) when it joins a path from the road at the edge of the golf course. About a hundred yards further on (at a corner of the golf course) bear right onto an ancient track and follow this round till you meet a lane at the back of Culter House. Turn right and continue till you meet the North Deeside road where you turn right and cross over. Take the second left – Pittengullies Brae. In less than a quarter of a mile the Deeside Way crosses the road; turn left onto it. The Deeside Way soon crosses the AWPR using the new Milltimber Brae bridge. At the far end turn up Milltimber Brae to the junction with the North Deeside Road. Cross over with care and walk up Bellenden Walk, an unsurfaced lane, to Culter House Road.

Extension. Those who would like to extend the walk could explore the Hill of Arbeck.

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