

Walk 16A: Brimmond Hill for Walkers from Milltimber and Bielside. (Alternative: To Kingswells and Back)

To be read in conjunction with Walk 16

Both these long, full day, walks take the same outward route to Brimmond Hill as Walk 16 (blue line on map) and most of the return path (brown line) but divert off at Hazelhead Park to Countesswells Wood (dashed red line). For Milltimber the route (dashed green line) is then via Foggieton and for Bielside (dashed red line) via Gairn Wood, Westfield Estate and Binghill. To make the walks circular the link to the start of the walk is via the Deeside Way. Only fit walks should attempt these walks.

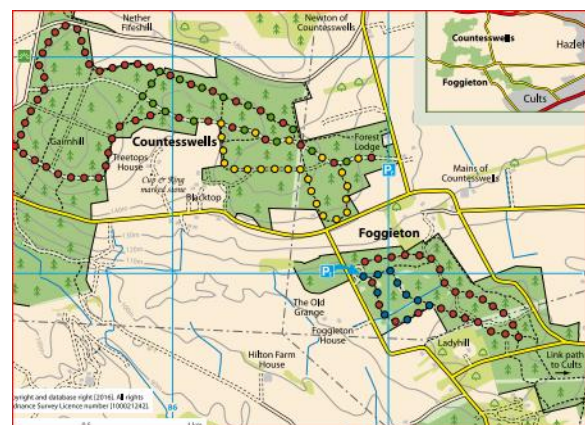
The possibility of a walk where the return route went down the west or south-west side of Brimmond Hill was explored but unfortunately no route was found which did not either require long stretch on roads or crossing fields and hedges.

	Distance		Total Ascent		Time
	Miles	Km	Feet	Metres	Hrs
Milltimber-Brimmond & rtn. via Deeside Way and Cults	18	29	1,731	527	8
Milltimber- Kingswells & rtn. via Deeside Way and Cults	15.5	25	1,245	379	7.5
Bielside-Brimmond & rtn. via Deeside way and Cults	15.5	25	1,553	473	7.5
Bielside-Kingswells & rtn. via Deeside Way and Cults	13.25	21	1,067	325	6.5

For purposes of this guide, the walks are done in clockwise direction. The start of the walk described in Walk 16 is Cults Hotel. From Milltimber and Bielside head to Deeside Way and the along it to Cults Station. Then head up to Cults Hotel via Station Road. Follow Walk 16 to Brimmond Hill and back as far as Hazelhead Park but turn off to Countesswells Woods (signposted Countesswells). With the ongoing Countesswells development the path across the site may vary but you will arrive at the Countesswells Wood car park.



Return to Bielside (and west Cults). Take the central footpath and then left, following the yellow path on the Forestry and Land Scotland waymarked route. When close to Countesswells road, leave a yellow route and cross the road and walk down Baillieswells Road. There is no pavement so take care. Enter the Foggieton woods car park and pick the red route to Ladyhill Road. Cross and take path opposite down to where the path goes past the Hillview Community Church



carpark (for those going to west Cults, carry on the path to Cults Primary School). Enter the car park and follow the playing field path down the left side of the houses. Turn into Earlsparke Avenue, then Earlsparke Road to join Bailleswells Road.

Return to Milltimber. In Countesswells woods follow the red route to Gairn hill wood. When close to Countesswells Road, head down bank to the road and cross over to take the path opposite to Westfield estate. You will arrive at the private road which heads towards Contlaw Road. A few hundred yards before reaching Contlaw Road, turn left into the entrance 'Kinch Enterprises' (if gates are shut there is an entrance for walkers at the end of the wall). Follow the track and then take the first right to Binghill steadings. Go round and down the track to Binghill Road.



Alternative Routes. Depending on where walkers start from, there may a shorter route by going by the shortest route direct to Hazelhead Park and using a link path, approximately 1 mile (yellow path on map), between the inner and outer routes.

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