

Walk 11. Walk by the River Dee at Milltimber

This is a short route, mainly on tracks and paths. It can be extended by adding a section of the Deeside Way from either east or west of the starting point and the return route follows the outward path. Also a circular extension via Maryculter Bridge can be added by going up river.

Route Details

Grade: Easy.

Terrain: Unsurfaced tracks and paths., can be muddy

Distance: 2 miles; 3km.

Time: Allow 1.5 hours.

Waymarked: No.

The walk starts at Milltimber Station on the Old Deeside Railway Line (the Deeside Way). This point can be reached from the main North Deeside Road by walking down Beaconhill Road from the traffic lights in Milltimber until you come to a path on to the Deeside Way, where you turn right. There is no parking on Beaconhill Road or in the vicinity south of the main road, but it may be possible to find a parking place north of the main road. Alternatively, the Number 19 Bus stops close to the traffic lights at the junction of North Deeside Road and Beaconhill Road. As the route begins on the Deeside Way, the walk can be extended by including a section of the Deeside Way to approach the walk from Bielside, or from further west.

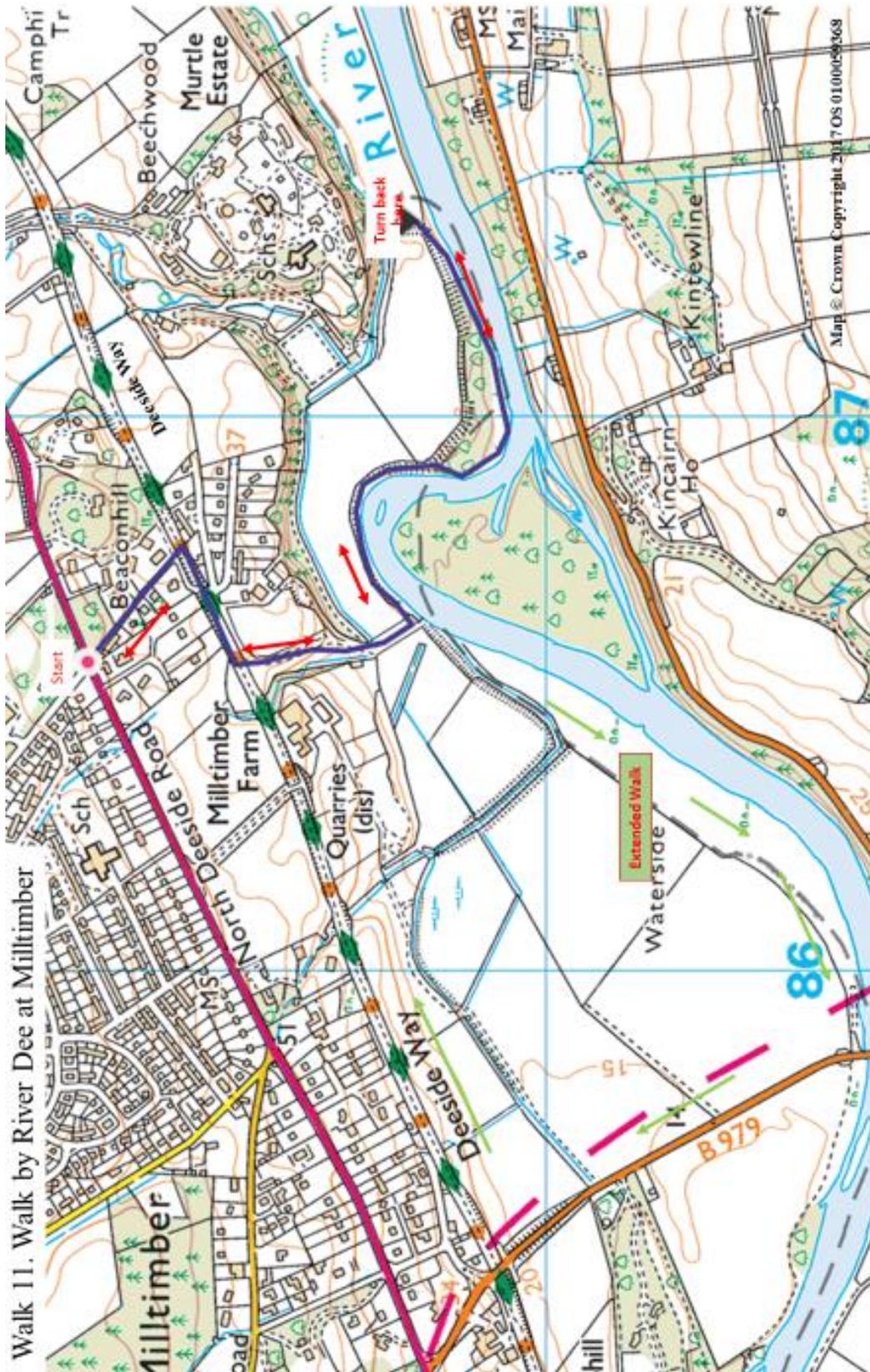
From Milltimber Station walk along the Deeside Way to a bench where there is a gateway on to a track leading towards the river. Turn left onto this track and follow it down between fields until you reach a gate giving access to a path along the river. Once through the gate, if you turn left you will find yourself on a delightful, level path following the river as it sweeps round a wide bend. There may be sheep in this area so dogs should be kept on leads.

Follow the path round until it reaches an area with scattered trees and bushes, a pleasant place to picnic or just enjoy the scene. The path continues along the river through the scattered trees and bushes until it reaches a gate into a field. It is not possible to continue any further alongside the river as, beyond this point, the path is so overgrown it is impassable. (We don't recommend continuing inside the field as often there are cattle in it.)



We recommend you turn back here and retrace your steps back along the river until you reach the gate where you reached the river path. From the gate here you can then retrace your outward route back up to the Deeside Way, from where you can make your way back to the main North Deeside Road.

If you want to extend the walk, however, instead of going back through the gate, you can continue upriver on a narrow path, which eventually reaches the AWPR; go under and you can join a tarmaced path on the west side. Head north, parallel to road (B979) till you reach the new bridge (Milltimber Brae, leading to Station Road) signposted the Deeside Way, which you can follow back to the starting point in Milltimber.



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