

Walk 8. Milltimber Circular Walk

Revised March 2021 with option to do as two separate walks.

A walk which includes paths on both the east and west sides of the AWPR in woodland and on tracks and with views across and up the River Dee. The Milltimber AWPR junction allows the main walk to be split into two separate walks (Options 1 and 2). The main walk 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, bus stops are close by; the Deeside Way, and Culter House Road, if arriving by car, with parking at the side of the road.

Main Walk Details

Grade: Easy.

Terrain: Woodland, tracks and some road.

Distance: 4.3 miles; 7.0 km

Allow. 2.25 hours.

Way marked: No.

GPX. Yes.

Main Walk Route Directions

These directions start at the junction of Bellenden Walk (a private road) 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. Head in a north-easterly direction till a barrier to a new housing development is reached. Turn right and follow rough path to Contlaw Road. Head uphill and turn right into Colthill Road. When a playpark is reached, go into it and diagonally opposite is a narrow passage between



Alternative 1. A shorter route is to continue up Contlaw Road to the bridge over the AWPR. However, considerable care is needed as the pavement finishes, there is a sharp bend, a narrow road and no further pavement.

houses to Binghill Drive. Continue uphill and the road turns easterly and becomes 'The Meadows'. There is sharp bend to the right and the entrance to Binghill House is on the left. Take the track on the left just past the entrance and this leads in northerly direction to Binghill steadings (on left) and Binghill Farmhouse (on right). Go round the back of the steadings and the track then goes right and through some gates to the Westfield estate. A short distance on there is a T-junction – turn left and the track goes through a yard

with a large shed and finishes on a private road. Head left back onto Contlaw Road just by the AWPR.

Cross the AWPR bridge and immediately 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

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

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 goes over 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 private road, to Culter House Road.

Option 1. Northern Circular Walk.

3.9 miles; 6.3 km

This is the same as main walk for the first part but when reaching Culter House road from the track coming down from Nether Beanshill, turn left (east) and walk along Culter House road to the road linking the North Deeside road to the Milltimber AWPR Junction. Cross over and head up to the roundabout and walk over the AWPR. On the far side there is a tarmacked footpath linking to the Culter House Road on the east side of the AWPR. Follow the road down to Bellenden Walk.

Option 2. Southern Circular Walk

2.5 miles; 4 km

From Bellenden Walk head west along Culter House road (reverse direction to Option 1 above), join a tarmac path where the road turns west and head up to and over the AWPR. Walk down the link road to North Deeside Road and take first right (west) along Culter House road. The Kippie Lodge golf course is on the left and when woods on the left are reached join the main walk through to woods to Culter House.

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