

**Did you know...**

Linen Thistle (Duke Street) - Walking down Duke Street from the Square an archway can be seen on the right, above which a thistle can be seen. This was a symbol used in the linen industry which Huntly was famous for, especially in the 18th century.

**Did you know...**

Nordic Ski Centre - The Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre is the only purpose-built all-weather facility for cross-country skiing in Britain. Many national athletes from the local cross-country skiing club can be seen swooshing past during a training session!

**Did you know...**

The bridge is thought to have been constructed sometime between the late 1400s and early 1600s. In the distance Huntly Lodge can be seen which is now the Castle Hotel. In 1756, the Duchess Katherine constructed the Lodge using materials from the Castle.

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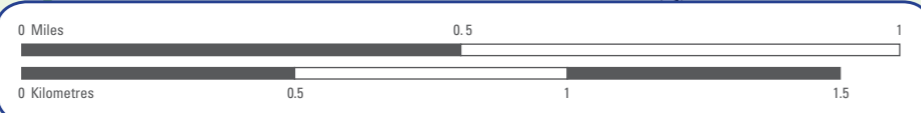
Duke's Statue - The statue was erected in 1863 to the 5th Duke of Richmond after the death of the last Duke of Gordon. The Stannin Steens o' Strathbogie can be found at the base of Duke's Statue. It is believed that the stones were once part of a stone circle so the square was an important place even back in the Early Bronze Age.

**Did you know...**

Huntly Castle: Originally named Strathbogie, the mound found by the castle is the only part of the original 12th century castle remaining which was built by Duncan, Earl of Fife in around 1180. In the 14th century, the castle was granted to Sir Adam Gordon of Huntly. The south front of the castle received a 'makeover' carried out for the 1st Marquis around 1602. In the 17th century the Gordons made Gordon Castle in Fochabers their main residence leaving Huntly Castle to fall into ruins. However the Castle, part of Scotland's Castle Trail, is now in the care of Historic Scotland and is open to visitors.

- 1 **Huntly Castle**  
5.1 km
- 2 **Deveron**  
3.9 km
- 3 **Huntly Circular**  
3.8 km
- 4 **Bahill (see reverse for route)**  
7.2 km
- 5 **Battlehill**  
2.8 km
- S School
- L Library Place of interest
- I Important building
- R Railway with station

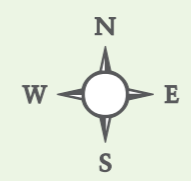
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See reverse for route 4 Bahill





## Walking routes in and around Huntly



Huntly Castle: courtesy of Debbie Haefner

# Positive Steps Huntly

## Aberdeenshire Walking Maps

Remember that walking can be as easy or invigorating as you see fit. It's a great and free activity to enjoy on your own, children to the outdoors and play games and a fun way to catch up with friends.

There are many ways to build physical activity into our lives. The good news is that it is easier than you may think. Regular walks are a simple way to start an active lifestyle. This series of 'Positive Steps' maps has a number of routes for you to try. Whether you have 15 minutes or an hour to spare, there will be a route for you.

Try to aim for 10,000 steps a day. Most of us already walk around 3,000 steps in a day without even realising it!

Set yourself a goal. A ten minute walk will be around 1,000 steps and Pedometers are a great way to keep count of your steps.

If you are just starting out on your active lifestyle don't worry if you can only manage a brisk walk for a couple of minutes. It's a great start!

Begin your walks slowly and gradually increase your pace. If after a few minutes you feel ready, try walking a little more briskly.

Towards the end of your walk, start to slow down your pace and try to finish off with a few gentle stretches.

If you have been inspired by the walks in this leaflet or would like to find out more about our natural environment then visit the websites listed below.

- www.walkhighlands.co.uk
- www.forestry.gov.uk/
- www.healthscotland.com
- www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/public-transport/
- www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
- www.shn.gov.uk
- www.visitScotland.com/aberdeenshire

Walk	Kms	Date
1	5.1	
2	3.9	
3	3.8	
4	7.2	
5	2.8	
Total	22.8 kms	Congratulations!

Use the table below to record your walks!

### Why don't you...

Fancy trying some other good walks in Huntly & District? Pick up a copy of "Walks Around Huntly & District". Packed with 26 walking routes and brought to life with fascinating background information and local colour. Only £6 from various local retailers and from [www.huntlydevelopmenttrust.org/shop](http://www.huntlydevelopmenttrust.org/shop).

### Why don't you...

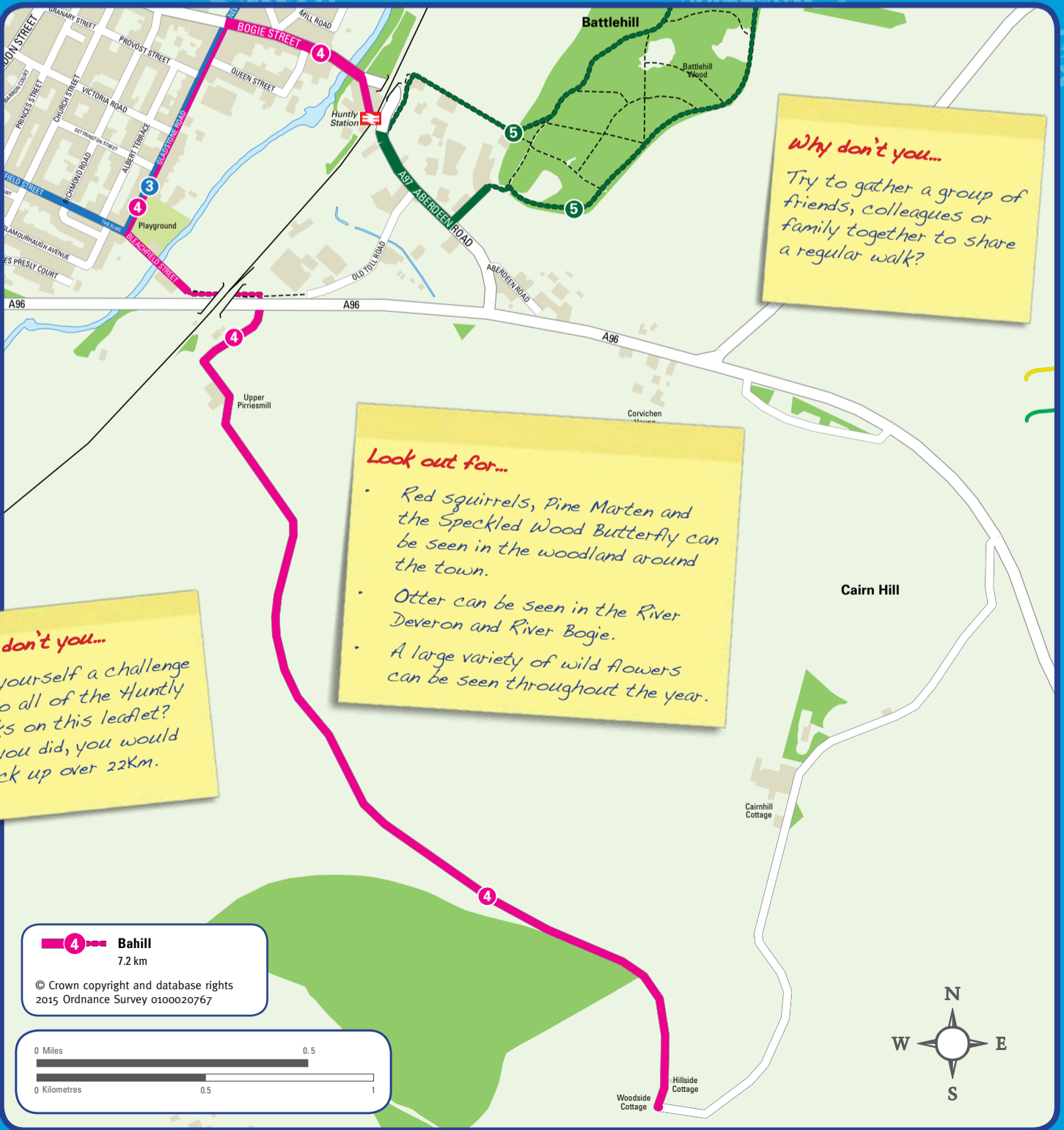
Set yourself a challenge to do all of the Huntly walks on this leaflet? If you did, you would clock up over 22km.

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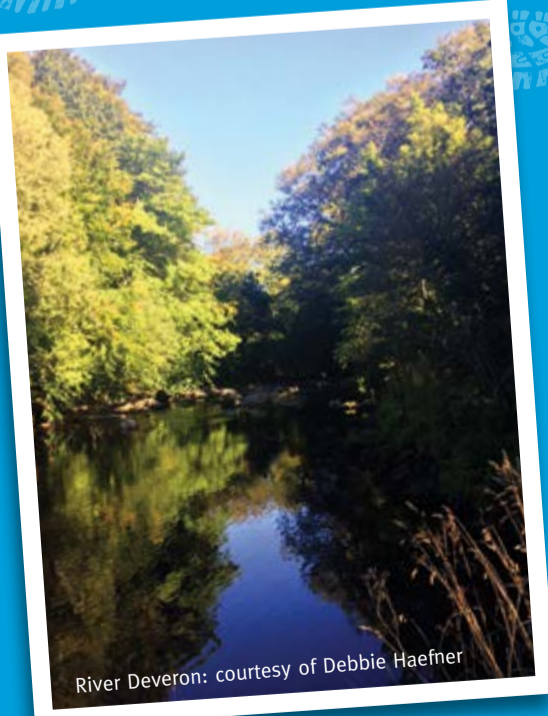
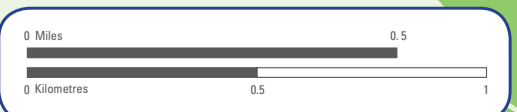
Try to gather a group of friends, colleagues or family together to share a regular walk?

### Look out for...

- Red squirrels, Pine Marten and the Speckled Wood Butterfly can be seen in the woodland around the town.
- Otter can be seen in the River Deveron and River Bogie.
- A large variety of wild flowers can be seen throughout the year.



**4 Bahill**  
7.2 km  
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River Deveron: courtesy of Debbie Haefner