

Banchory



minutes 5 Walking distance is based on 3mph therefore 5 min = 440yds

minutes 5 Cycling distance is based on 12mph therefore 5 min = 1mile

Crathes Castle

The Deeside area is home to a splendid collection of castles and each have their own unique character. Crathes Castle, near Banchory, is the seat of the ancient family of Burnett of Leys. It is of special interest because of its painted ceilings and fine furniture, and for the ancient Horn of Leys which was gifted to the Leys Family by Robert the Bruce. The old tower house, which forms the nucleus of the castle, is one of the finest specimens of Scottish baronial architecture.

The gardens at Crathes are amongst the very best in Scotland with a very varied collection of plants, including rare trees and shrubs. Within the walled garden there are eight distinct gardens, historic topiary and the world famous June border.

Crathes Estate has several way-marked woodland walks.

Bridge of Feugh

The Bridge of Feugh is a short walk from Banchory Town Centre and well worth the trip.

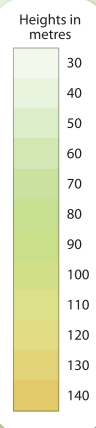
Salmon can be seen leaping up the apparently unscalable rocks, amidst an often raging torrent, compelled by instinct to return to their spawning grounds further up the river. The best times to watch them are September to November (winter run) and February to March (spring run).

There is a fine example of a former toll house at the Bridge of Feugh. In the 1800s turnpike roads were constructed throughout Scotland and travellers were charged for their use of the roads. The toll houses were built with windows facing both ways along the road to catch passing travellers. In front of the Toll House you can see an old mile marker showing the number of miles to Aberdeen.

Sooly Tower

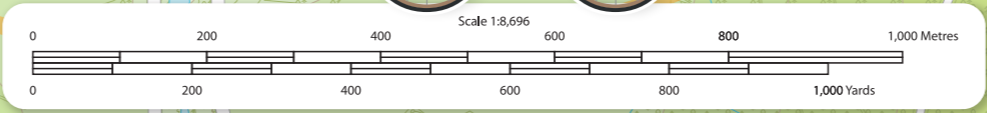
Visible from most places in Banchory, Sooly Tower was built in memory of local man General William Burnett who fought alongside Wellington in the Napoleonic Wars. It was recently restored and is a popular viewpoint with both locals and visitors.

Sooly Hill is almost 300m high and the views from the top of the Tower are superb in every direction: eastwards down the Dee Valley towards Aberdeen and the sea, westwards to Morven, Mount Keen and Lochnagar, northwards towards Hill of Fare and Bennachie and southwards to Kerloch, Claehgaben and Mount Battock.



KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Public car park
- One-way street begins
- One-way street ends
- Pedestrian crossing
- 20mph street
- Landmark building
- Footpath
- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 2 option 1
- Route 2 option 2
- Route 3
- Route 4
- Route 5
- National Cycle Route 195
- Segregated shared use
- On road cycle lanes



BANCHORY

Walking & Cycling

From mountain to sea

Aberdeenshire Council

This map aims to simplify your journey around Banchory, whether by cycle or walking.

We are committed to helping residents and visitors moving around Banchory easily, cheaply and with the least impact on our environment.

Our town has excellent links for walking and cycling!

Walking

Walking offers most of us the chance to stay fit and healthy and get around over short distances. It is pollution free and a sociable activity, allowing plenty of opportunities to bump into neighbours or to meet up with friends. Walking is usually the fastest and most efficient way of getting around town for those living locally and avoids all the frustration and delay of taking the car.

Cycling

The quickest way to travel short distances in towns is by bike. A maintained bike is ready when you are, with very little that can go wrong. A bike can nearly always be parked outside your destination. It's cheap and reliable plus you feel better by being a little active. And above all, it's fun!

Work out your calorie count when walking

Weight	10mins	20mins	30mins	40mins
7st 12lbs	29	58	86	115
9st 6lbs	35	69	104	138
11st 0lbs	40	81	121	161
12st 8lbs	46	92	138	184
14st 3lbs	52	104	156	208
15st 10lbs	58	115	173	231

The numbers show the calories burnt when walking, based on flat terrain which is of a good, consistent hard surface like a pavement. Numbers are based on an average person.

For more information, please visit www.nhs.uk/Change4Life

Aberdeenshire walking and cycling maps are freely available for most towns.

It's easy to get around by foot or on your bike – for a purpose or just for fun!



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Walking & Cycling

Walk 1 – Purple Route

Starting at Banchory Ternan East Church head out towards the Ternan Cemetery, looking out for the Market Cross in the grounds of the East Church. Continue straight down hill, crossing the cemetery and looking out for the Celtic Cross set into a wall near the cemetery and other Celtic remains which can be seen in a number of stones close by the old graveyard. Take a left onto the Deeside Way. Follow the path out of Banchory, enjoy beautiful views, overlooking Deeside. Having reached Heugh-Head Woods, leave the Deeside Way. Follow the A93 (taking care when crossing the busy A93). Taking a right, head out of town until you reach the Banchory Circular Path which will take you through the Banchory woodlands. Turn left onto it and follow the path through the woods until you come onto Hill of Banchory South. Turn left and follow until it joins Station Road. Taking a right here will bring you back to where you started, Banchory Ternan East Church.

Walk 2 – Green Route

Starting at Banchory Ternan East Church head out towards the Ternan Cemetery, looking out for the Market Cross in the grounds of the East Church. Continue straight down hill, crossing the cemetery and looking out for the Celtic Cross set into a wall near the cemetery and other Celtic remains which can be seen in a number of stones close by the old graveyard. Take a right onto the Deeside Way and follow it past the Paddock and Bellfield Park to your right. Having reached Dee Street you can either turn right, making your way up the hill towards High Street. Taking a right here onto Station Road and continuing straight along will bring you back to Banchory East Ternan Church. Alternatively, take a left onto Dee Street, heading towards the Bridge of Dee and further along will bring you out towards the Falls of Feugh. This is a great place to watch leaping salmon from September to November and from February to March.

Walk 3 – Orange Route

Start at Upper Lochton and head out towards Corsee Wood. Take a left onto Upper Arbeadie Road and make your way down to Highfield Avenue. Following it until it joins Woodside Crescent, continue straight along Woodside Terrace. Take a left onto Raemoir Road and follow it up the hill out of town until you arrive back at your starting point at Upper Lochton.

Walk 4 – Pink Route

Starting at Woodside Road head out along Upper Arbeadie Road until it joins the Banchory Circular Path on Upper Lochton. Taking a left onto it towards Corsee Wood, following the Circular Path through the Wood. Royal Deeside is home to over 100 species of rarer and endangered animals and plants. Look out for red squirrels foraging for nuts in the woods. Take a right onto Hillcroft Road and return to your starting point at Woodside Road.

Walk 5 – Blue Route

Start at Banchory Ternan East Church and head right along Station Road, until it joins Raemoir Road. Take a right and make your way up the hill towards Woodside Road. Turn onto it and follow it to the end. Follow the path through Bellswood and, having crossed Lawson Avenue, further along through Captain's Wood. Look out for red squirrels foraging for nuts in the woods. Take a left onto Mount Street and head down the hill until you reach Ramsay Road. Take a right and return to Station Road via Arbeadie Road and School Hill. Taking a left onto Station Road will bring you back to Banchory Ternan East Church.

Record your walks here

Walk	Notes	Distance
1		2.3 miles
2		1.9 miles
3		1.7 miles
4		2.1 miles
5		1.7 miles

Getabout

The Getabout partnership consists of Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils supported in their work by NHS Grampian.

Getabout is the partnership's campaign to help people in the North East to make sustainable transport choices.

For more information visit www.getabout.org.uk

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Find a better way to get about...

Banchory is situated adjacent to the magnificent River Dee. Great wildlife can be spotted along the River Dee. Stunning scenery and amazing panoramic views of the surrounding countryside can be admired from the top of Scolty Tower. With the chance to see salmon leaping by the Bridge of Feugh, and Crathes Castle nearby, there is plenty to see in Banchory.

Queen Victoria is said to have fallen in love with this part of Scotland, and Prince Albert in search of their second home discovered Balmoral which is only 30 miles away.



Walk it... Bike it... Try it!