



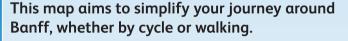




From mountain to sea

Walking & Cycling

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We are committed to helping residents and visitors moving around Banff 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.

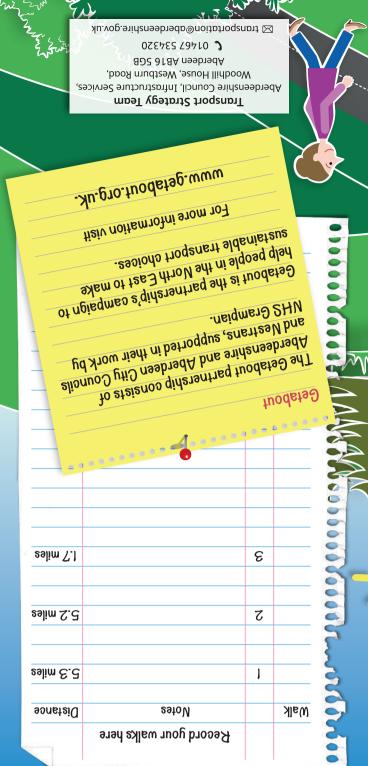
Cycling

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!

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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!



Find a better way

The records show people have been living in Banff since the 1100s AD, and it is easy to see why. With the dramatic Moray coast framing the town marina to the north, the River Deveron to the East, and the stunning 18th century Duff House and grounds to the South and the town itself filled with classic Georgian architecture - it's no wonder it has been with classic Georgian architecture.

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Walk 1 – Purple Route

Leaving Duff House Car Park and heading towards the woods you pass through the fine Fife Gates. Keeping on the path, you will pass the Ice House and Mausoleum of the house both on your left. Keep following the path, there will be a water treatment centre on your left and lovely views over the river as you walk, continue left past a bungalow on the corner until you reach the scenic Bridge of Alvah. Look out for otters in the river below, and red squirrels in the trees as you pass. Continue following the path, passing by Montcoffer House, then bear left at the T junction and then take the next left. The path can be a little muddy and overgrown at times. Keep following until you reach Macduff Distillery. Come out to the main road, bear left, and cross over Banff Bridge taking in views of the town of Banff and the river. Head along the main road, taking a left back down towards Duff House.

Walk 2 – Orange Route

Leaving Banff Harbour and bearing right, follow the rugged coastline, past the quaint fishing village of Scotstown, towards the Banff Links. Follow the path to the Banff Links, and through the Caravan Park, crossing to the left over the Burn of Boyndie, and then following the path to the right. Keep following the path, looking out for seals, dolphins and a variety of sea birds, taking a right when it forks. You will pass Blackpots playpark and the Compass Rose to the right and then Whitehills Marina as you move towards the village itself. At the fish factory, go left up the hills and then turn right onto Loch Street, until you pass the playing fields on the right. Take

the next left down a small single track road before the speed limit sign, which passes the Red Well on the right and takes you back to the path you have already walked.

Walk 3 – Green Route

Begin at the Banff Parish Church, take in the beautiful architecture of some of the surrounding buildings before walking right along High Street. Look out for arrows in the street which will help to keep you on the correct path and numbers which highlight key buildings. Take a stroll to Banff Castle and the beautiful views over the bay to Macduff. As you continue on the route enjoy the views from the Battery Green out over the sea, and imagine how defensible the position would have been. As you walk down towards Banff Marina enjoy the hustle and bustle of a busy harbour. As you pass St Mary's Churchyard, the gates are open daily during the summer, so feel free to explore this old graveyard and the remains of the crypt. Walk along Low Street, admiring the replica Market Cross, along with the Biggar Fountain, and take a stroll down Bridge Street if time. As you finish your walk at the car park, take a look at the Collie Lodge, one of the former gatehouses to Duff House.

