

### Walk 6 - Yellow Route

Turn right to cross the railway line and then left to head back towards Skateraw equipment on your left and see the modern parish church building in front of you. Place. Follow this until you pass Newtonhill Park with tennis courts and play right which then joins a path through and behind houses and comes out on Park up the wide path. As you approach houses, look off for a diagonal track to the follow the field edge round past a mast and eventually to a metal gate. Turn right at Muchalls and beyond to Stonehaven before almost turning back on yourself to another field, pause to admire the magnificent view along to the rock formations ot a field (the track to the left is private access to the farm). When you reach held). When you reach Silvers Bridge, cross the railway and fork right up the edge the tracks (or go left for a longer but rougher route right around the edge of the field which will bring you to a stile. Cross the stile and follow the path parallel with hosts many local leisure activities - to take a path along the top of the playing railway line until you get to the Bettridge Centre. Keep right of the hall – which From the junction of Skateraw Road and Old Mill Road, head south along the

#### Walk 5 – Blue Route

and there are steps down. Retrace your steps to return to the start. brachead offers wonderful views over Cammachmore Bay and Downies Haven – tollow the road, bearing left to eventually join a path towards the sea. The a gate and past a house on your right to join the road at Downies. Turn right and gorse bushes, past a small water treatment facility and then back uphill through down to a small bridge across the Burn of Daff then follow the track between From Cobleboards Farm, a grassy track heads north. Take this and soon drop

Walk 4 - Red Route

pack to the road, where you turn left to return to the start. viaduct. It crosses a cattle grid and passes houses on the right until it brings you eventually swings to the right, giving great views of the village and eventually the short path to the left here links to Walk 2). Keep following the path which opens a short way and has the remains of a cattle grid on the other side. (A steep narrower path off to the left through the gorse bushes to a metal gate that only left if it is closed) and continue gently uphill back towards the village. Take  $\alpha$ Cobleboards, where it swings right. Pass the large gate (there is a passage to the Backburn farm (sometimes there are Highland cows to be seen) and on towards farm track. It re-crosses the railway at another bridge before heading through Cammachmore on your left. Just before the first house on the right, take a clear bridge, crossing the railway tracks and continue past the houses of East At the crossroads under the viaduct, take the road uphill and follow it left over the

#### Walk 3 – Orange Route

bring you to the corner of the sloping field and the descent back to the steps. you get to them, look out for a track to the left that nearly doubles back. This will and starts to climb towards a gate and an outbuilding. A short distance before you to a path. Turn left and follow it straight and then as it swings to the right turns inland, bringing you to a stile in the corner of the field. A short climb brings on occasion purfins. Keep following the path as it tracks the coast and eventually provides great views. The cliffs here are well frequented by seabirds – including magnificent but treacherous rocks on which more than one ship has foundered, field edge path along the cliff tops. The grassy plateau above Craig Stirling, of terracing remains. At the top of the steps turn right and carefully follow the This was the original site of the fishing village, then known as Elsick, and evidence Take the steps from the north side of the beach track up to a large sloping field.

#### Walk 2 - Green Route

the Isabella sculpture. for the better-off folk of Aberdeen. Continue down until you find yourself back at mostly to the arrival of steamers, the area became popular as a coastal bolt hole would originally have been. When fishing was no longer viable as a business, due cottages which remain – most of them in rather more elaborate form than they down Skateraw Road, pausing to admire an old smokehouse and the lovely fisher Quoiters pub and Skateraw Store café and village shop on your right. Continue Newton Arms pub on your left. Turn left at the Newtonhill Pharmacy to pass missing the fairy village). Continuing alongside the railway, you will see the Take the path to skirt anti-clockwise around the park (cutting across might mean in front of you, head left and up a steeply rising path to emerge at a play park. converted into a fine home. When you reach a crossroads with the railway viaduct Walk 2). Along the rising track you will see on your left the old mill – now from the sea. (On your right you will see more steps going up – this is the start of and climb the steps to emerge on a track between two houses. Turn left, away cross the small wooden bridge where the Elsick Burn tumbles prettily over rocks an old stone pier which was demolished in the 1980s. After exploring the shore, down to the beach. If the tide is low you may catch a glimpse of the remains of of the haven of Newtonhill Bay, at one time a thriving fishing port. Take the steps original fishing village once known as Skateraw – and to the north, a lovely view map for the dramatic story of her shipwreck). Behind you are the houses of the

Start at the Braehead, where you will find the sculpture of the Isabella (see the

## Walk 1 - Purple Route

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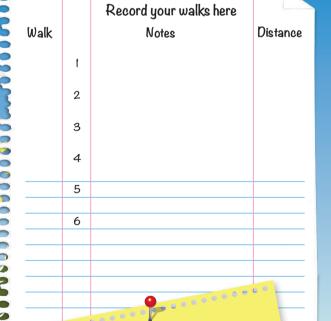
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# - Newtonhill -

Newtonhill is located 10 miles south of Aberdeen and five miles north of Stonehaven. Originally a fishing village known as Skateraw (Gaelic meaning 'a row on a rock'), its traditional industry was halted by the invention of steamers and it became a popular holiday spot for city dwellers thanks to the arrival of the railway. Today Newtonhill is a commuter village with a population of over 3,000 residents.

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