







From mountain to sea

Walking & Cycling **Нип**тіу



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

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

Our town has excellent links for walking and cycling!

Walking

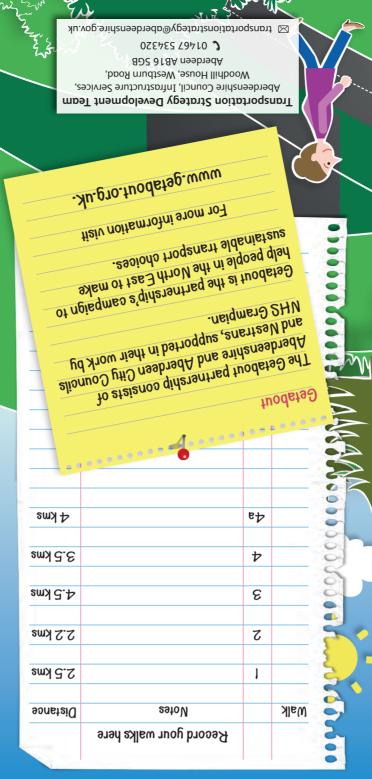
Walking offers most of us the chance to stay fit and healthy and get around over short distances. It is pollution free and a sociable activity, allowing plenty of opportunities to bump into neighbours or to meet up with friends. Walking is usually the fastest and most efficient way of getting around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

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

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



North-East of Scotland.

to get about....

Find a better way

Huntly Castle is the town centre which contains 62 listed and Mary of Guise amongst others. A short walk from it provided shelter across the years to Robert the Bruce one of the most important Catholic families in Scotland, Castle. Once a luxurious residence of the Earls of Huntly, Huntly's most popular attraction are the ruins of Huntly

stroll around. Huntly is small market town and an interesting place to

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Walk 1 – Purple Route

The purple walk takes in the George MacDonald trail. The Brander Library in the Square displays quotes from his works, other places referring to his works are the Stannin' Stanes in the Square and The Gordon Arms Hotel. Strathbogie Bakery was the church he attended, Duke Street Dental Practice is the building George MacDonald was born in. The house on Gladstone Road called Howglen is named after the farm in the MacDonald novel Alec Forbes of Howglen, the park opposite is referred to in the same novel. The house across the A96 called Greenkirtle is the former family home of the MacDonald's (take care, busy road). Head back up past the playpark onto Bleachfield Street, this area used to be the old bleach fields, where bleaching of linen was carried out naturally. Once onto Gordon Street you'll walk past Spence Mill (now Huntly Business Centre), this building used to be a knitting factory owned by William Spence.

Walk 2 - Green Route

The green walk is a historical / architectural walk. Here we start in the Square at the Brander Building, walk past the old Clydesdale Bank, The Stewart's Hall, old Granary Buildings, The Parish Church, Scott's Hospital, The Episcopal Church, Strathbogie Church, Strathbogie Bakery (previously a church), the War Memorial, The Gordon Schools Simpson Building, Huntly Castle, and back to the Square.

Walk 3 - Orange Route

Starting from the Square, the orange route heads through the town centre, past the war memorial, and towards the Gordon Schools. Pass by the picturesque school buildings, designed by Archibald Simpson over 175 years ago, and continue out of Huntly past the golf club. On the right lies the ruins of the historic Huntly Castle, with parts dating back as far as the 1100s. Historic Environment Scotland still operate it today as a tourist attraction. Once past the castle, turn left and then right into the car park. Continue around the Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre, passing alongside the River Deveron. Turn left and progress back into Huntly, along Riverside Drive, before heading back into the Square.

Walk 4 – Pink Route

The pink walk heads down Duke Street, Bogie Street, along Gladstone Road then around the allotments. The route then leads to the A96... (take care very busy road)... the path takes you up past the old caravan park and onto Aberdeen Road, from here you can add on the Battlehill woodland walks or keep walking past the railway station and up Bogie Street back to the Square.

