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The army of John Comyn, 3rd Earl of Buchan is known to have been housed in Oldmeldrum at Christmas 1307 shortly before their defeat by Robert the Bruce at the nearby Battle of Barra, also sometimes known as the Battle of Inverurie.

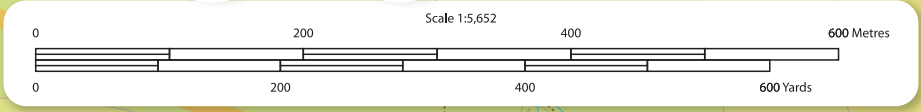
Oldmeldrum was made a burgh in 1672 and became the main market centre of the medieval lordship of Garioch until being supplanted in that role by Inverurie in the 1800s. By then the town had become an important centre for the manufacture of hosiery.

Oldmeldrum itself is built mostly of an imposing grey stone which gives it a character that varies dramatically depending on the weather. Catch it on a blue sky day and it exudes an attractive charm. Visit it under dark grey cloud and the town can take on a much darker and more enclosed feel.



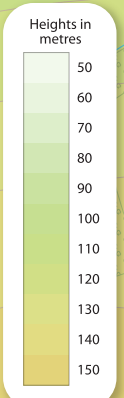
For more information on walking, cycling and transport initiatives visit the Aberdeenshire Council transportation pages at [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/transportation](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/transportation)

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

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



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 3
	Route 3 option
	Segregated shared use
	On road cycle lanes



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



# OLDMELDRUM

## Walking & Cycling

From mountain to sea

Aberdeenshire COUNCIL

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

We are committed to helping residents and visitors moving around Oldmeldrum 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](http://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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**Getabout**  
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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](http://www.getabout.org.uk).

Walk	Notes	Distance
1		1.9 miles
2		1.9 miles
3		2.3 miles

Record your walks here

Find a better way to get about...

Oldmeldrum is a small town north east of Inverurie in Aberdeenshire. This market town is known as the 'Granary of Aberdeenshire' for its production of high quality barley. One of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, Glen Garrioch Distillery, was founded in 1797. The town is also home to the historic Oldmeldrum Golf Club, where golf has been played for 125 years.

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### Walk 1 – Pink Route

Begin at the Parcock Tree (commemorates a minister who walked on his knees around the parish whilst praying to avert a plague), opposite the entrance to the disused quarries and the Whin Roadie Viewpoint. Zig zag down the path & cross Coutens Park Road, heading towards the twin spires of the distillery. Continue past the distillery onto King Street (2nd exit). Turn right at the end and pass the house with the beer keg, denoting the old brewery. Walk past the chemist and butcher to the South Road & take the first right down Mill Road. Once you get to the green area take care as there is no path for 300 metres. The road goes over the burn and then take the first right onto a dirt track to Red House Farm, where it becomes tarmac. The track curves right by Blankets with the burn on your left. Proceed back towards Oldmeldrum and you arrive at Station Road, next to the roundabout to Inverurie. There is a small monument here to commemorate the Battle of Barra. If you want to get back to the Parcock Tree now follow the Green Route.

### Walk 2 – Green Route

Start at Station Road facing the roundabout to Inverurie. Turn right and follow the bypass to the next roundabout. Go straight over, with the Academy on your right and continue up the hill. There are two benches before the top of the hill if you need a break. The view back over towards Bennachie is usually stunning! The first road you reach is Ardconnon Avenue. For those using this route to get back to the Parcock Tree, on the Pink Route, continue for 100 meters and you are there. The Whin Roadie Viewpoint, on the path over the road from the Parcock Tree, is well worth a detour. To continue on the Green Route turn right and proceed down Ardconnon Avenue. Turn right onto Coutens Park Road. At the bottom a path links to Forsyth Drive straight across. Continue to the T-junction and turn left. At the main road turn right onto Station Road which takes you back to the roundabout to Inverurie.

### Walk 3 – Orange Route

Start at the square, next to the three stone spheres made of Gneiss, Granite and Gabbro (from local quarries). Head past the Town Hall, pass over the zebra crossing and continue down the hill. As you go past the primary school the road forks. Keep to the right and Commercial Road turns into Colpy Road. Turn right into Forsyth Drive. At the end go straight across the linking path to Coutens Park road. Walk up the hill and turn left into Ardconnon Avenue. At the T-junction turn right onto the bypass and 100 meters later you pass the Parcock Tree on your right and the Whin Roadie Viewpoint on your left (well worth a detour). Continue to the Meldrum House roundabout and turn right onto Urquhart Road. For a shorter walk take the first right after Wyverie Court (this is also called Urquhart Road as it used to be the main road. On the left you will pass the place where the mother of the missionary Mary Slessor was born), which leads back to the square. Otherwise continue past the lovely garden on the right and church hall on the left until you see fields. Turn right into South Road, past the Community Garden on the corner and look out for the plaque commemorating Sir Patrick Manson, Father of Tropical Medicine, as you return to the square.



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