

6 BANFF, FRASERBURGH & THE NORTH COAST

This is the Banff & Buchan Area of Aberdeenshire Council. The coastline is one of the areas most distinguishing features. Sheltered open, sandy bays overlook the North Sea. The fishing ports retain their special character. Just inland from the coast, prime agricultural lands roll across the Deveron Valley into the heart of Aberdeenshire.

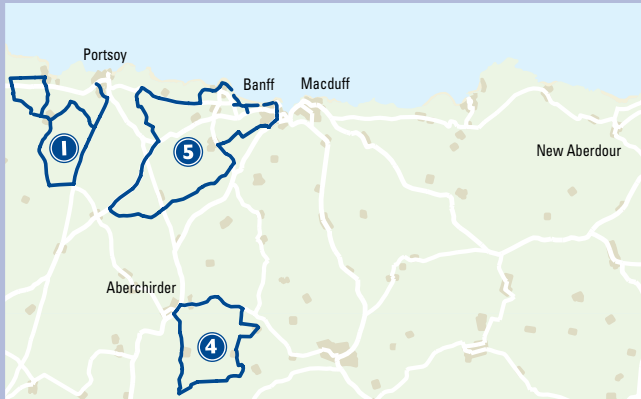
Most of the cycle routes described in this leaflet have been designed to cater for all ages and abilities and where possible, off-road, family and commuter routes have been selected. Some routes require more effort than others.

The routes in this leaflet show distance, effort required and tourist attractions. Most routes use the quieter roads but may involve short stretches of main 'A' roads to continue the route. Great care should be taken at all times whilst cycling, particularly on these busy stretches of road. Please let large vehicles pass and remember you may encounter forestry operations off-road. Please keep well clear and observe signs and diversions for your safety.

We advise that you also take an O.S map with you. While the routes featured follow quiet roads and key features have been identified, an O.S map will guide you further in the area. LandRanger 1:50,000 No. 29.

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Area covered by this map



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This is an excellent route with everything – sea, beach, castles, villages and countryside.

Start point: Loch Soy car park.

Points of interest

① **Portsoy:** Sir Patrick Ogilvie, the 8th Earl of Boyndie, decided that the old harbour should be built and it was completed in 1693.

② **Fordyce Castle:** Fordyce Castle is a small fortalice situated in the centre of the conservation village of Fordyce. The castle was built in 1592 by a local laird and wealthy Aberdeen merchant.

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MORMOND HILL AND WATER OF PHILORTH, FRASERBURGH

(14 miles) Moderate

Sandhaven



Fraserburgh Bay (Beach)

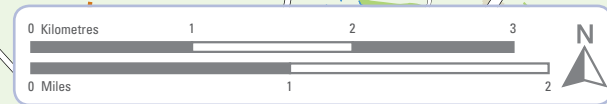


Start point: Fraserburgh Esplanade car park, just south of the Kessock Industrial Estate.

Points of interest

- ① **The Waters of Philorth:** A small scale estuarine environment which includes a small area of salt marsh and sand spit.
- ② **Cairns of Memsie:** A fine example of a Bronze Age burial cairn. It is the only one remaining of the three which originally stood here.

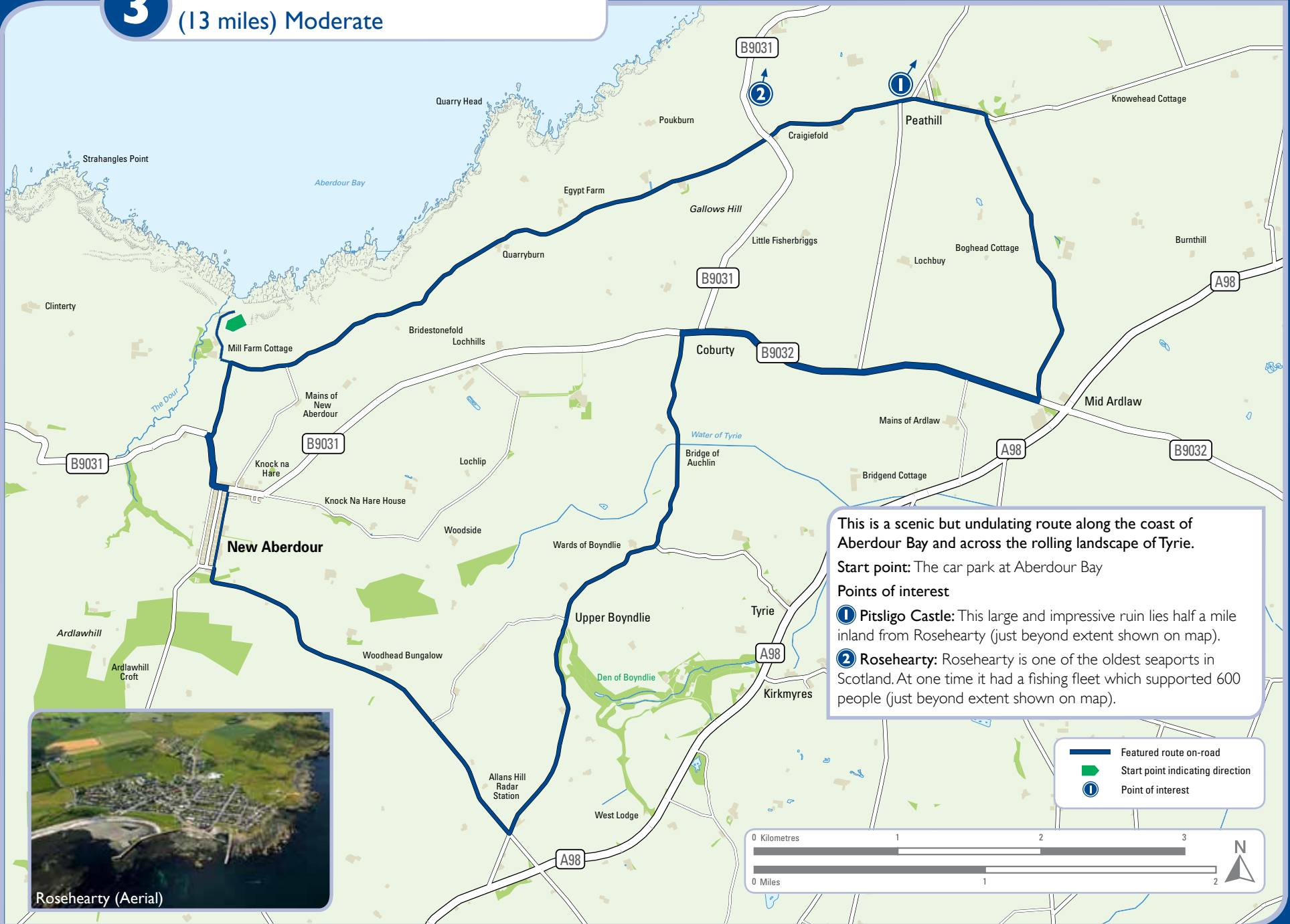
- Featured route on-road
- Formartine & Buchan Way
- Start point indicating direction
- Point of interest



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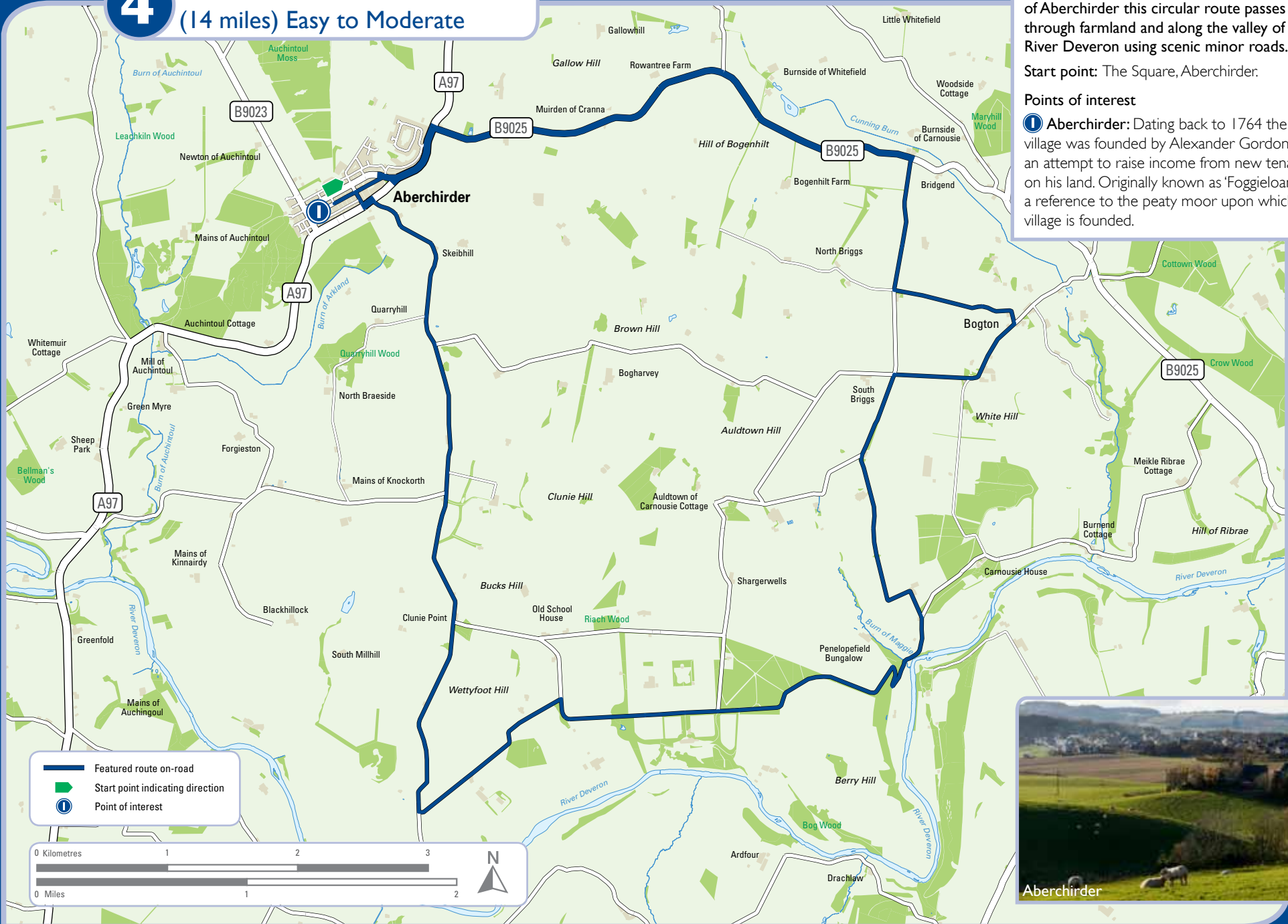
ABERDOUR BAY CIRCULAR

(13 miles) Moderate



4 ABERCHIRDER CIRCULAR

(14 miles) Easy to Moderate



Starting in the 19th century planned village of Aberchirder this circular route passes through farmland and along the valley of the River Deveron using scenic minor roads.

Start point: The Square, Aberchirder.

Points of interest

1 Aberchirder: Dating back to 1764 the village was founded by Alexander Gordon in an attempt to raise income from new tenants on his land. Originally known as 'Foggieloan' as a reference to the peaty moor upon which the village is founded.

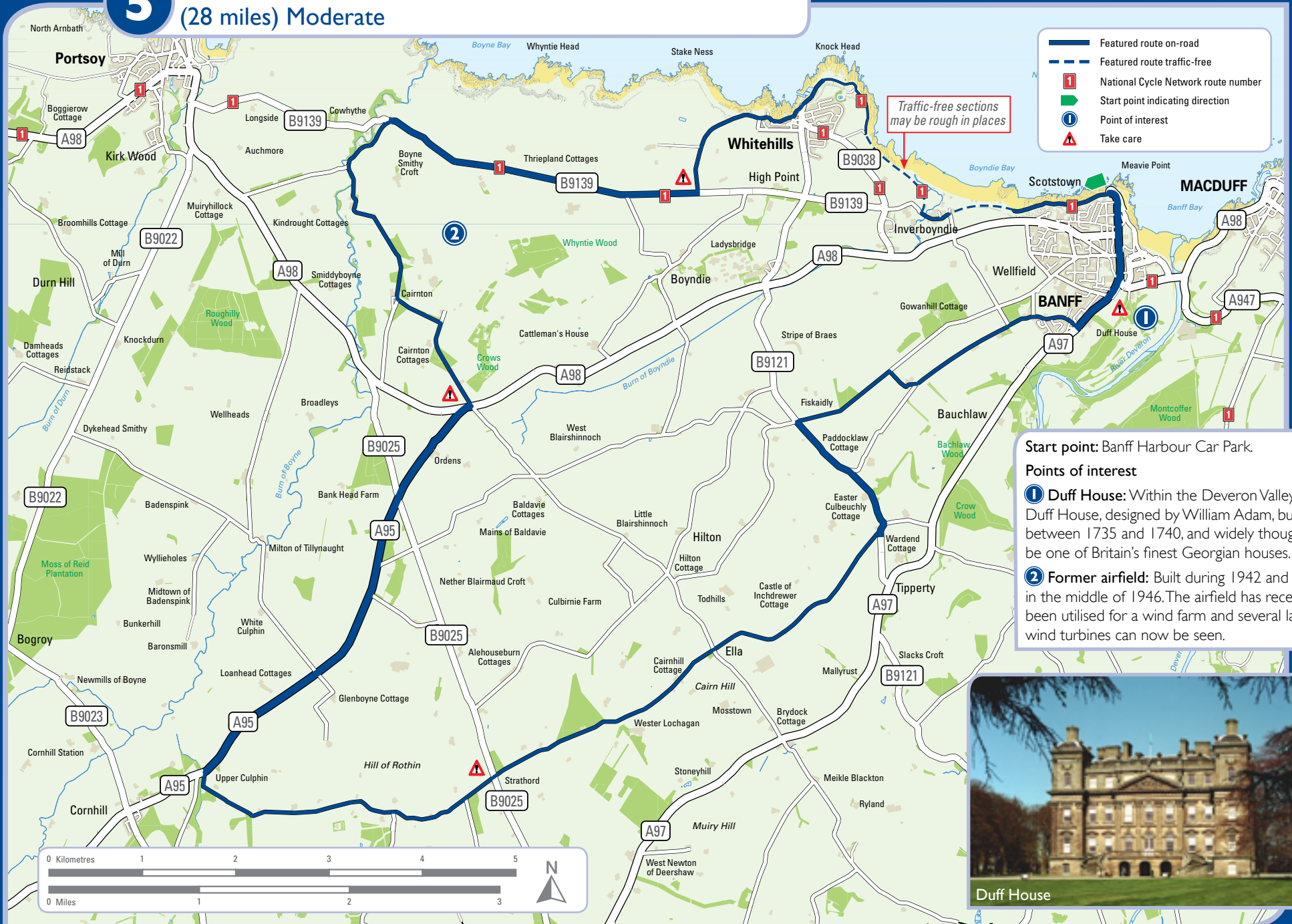


Aberchirder

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BANFF TO BOYNDIE CIRCULAR via CORNHILL

(28 miles) Moderate



Legend:

- Featured route on-road
- Featured route traffic-free
- 1 National Cycle Network route number
- Start point indicating direction
- Point of interest
- Take care

Traffic-free sections may be rough in places

Start point: Banff Harbour Car Park.

Points of interest

- 1 Duff House:** Within the Deveron Valley lies Duff House, designed by William Adam, built between 1735 and 1740, and widely thought to be one of Britain's finest Georgian houses.
- 2 Former airfield:** Built during 1942 and closed in the middle of 1946. The airfield has recently been utilised for a wind farm and several large wind turbines can now be seen.

