



Portlethen



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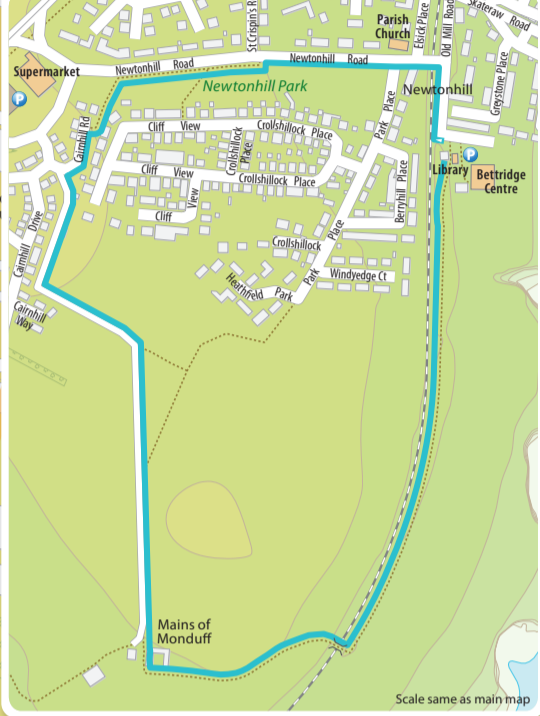
minutes 5 Walking distance is based on 3mph therefore 5 min = 440yds

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

minutes 5

Portlethen Station
The area around the railway station was historically a hamlet, separate from what is today known as Portlethen Village. The hamlet formed around the site of the railway station, which opened in 1850 to serve the surrounding area. Alongside the station lies Portlethen Parish Church, built in 1843, and its adjoining cemetery, with a small gathering of houses over the railway line. Therefore, in the 1960s and 1970s, when Portlethen began to expand into the town it is today, it was the area around the station which was chosen for the earliest development. Portlethen grew first to the north, then progressed further to the north, and heavily to the west towards the Moss.

Newtonhill South



Scale same as main map

Portlethen Moss

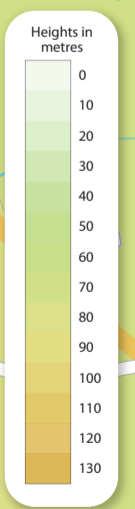
To the west of Portlethen lies Portlethen Moss, a popular Local Nature Conservation Site. As such, the Moss supports a large variety of plants and animals, including sundews, gorse, frogs and deer. Historically, the nature of the boggy terrain meant it posed a barrier to movement in the area. The ancient Causey Mouth Road was therefore constructed to the west, allowing for easier movement between Aberdeen and Stonehaven, and was used for several hundred years until the construction of the current dual carriageway. The Moss was historically much larger than it is today, and a large proportion of modern day Portlethen is built upon former areas of the Moss. Nevertheless, today's Moss remains a sanctuary for wildlife, which can be explored along multiple routes within the Moss.

KEY TO SYMBOLS

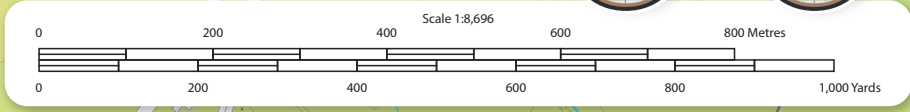
- Public car park
- Pedestrian crossing
- 20mph street
- Landmark building
- Footpath
- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 3
- Route 4
- Route 5
- Route 6, 6a
- Route 7, 7a
- Route 8, 8a
- Segregated shared use
- On road cycle lanes

Fishing Villages

The stretch of coastline to the south of Aberdeen is home to multiple historic fishing villages. Findon, Portlethen Village and Downies lie to the east of modern-day Portlethen, Skateraw has been absorbed into Newtonhill, and Muchalls lies just south of Newtonhill. Each of these villages relied on fishing as their main source of income, using coves and bays at the foot of the cliffs the villages sat upon, to launch out to sea and come ashore. Today, the villages are all connected by a coastal path from which there are great cliff-top views of the North Sea.



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



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see inset on back cover for route 8 and continuation of route 7

Portlethen

Walking & Cycling



From mountain to sea



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

We are committed to helping residents and visitors move around Portlethen 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

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!



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



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Getabout
The Getabout partnership consists of Aberdeen City Councils and Nestrans, supported in their work by NHS Crampian.
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

Record your walks here

Walk	Notes	Distance
1		1.7 kms
2		3 kms
3		2.2 kms
4		2.1 kms
5		2.5 kms
6/6a		2.75/3.5 kms
7/7a		5.5/5.8 kms
8/8a		4.15/4.5 kms

Walk 1 – Purple Route
Leaving the Green by the main entrance, turn right, and then left onto Bruntland Road. Continue until you reach the entrance to Portlethen Moss on the right. Follow the paths through the moss, taking the opportunity to spot some of the different species of plants and wildlife in this Local Nature Conservation Site. Following the footpath, veer to the right at the 'crossroads' and continue until you reach a footbridge on the right. Cross here, and continue across this rougher path through the moss, spotting the different wildlife, potentially even deer, until it exits onto Myrtle Terrace. Continue to the end of the road, up the ramp, and turn right. Continue straight ahead through the lane, passing the children's playpark until you return to the Green.

Walk 2 – Green Route
At the rear of the Green, take the footpath to the right, passing the Bourtree Community Hall, a popular facility for community events and functions. Continue through the green space at Bourtree Park, one of Portlethen's largest parks, with play and sports facilities available. Exit onto Oak Drive, passing Portlethen Swimming Pool, then turn onto Downies Road. Cross the railway bridge and turn into the Portlethen Community Woodland Park. The woodland here was planted as recently as 2010, supporting a fast maturing ecosystem with lots of wildlife. You may follow either path around the woodland, continuing past the children's playpark until you complete the loop, then retrace your steps back to the Green.

Walk 3 – Orange Route
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Walk 4 – Pink Route
This route forms a circuit of the Hillside area of Portlethen, and you may start anywhere on the route. From the main road, the route follows a path onto Craighleith Avenue, from where it follows another path onto Sunnyside Drive. Another off road path crosses Hillside Road, before turning right and following the paths along to Schoolhill Road. Following this are the older houses that pre-dates the Hillside expansion of Portlethen, on both Schoolhill Lane and Well Brae. To complete the loop, follow Schoolhill Drive back to the main road.



Walks 6 & 7

- Portlethen -
Portlethen (Port Leathan) is a town situated 7 miles South of Aberdeen city with three villages situated to the East: Findon, Downies and Portlethen Village.
The town started as a small fishing village and it was on a medieval transport route towards Aberdeen called Cansey Mounth. The aim was to provide a rock causeway over the Portlethen Moss to connect Aberdeen with the Lowlands. This route included Stonehaven and Dunottar Castle, which was well known as a fortress controlling land and sea movements. It then led to Muchalls Castle and towards the Portlethen Moss. There are sections of the route still in use today which you may find walking around the older areas of Portlethen.
Today Portlethen is expanding with new housing developments in Hillside and local amenities with most of the development built over the Portlethen Moss Nature Reserve. Work is being conducted by the Portlethen Moss Conservation Group to preserve the remaining area for future generations. Portlethen was granted town status but resembles a residential suburb with no clear town centre although the town is well serviced with amenities including a swimming pool, Bowling Green, parks, library and community centre.

Walk 5 – Newtonhill Route - South
The Bettridge Centre is a popular community facility, operated independently by local residents for the community since its opening in 2002. Starting here, head over the railway bridge and progress through Newtonhill Park – home to Cammachmore F.C and Newtonhill F.C, as well as a children's playpark. Follow the path at the end of the park, and down the Mains of Monduff farm track. Follow this path out of the built-up area of Newtonhill, into the countryside, taking the opportunity to spot different species of plants and wildlife. Continue along this track and past the Mains of Monduff until you again cross the railway. Once over the railway bridge, turn left and continue through the field until you return to the Bettridge Centre, making sure to enjoy the spectacular sea views as you go.

Walk 6 – Newtonhill Route - North
The Bettridge Centre is a popular community facility, operated independently by local residents for the community since its opening in 2002. Starting here, head out of the car park and turn right down Skateraw Road. Continue along this road, enjoying the picturesque setting in the old fishing village of Skateraw. Once past here, you will reach Newtonhill Beach, where you can still see the occasional fishing boat. Cross the Burn of Elsick, and progress up the steps towards Cran Hill and the Local Conservation Area. Make sure to take in the stunning scenery of the North Sea when up the hill. Follow the circuit around the southern edge of Cran Hill, or if you are feeling ambitious, you can loop the entire hill itself. Afterwards, progress past the former Elsick Mill to the bridge at the Burn of Elsick, and retrace your footsteps to the Bettridge Centre.

Walk 7 – Downies & Newtonhill Route
Start at Portlethen Academy and take the road to Downies, on arrival at Downies, there is an option to continue and visit Downies. On reaching Downies, go downhill to Burn O' Daff Farm, pass the farm and follow the path to cross the burn over a wooden bridge then continue up the path to reach Cobleboards Farm. Follow the circuitous route around Cranhill. Halfway around the circuit there is an option to visit Newtonhill, otherwise follow the circuit and retrace your steps until you return to Portlethen Academy.

Walk 8 – Downies & Portlethen Village Route
Start at the Community Woodland Park and follow Downies Road towards Downies. There is an option to shorten the route by cutting off down Old Coast Road and turning left at the junction. Carry on along Downies Road. Turn left onto the coastal path and head towards Portlethen Village. Upon reaching Portlethen Village, take Hillies Road (past the Neuk) and follow towards Hillhead. At the top of the hill, pass by Portlethen Community Woodland Park on right hand side and return to start. This route can get muddy in wet weather, it is recommended to wear appropriate footwear.

