

Finzean Circular Walk

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Total Distance 8.5km
Approximate time 2.5 hours

Start Point: Car park opposite Finzean Hall (AB31 6LY)

At the east side of the car park take the narrow path and follow it round the back of the car park and beyond till you come to a wooden bridge over a ditch.

0.1km Cross the bridge and turn left along the road until you see a grass path off to the right.

0.1km There is a post at the start of the path which leads into a woodland. Follow the path and where there is a divide take the right hand path to the play park. Cross the play park diagonally left to the exit gate onto the road.

Turn left on the road and immediately stay on the left hand road, signposted to Forest of Birse. In a few metres you come to a path on the right hand side of the road. Take this path and head west along it. You come to a divide. Keep heading west by taking the path to the left. This path is parallel to the road and you continue along this path until you reach a gate on the right and a gap to cross the ditch on the left. This allows you to get onto the road which you now follow to the right.

5.2km

Stay on the road and continue on past the road that leads to Finzean Farm Shop and Finzean School. Continue along this Forest of Birse road until you reach the entrance to the Finzean Estate (middle road) between two granite pillars. Signposted to Glenferrick Lodge and South Lodge.

5.9km

Follow the estate untarred road through woodland. Keep on the main route leading to Finzean House which you will eventually see up the hill ahead. You pass in front of the old stables and Deer Cottage and then pass in front of the house.

7.7km

At this point the road heads east (to the right) and is now a tarred driveway. Follow this driveway to the end and turn right then right again following signs for the School and the Farm Shop.

8.8km

Just past the school take the path to the right that goes down parallel to the road. Stay on this path.

9.4km Farm Shop is on the right across the road. Refreshments and toilets. Continue down this path where you then enter a woodland with named trees. Walk through this woodland until you come to a wooden arch. Go under the arch and walk along down the road until you see the church entrance on the left hand side. Cross over the road and pass in front of the church.

9.9km

Just after the main church door there is a path to the right hand side. Take this path down and then follow the lower path which is off to the left. Continue along the path passing to the right of the gate to the grave yard. Continue along this path and follow it down till it takes a sharp left and runs parallel to the road.

10.7km

Continue along this path heading east with the road alongside on your right. You may recognise eventually, when you pass the gate on your left and a gap on your right that you are now back on the path that you followed earlier at 5.2km. Continue heading east along this path till you come to the divide again. This time you take the path to your left heading away from the road.

11.3km

Follow the path through woodland to the road. Cross the road and pick up the path again on the other side. This flat path wends through lovely woodland.

11.9km You come to a wooden bridge where you then take the right hand path. Follow this path which takes you to the rear of the Finzean Hall. Go through the small gate and cross the road to the car park.

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