

Welcome to Bennachie

Bennachie offers you lots of things to see and experience. Choose from these walks to get you started - there is something for all ages and abilities.


Forestry Commission walks are graded according to the type of path conditions and severity of slope which visitors should expect. If in doubt be prepared for bad weather - particularly on high ground.

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|--|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | Sensible footwear | | Easy-going (muscle-loosener) |
| | Waterproof footwear | | Moderate-going (muscle-stretcher) |
| | Hillwalking boots | | Demanding (muscle-builder) |

1 Wild Wood Trail

A moderate forest trail which passes through pine and larch woodland. Look for sculptures along the way to discover more about the wildlife. A circular route, returning to the car park or linking to the longer Mither Tap Quarry Trail.


2 km
1 1/4 miles Circular route
Allow 1 hour



2 Working Wood Trail

Take this trail to discover the life cycle of a tree and the resources forests provide us with. This is a circular route, returning to the car park or linking to the longer Mither Tap Quarry Walk.


2 1/2 km
1 1/2 miles Circular route
Allow 1 hour



3 Mither Tap Quarry Trail

The longest route to the Mither Tap, this trail leads through the forest up onto the hill. It climbs Little Oxen Craig where the remains of a nineteenth-century granite quarry still stand, and continues over Bennachie's highest peak, Oxen Craig.

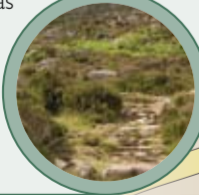
9 km
5 1/2 miles Circular route
Allow 3 1/2 hours



4 Mither Tap Maiden Causeway

This challenging trail to the Mither Tap follows the route of the Maiden Causeway. Legend tells that this was built by the Devil to win a bet for a maiden's hand. He turned her to stone when she fled, now said to be the nearby Pictish Maiden Stone.

5 1/2 km
3 1/2 miles Return route
Allow 2 1/2 hours



5 Discovery Trail

An all ability trail suitable for wheelchair users, this route meanders through the forest allowing visitors to take in the sights, sounds and smells of the woodland. There are rubbing stations set along the path for children.

1 km
1/2 miles Circular route
Allow 1/2 hour



3 Back o' Bennachie

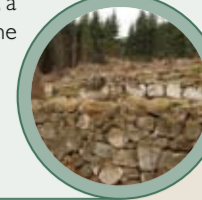
4 Bennachie Rowan Tree

2 Bennachie Donview

6 Colony Trail

An easy-going trail through Scots pine woodland which passes the remains of houses of the Bennachie Colony, a crofting community which settled and farmed the land in the 1800s. Learn about the colonists' lives and work along this route.


4 km
2 1/2 miles Circular route
Allow 2 hours



7 Mither Tap Timeline Trail

A fairly demanding route providing a 'trail back in time'. The path ascends the hill, leaving forest planted in the 1950s to journey through a landscape formed over 10,000 years since the last Ice Age. Reach the Mither Tap and its ancient Pictish fort.

4 1/2 km
3 miles Return route
Allow 2 1/2 hours



8 Millstone Hill Trail

This route winds through forest before climbing out onto Millstone Hill, providing wonderful 360 degree views of Bennachie to the north and the River Don to the south.

5 1/2 km
3 1/2 miles Circular route
Allow 2 1/2 hours



9 Mither Tap Heather Brig

A long-distance route which crosses Millstone Hill to ascend the southern face of Bennachie. Crossing the valley at Heather Brig, there is a great vantage point to see the landscape stretching out to the west along the Lord's Throat.

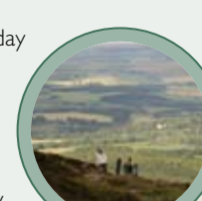
10 km
6 miles Return route
Allow 4 hours



10 Gordon Way Trail

This challenging long distance route runs from Bennachie Centre to Suie in the west. Allow a day to complete the full trail or for a shorter route, walk part of it along the ridge of Bennachie.

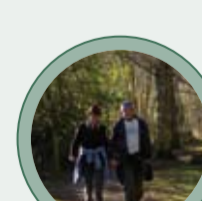
18 1/2 km
11 1/2 miles Return route
5-6 hours each way



11 Turnpike Trail

A low-level route which follows the line of the old Turnpike road through Pittodrie Estate. It links the Bennachie Visitor Centre to Bennachie Rowan Tree.

6 1/2 km
4 miles Return route
Allow 2 hours



Key to map

	Open land		Minor road		Bennachie Visitor Centre Quarry		Accessible facilities
	Forest		Car Park		Parking		All abilities
	Main road		Summit		Toilets (Seasonal, except Bennachie VC)		Information
	Secondary road		Donview Studio		Picnic Area		BBQ facilities

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