

***The Ba'Hill, the Battlehill,
the Clashmach and the Bin,
all form a Circle and Huntly lies within***

A marathon length walk around Huntly.

1. Start from the town Square down Duke Street over the Bogie Bridge and under the Railway bridge. Take the first turn left. 1 km
2. Keep on walking straight along the railway line on a landrover track. After about a mile the path turns up to the right. Then take the first left through the Kinnoir woods. This path first has fantastic views over the Deveron valleys and then swings round returning back towards Huntly. At the end turn right and walk up till you see a house which looks over the town. Get over the gate and walk straight down towards Battlehill. When you reach the path go right for a short while and then over the stile. 8 km
3. From the stile turn left, walk through the Battlehill and then get back via the quarry to the old Aberdeen road, turn right here and immediately left along the Toll road, which leads past the coal merchant to a small path on the left to the A96. Here you walk a 100 yards to the left and over the A96 (careful !). 2 km
4. Once over the road, take the small road opposite and walk past the George MacDonald farmhouse, take the path to the right along the railway, until you are almost at Cocklarachy. Turn right at the first settlement; when you reach the railway track, turn right again and then go left under the bridge past Greenhaugh to the Huntly – Gartly road. 3.5 km
5. Cross the road at Burnend and walk straight. Turn right behind the first two houses, through a gate and along the fence to a small boundary fence. Stay right of the river. Cross gate and walk straight on to Tullochbeg. Pass the farm and get to the start of the established Clashmach walk. 1 km
6. Walk up the Clashmach to enjoy the views over Huntly. 2 km
7. Head straight down from the Hill due South over the Collonach Burn and you hit a path from where you go to the right past Wellheads first to the Edinglassie road and then right to the Huntly – Dufftown road. 5 km
8. Cross the road and go ca 400 m along the road; then turn right past the Falconry Center. After a mile you reach the small Drumdelgie road, which past the farm leads through a forest to the A96 at the Ashgrove Petrol Station. (supplies here) 5 km
9. Cross the road and you find a path that leads into the Bin Forrest straight opposite the former garden center. Walk along the path near the edge of the forest; make sure when the path forkes after ca 1.5 miles that you keep to the left. When you get out of the forest turn right past Roadburn, and then the path does a kind of u-turn to the left, go all the way back a derelict cottage, then right to Cormalet and Haddoch on the Huntly - Portsoy Road. 9 km

10. At Haddoch cross the road, go over a gate into a field, where you go left and immediately right again along a drystone wall to the river. Once at the river go along past a fence with big boulders and the Coniecleugh farm for 4 km past a metal hunter's highchair until you reach a small fishing hut (note the path gets quite thin here; take care when the river is in spade). Pass the hut and u-turn right to Huntly Lodge Farm and the Castle Hotel (food and drink). 5km
11. From the Castle Hotel you can go straight down to Huntly Square over the Deveron and past Huntly Castle. 1.6

Notes:

Food and drink supplies: Ashgrove Filling station, Castle Hotel

Careful: 2 crossings at A96, crossings at Rhynie – Huntly road, Dufftown Road and Portsoy road.

Approximate distance:

Square to Pirriesmill	1.64
Pirriesmill to Battlehill via Kinnoir woods	7.36
Battlhill to A96	1.9
A96 - tullochbeg	4.3
Tullochbeg to Clashmach top	2.12
Clashmach to dufftown road turn	4.62
dufftown road to Ashgrove	4.99
ashgrove to Haddoch	9.00
haddoch to weir	3.11
weir to Square	3.5

TOTAL 42.54

