

WALK TITLE: Ben Aigan Woodland Walk

DISTANCE: 6.5 miles

OS GRID REFERENCE: **NJ319517**

LANDRANGER /EXPLORER SHEET: 424

**Parking Available. Route waymarked Strenuous walk**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** This is a part of the Speyside Way and although a strenuous walk which climbs about 200m it is well worth the views over the River Spey.

**GETTING THERE:** You would need to travel by car or use the bus to Rothes and walk from the Elgin - Rothes road down to Boat o Brig (about a mile)

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION:** Start at the car park beside the Boat o' Brig. This is a small car park by the railway bridge. On leaving the car park turn right along the busy road very briefly and then cross it to some steps just before the old tollhouse. Climb the steps then follow the path round to the left to meet a track. Go up the track and then turn right at the next junction. There is a well sign posted track up towards Bridgeton Farm, with good views over the Spey down to the right. As you reach the first of the farm buildings, a damaged shell, there is a gate ahead and the track to the left. Follow the lane on the left, avoiding the farm, and then turn left again onto the gravel track which is the main access for the farm. The track passes the derelict Bridgeton Cottages; turn right at the next junction, heading through a gate with a forestry sign for [Ben Aigan](#). At the next junction there is a track which leads to a rifle rang, there are warning signs about keeping to the path, Turn right at the junction onto a muddy and churned-up path that runs along the bottom edge of the trees with good open views towards the Spey. This path curves left and climbs up to meet the forestry road above. This is a steep climb on a sometimes slippery path so caution is required. Turn right along the forestry road which rises more gradually, in a left hand curve, towards the high point of this section. There is a picnic table here and it may be a point to stop before returning to Boat o' Brig. If you continue along the track, it very gradually loses height to the Red Sheugh burn where there is a short signed detour on the right to a picnic table with a more open view. This is the point at which you should return to the start.