

WALK TITLE: Clashmach
DISTANCE: 7.25km / 4.5 miles
OS GRID REFERENCE: NJ526395
OS LANDRANGER /EXPLORER SHEET: 425
     
<p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> This is a low hill climb out of Huntly following a much used path with extensive views which take in Huntly, the nearby <a href="#">Tap o'Noth</a>, and the tors of <a href="#">Bennachie</a>.</p>
<p><b>GETTING THERE:</b> Huntly has a station on the Aberdeen to Inverness lines and busses from Aberdeen and Keith. Parking in Market Muir car park on George V Avenue, on the left side of the A97 into town. There are toilets here and you are not far from the Deans Shortbread factory or the Asda supermarket both of which have a cafe.</p>
<p><b>DETAILED DESCRIPTION:</b> Begin the walk by heading back along the A97 to the large roundabout on the Huntly by-pass. Turn right here on the A96, crossing very carefully on this busy road to reach the pavement on the far side. Follow this for a short distance heading towards Huntly Mart before turning left onto the road past the mart. It is sign posted for Tullochbeg. Follow this road uphill until it turns sharp left with a bungalow ahead. Go straight on here up the drive, passing to the right of the bungalow onto a grassy path. This is a well used path popular with dog walkers. It runs between bushes and then bears right past a wooden bench and continues with gorse and fences on either side. Soon it bends left to climb more directly, and the fields on the right gradually become rougher and wilder. It leads up to a gate; cross the stile on the right. The route is now more open. Continue uphill, keeping the fence on your right, to eventually reach another gate and stile. Cross this and follow the grassy track between the gorse bushes. This leads to a third and final gate and stile. Beyond, the path leads up to the ridge line. The path now reaches a track running along the hill. Turn left onto this, making a note of where you joined the track so you can find your way back. The summit of the hill is reached after a short distance, marked by a cairn and a triangulation point. The return is made the same way.</p>