

WALK TITLE: Kemnay and Fetternear Circuit

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** This walk goes to and through the Fetternear estate then follows the River Don out toward Burnhervie before returning to Kemnay. It is a mixed walk with some paths, tarred estate roads and single track public roads.

**GETTING THERE:** By car, park at the car park on Aquithie Road, or if traveling by bus, take the X20 or 420 from Aberdeen which passes the car park.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION:** Begin by walking towards the Co-op, there will be a signpost that indicates Fetternear to the right. Follow the road all the way to the very end and turn right over a bridge crossing the River Don. Stay on the right hand footpath and take the first driveway on the right through the gates of the Fetternear Estate. The route is up the tarred road. After a few minutes, there will be a path that crosses a stream to the right. Ignore this path and carry straight on towards Fetternear Palace. You start to see Fetternear Palace through the trees. At the next junction, turn right to the ruins of the palace. There is an information board telling you the history of the palace, once the home of The Bishops Of Aberdeen. You cannot enter the ruins which are unsafe. Retrace your route back along the track and turn left before reaching the previous junction and turn left onto a slightly muddy path. After a few hundred metres, bear right on to another path. Keep on this path till you pass an old shed on the right. The path leads to a wooden gate. Go through it passing some paddocks and there is another gate to pass through which takes you down a driveway of a house, turn right onto the single track road. The River Don is on your left. Follow the road downhill to the suspension bridge which you cross and head up to the road on the other side. Follow the road as it turns left by Mill Farm. At the next junction turn right and follow the road back to Aquithie Road. Turn right past a car sales dealer back to the car park.