

WALK TITLE: *Glen Tanar to Aboyne*

DISTANCE: 8 miles

OS GRID REFERENCE: NJ479965

LANDRANGER /EXPLORER SHEET: 44

**Parking Available. Toilet. Strenuous walk**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** This is a strenuous walk from the *Glen Tanar* estate over some beautiful low level hills and moorland and back to *Aboyne*. You will climb about 350m and it can be a bit exposed in bad weather so be prepared. You will need to operate a two car drop-off and pick up system since you start and finish so far apart.

**GETTING THERE:** By car cross the bridge over the River Dee onto the South Deeside road B976, turning right towards *Craigendinnie* and *Glen Tanar Estates*. Turn into the *Glen Tanar* estate at the gate house and follow road until you reach the car park for the *Braeloine Visitor Centre*. You will have to pay for parking here.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION:** Leave the *Braeloine* car park entrance and turn left then right and cross the stone bridge over the river which leads to the *Braeloine Visitor Centre* on the left. This is worth a visit as it has displays about the estate and it's past owners as well as housing a toilet block. The walk follows the track on the right of the bridge past *St Lesmo's Chapel*. You will come to and cross a cattle grid turn right here and follow the track up into the woods. The path climbs gradually and passes an information board and leads you to a marked stone. Turn left after the stone and head up through the woods. Soon you leave the trees and continue climbing on to the open hills. You will come to a junction with a track going to the left and the main route to the right. Go right and shortly you come to another junction. If you want to cut your walk short here, take the left hand path which will lead you back to the visitors centre and car park. Take the right hand path which gradually drops down to a small stream which you need to cross. Once over the stream the path begins to climb again first swinging left then later right and heading towards *Craigendinnie*. It drops down into woods where you come to a junction. Take the right path to the *Guard* and then the left path which leads to the *Fungle*. Follow the path till you reach a solitary tree in the middle of a cleared area. Turn

right and follow the track down to Parkside, past the loch and on to Birsemore. From there you cross the Bridge into Aboyne. Once over the bridge the first road on your right will take you to the main square.