

**WALK TITLE: Battle Hill and Kinnoir Wood – Huntly**

**DISTANCE: 8.5 or 6.5 miles**

**OS GRID REFERENCE: Start NJ529399**

**OS LANDRANGER /EXPLORER SHEET: 29 / 425**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

An open woodland walk with the option of omitting the hill and therefore suitable for mixed ability groups. Start Huntly Square

**GETTING THERE:**

Hourly bus from Aberdeen/Elgin

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION:**

Starting from Huntly Square go down Duke street to Bogie Street and cross the River Bogie. Go under railway bridge and head up towards station. Those not doing the hill take first road on left opposite the station's pedestrian bridge, but others carry on until you see sign for Battle Hill Wood. Turn left.

At disused quarry with information board take the marked east side circular track heading upwards along the edge of the wood. Follow this circular foot path which eventually widens to a track but now is no longer at the edge of the wood. When you reach a point where a set of steps come down from the top of the hill , turn right down a footpath to a road, and walk straight down to reach the railway line. Turn right. Those who did not do the hill will have reached this same junction by walking past several large houses and from here both groups follow the same route. Walking parallel to the railway line you will reach Kinnoir Wood. Follow the track and at a sharp right hand bend ignore the track going off on your left. Soon you will pass another gated track on your left but you carry onto the second gated track. Turn left. Keep on this main track circling the wood and in time passing behind a bird sanctuary and scrap car yard until you eventually reach the gate you had passed on the way out. Turn right. Return via the track you used on way out until you reach the railway bridge. Cross the bridge and go through the ruined farm and past some cottages and you will be back at station and ready to return to the town square.