



Dyke/Kintessack Walk

6.2 miles/10km 3hrs

A circular walk linking the rural communities of Dyke and Kintessack, with a spur to Broom of Moy and on to the wider network of paths around Forres. A shortcut is available that links Dyke and Kintessack directly allowing walkers the option of two shorter loops



There are no Geocaches on or near this route.

Walk Information

Terrain

Stiles-None
Suitable for most abilities

Planning

Start/Parking

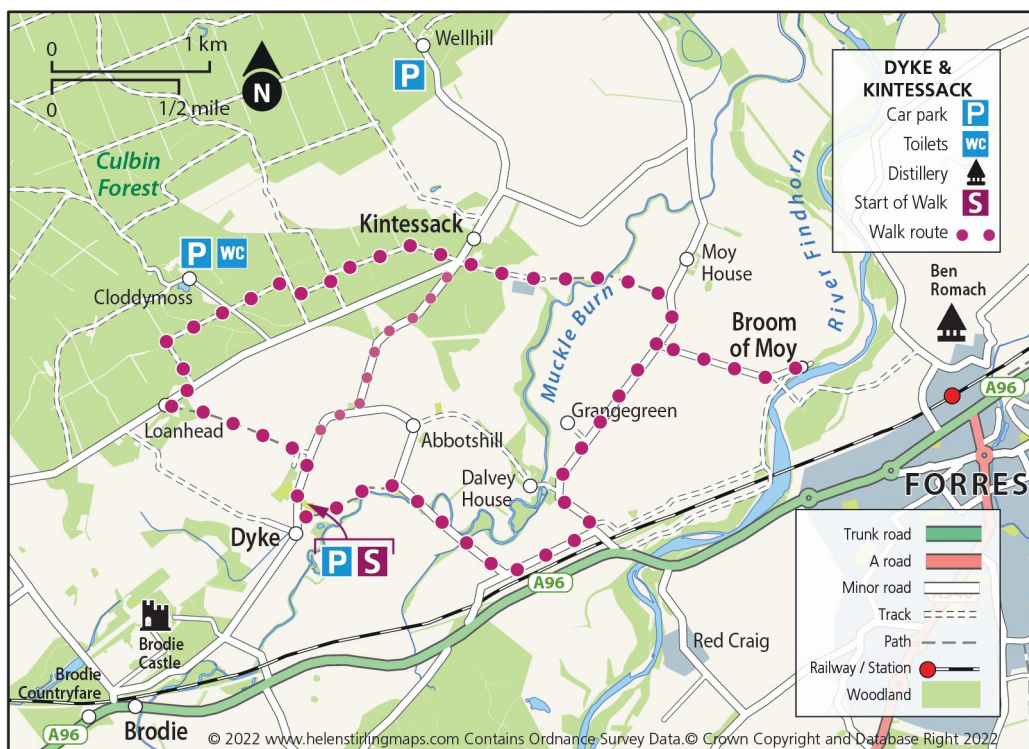
Dyke Village Hall
Grid Ref: NJ991585
Map OS Landranger 27
Explorer 423

Refreshments

Brodie Castle and Brodie
Countryfare

Public Toilets

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When starting from Dyke Village Hall your first decision is whether to travel clockwise or anticlockwise - the latter choice gets the road section out of the way at the outset and this guide takes this direction. The route is marked with finger posts and blue arrows. From the car park head downhill towards the churchyard, pass to the rear of Dyke Church turning left at the path junction and follow the beech hedge out into the open countryside. This path follows a small burn for most of its length until the burn enters the Muckle Burn, we then follow the bankside path of the larger burn. The path leaves the side of the burn shortly before entering a small area of woodland. On exiting the woodland, the route turns sharp right along the road and over Abbotshill Bridge following the road for about one mile before turning left towards the cottages at Dalvey Smithy.

From this road it is possible to catch glimpses of Dalvey House through the trees to the north. At the next road junction take a left turn, heading downhill to East Lodge, where the road bends right and heads for Moy. Passing Grangegreen and Wester Moy farms on your left (and the Broom of Moy link route to the right) your next turn is to the

left along a green road just before the entrance to the sadly ruinous Moy House and heading in the direction of Kintessack.

After about half a mile the route bears left and crosses the Muckle Burn by a steel footbridge, on the other bank the path passes Wellhead Farm to the left where the surface changes to tarmac road and you head into Culbin Forest. At the crossroads (just shy of Kintessack village) your route is straight ahead on a forest track which will be underfoot for the next two miles or so.

Should you wish to shorten your route at this point you could choose to turn left and follow the unclassified road shown small purple dots on the map via Muirtown Wood and Mudhall back to Dyke cutting about a mile off the overall distance.

Follow this forest track which bears left after a short distance and then heads in a roughly westerly direction, turning Left along a track and then almost immediately Right to skirt round a fenced area of broadleaf woodland (High Wood).

The path crosses the Cloddymoss access road before taking another left turn towards Loanhead. Emerging from the trees you now turn right and walk along the road for a short distance and opposite the last bungalow turn Left along a green track that take you uphill over a small rise and back into Dyke Village. To your left you can see a triangulation point in the field and at the crest of this rise you get a lovely view of Dyke and wonderful distant views to the South. The path descends passing underneath an electric pylon and emerges onto a road. Turn Right to return to the car park.

The attractive gate to the churchyard is worth a mention as it also serves at the Dyke war memorial, with the names of the fallen carved into stone panels inside the arch.

Should you choose to, this route can be extended by a further two miles by taking the link route to Broom of Moy. This is a tarmac road for its entire length and leads down to the old salmon fishing station on the River Findhorn.

From Broom of Moy you could venture along other routes established by Forres Footpaths Trust or retrace your steps to pick up the Dyke and Kintessack circular route.

