



Short River Walk

2 Miles

A short circular walk along the banks of the Findhorn starting at the Garden Centre, crossing the River Findhorn at Broom of Moy and returning to the start via the Greshop area.



None currently on the route



Walk Information

Terrain

Stiles-None
Suitable for most abilities

Beware

The garden centre car park, which is fenced in, is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm Mon – Sat and 10.00am to 5.00pm Sunday. Outside these times the gate is locked.

Planning

Start/Parking

M&C Garden Centre Car Park
Grid Ref: NJ022585
Map OS Landranger 27 or
Explorer 423

Refreshments

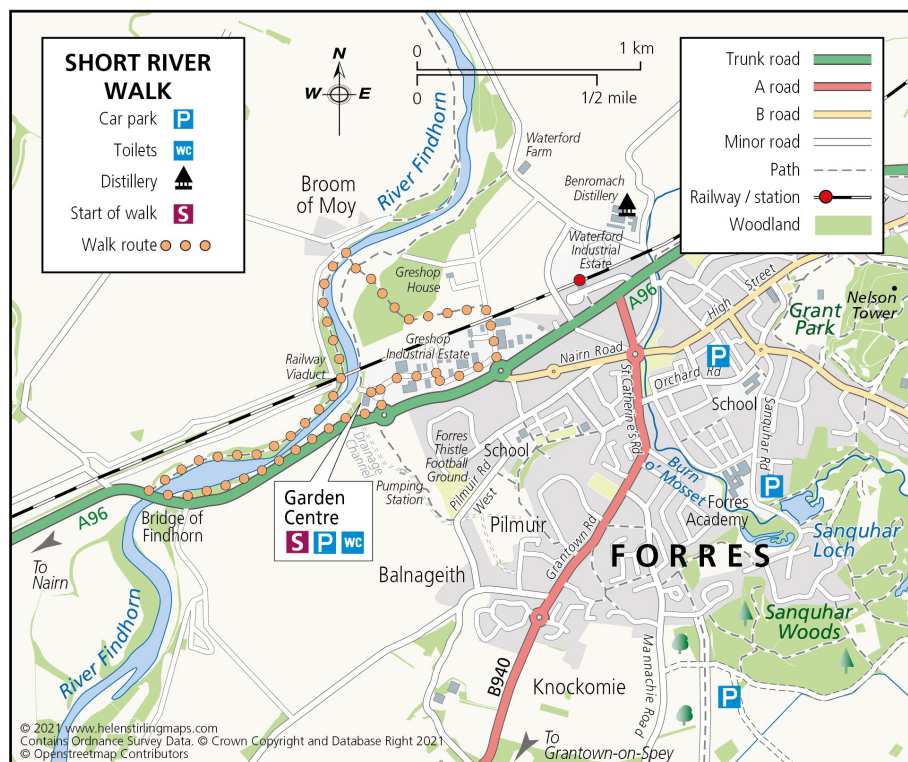
Garden Centre

Public Toilets

Garden Centre

Public Transport

Buses from Inverness/
Aberdeen to Forres
Trains from Inverness/
Aberdeen to Forres



This walk is way marked with Orange arrows.

Go through the small gate in the far corner of the car park turning Left and follow the path up the ramp. (If the gate is locked, or the Garden Centre is closed, walk outside the Garden Centre fence up to the Roundabout on the A96 to join the walk at the stone pillar and flood alleviation information boards) Note the wartime pillbox on your right and the railway viaduct of the Forres to Inverness line that crosses the River Findhorn. Follow the path, which passes close by the outlet of the flood alleviation scheme until it almost reaches the main road of the A96. On your right, there is a stone pillar to mark the opening of the flood alleviation scheme in March 2015 and information boards about the scheme. Here you turn Right to follow the path as it runs beside the main road. You will pass a water monitoring station for the River Findhorn on your right and the path becomes the pavement beside the road. You then pass an enclosed area with the Memorial to 19 Operational Training Unit who operated from the airfield of RAF Forres (Balnakeith) which occupied the large, flat area across the road from the Memorial. A model of a Whitley which 19 OTU operated can also be seen. Continue on the footpath as it climbs slightly to cross the River Findhorn on a bridge built in 1938.

Immediately after crossing the bridge, turn Right following the path that descends steeply down to the river side. Take great care as the path and steps are uneven and can be slippery. At the bottom, turn Left to follow the River downstream passing a fishermen's hut and then walking through a delightful area of woodland. As you leave the woodland the path underfoot becomes hardcore. As part of the River Findhorn Flood Alleviation Scheme completed in late 2014, large areas of sand and stones have been cleared in this area to allow increased water flow. Pass under the railway viaduct built in 1858 with three spans, each of 150 feet (46 metres), and continue along beside the River as the path becomes much narrower until you reach the Bailey bridge at the Broom of Moy. Turn Right to cross over the bridge. The first section was built by Royal Engineers shortly after WW2 with the much longer section being added in 2014 as part of the Flood Alleviation Scheme.

After crossing the bridge continue almost straight ahead down the ramp that leads into the wood. Follow the track as it winds through the wood before emerging and going straight ahead across a small berm which is part of the flood alleviation measures and along the path between two fields. At the T junction turn Right and you will shortly go underneath a railway bridge (No 59) before passing between two factories. At the road junction turn Right into West Road and walk through the small industrial estate taking a Right turn at the Moray Veterinary Practice and then the next Left into Greshop Road and continue until you return to the Garden Centre.

