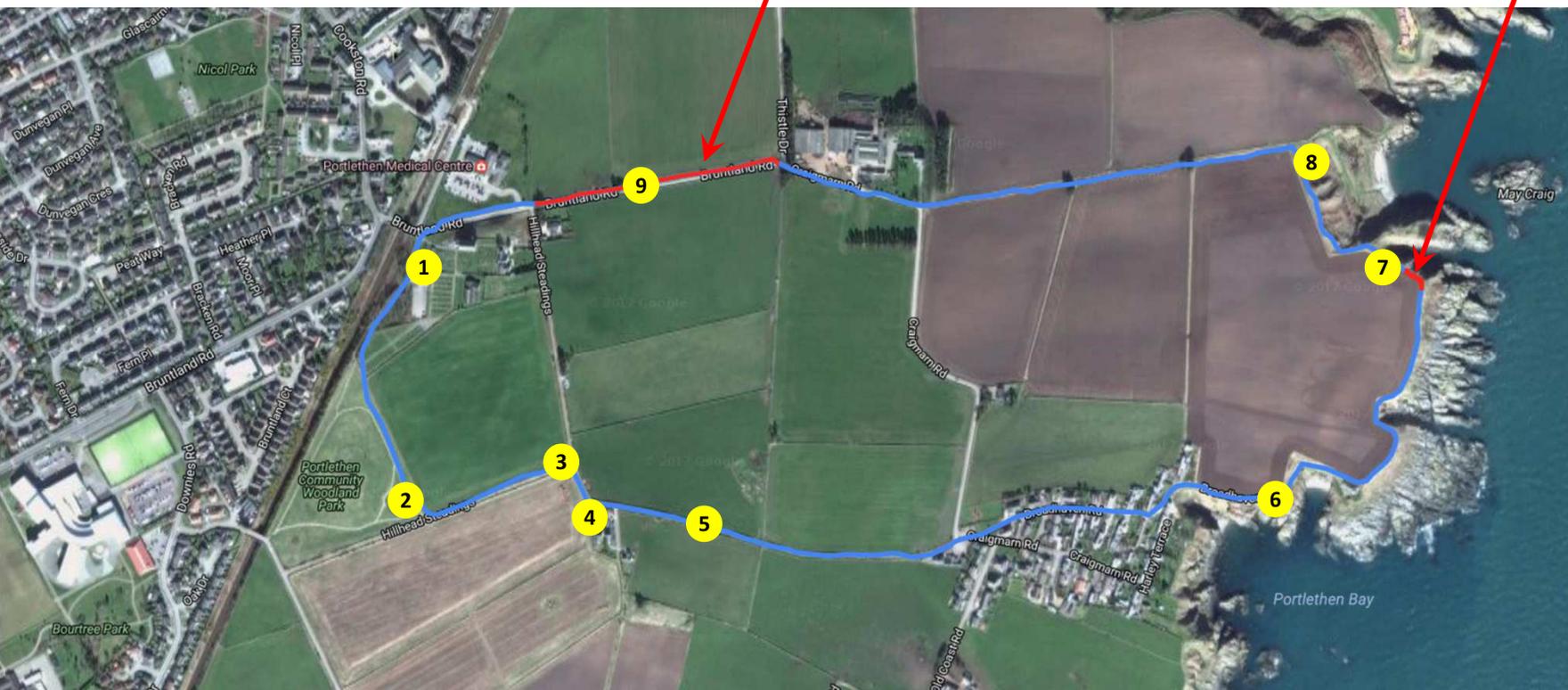


Portlethen and District – Walking Routes

Take care: no pavement here on this 60mph road

Take care: steep and unprotected drop



Route Map:
Screengrab from


9 Indicates where a photo has been taken – see page 2



A 2.25 mile / 3.6 kilometre wander – taking 45 minutes to 1 hour and 15 minutes

The majority of this route is on paths and tracks. **Care should be taken at two places (as noted on map)**

For this walk, the start/end point is the Portlethen Church car park (1). Head out of this car park, through a small copse of trees which lies parallel to the railway, then into the Portlethen Community Woodland Park. Pass southwards through the park (2), then head up (eastwards) and along the small private road (3)+(4). This takes you to above Old Portlethen (5). Carry on down a narrow path, past a pub, then down the roads of Old Portlethen and head towards the harbour (6). There is a narrow gap through a wall, near the white bothy, into the fields. Please walk along the outer edges of the field (in case there has been a crop planted). On leaving the field, there is a short stretch with a steep and unprotected drop down to the water (7). Take the path around (8), then join a track that takes you back up to the road. Part of this road has no pavement to walk along. Portlethen Church will now be in sight once again (9).



1 Start: Portlethen Parish Church



2 Portlethen Woodland: views westwards to the Academy, Boswell's Monument, Durris Transmitter, Meikle Carewe wind farm etc.



3 Above Portlethen Woodland: views northwards past the Church and Hillside School to Brimmond Hill (near Aberdeen Airport)



4 Above Portlethen Woodland: views southwards past Downies towards Fowlsheugh RSPB reserve (which is south of Stonehaven)



5 Looking down the path towards Old Portlethen



6 Looking down towards the Harbour. Seals and Dolphins/Porpoises are sometimes seen and there are often sea anglers on the rocks



7 Looking up towards Findon



8 Looking down on May Craig. There used to be fishing boats going out from this bay – there are still signs of capstans and winches



9 End: Portlethen Parish Church is in sight