

Walk description:

Starting in the picturesque village of Edzell the walk follows a roadside footway to the Gannochy Bridge over the River North Esk as it passes through a deep sandstone gorge. By following the road on the north of the river leading to Tarfside and Glenesk a footpath is accessed which follows the river through the gorge, again crossing the Gannochy Bridge and continuing along another footpath returning to Edzell, this time on the south bank of the river gorge. This is a well-visited and signposted walk with views of the gorge, river, animals and salmon leaps. An alternative shorter walk is achieved by taking a local Edzell taxi to the upstream start at waymark 5, a good idea for an evening walk when time is short.

Access information:

There is limited public transport from Montrose by bus which passes through Brechin to Edzell but the service is infrequent. A car is needed unless you use a cycle. There is parking all along Edzell's main street and various shops and facilities.

Additional info:

Other features of this walk include a nature trail and woodland.

Start grid ref: NO600691**OS map:** Explorer389: Forfar, Brechin & Edzell**Walk length:** 6.21 miles**Duration:** 150 minutes**Height gain:** 30 metres**Contributor:** Alex Shepherd**Weathercall:** Get a local forecast for this walk.

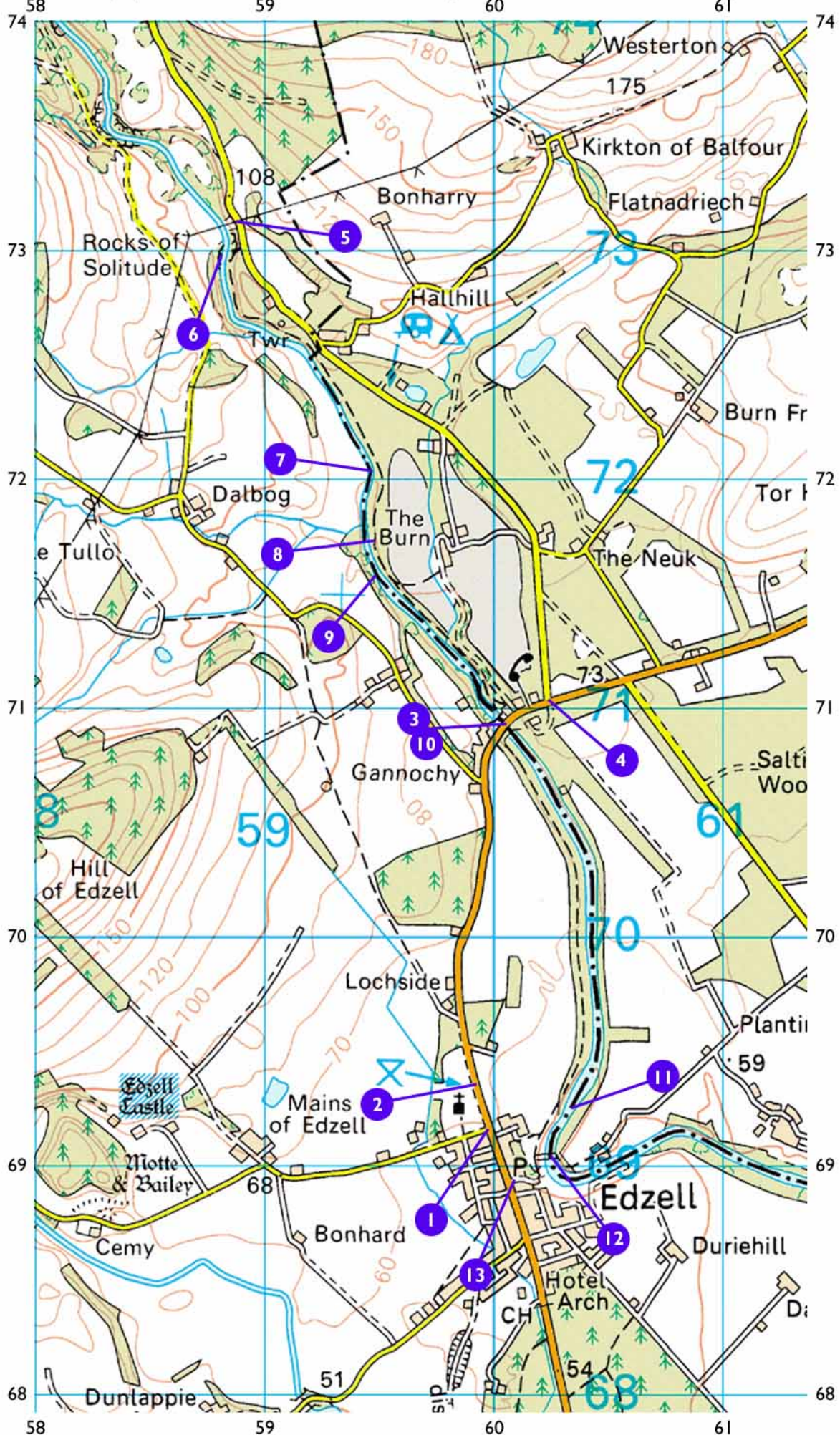
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Features:

- River
- Wildlife
- Birds
- Great Views

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Edzell - Gannochy - Rocks of Solitude - Gannochy - Edzell





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- 1**  A good starting point in the village of Edzell, the newly refurbished Panmure Hotel at the Northern end of the village. (Grid ref: 600691)
- 2**  The road to Fettercairn with the Edzell Moor park hidden on the left as viewed from the northern end of Edzell. This road leads directly to Waymark 3 at Gannochy Bridge over the River North Esk. (Grid ref: 600692)
- 3**  This is the summer view from the Gannochy Bridge looking upstream. Cross the bridge and continue 100 metres to Waymark 4. (Grid ref: 600710)
- 4**  After crossing the bridge, this road to the left takes you towards Tarfside and the start of the river path. (Grid ref: 602710)
- 5**  This signpost about 2km up the Glen road directs you toward the start of the footpath and the Rocks of Solitude, a high viewpoint over the river. (Grid ref: 589731)
- 6**  Either of these paths continue down the gorge. The lower is the more adventurous but most scenic, and both join again after 150 metres. (Grid ref: 588730)
- 7**  A short break in the gorge before it reaches the old broken bridge and the salmon ladder. (Grid ref: 595717)
- 8**  Looking downstream to the old bridge and river disappearing over a fall and salmon ladder (Grid ref: 595717)
- 9**  Known to the Kayakers as the Fish-ladder Fall because of the salmon ladder just visible in this picture on the right at the top of the fall. You are now 1 km upstream from the Gannochy Bridge. (Grid ref: 595715)
- 10**  The footpath on the north bank, having finished back at the Gannochy Bridge where the start of the bottom footpath can be seen before the "Angus" signpost. Follow the path to the "Shakky Bridge" in Edzell, 2km downstream. (Grid ref: 600709)

- 11**  The Shabby Bridge over the North Esk in Edzell. Do not cross but continue along the tarmac path and up the hill to the centre of Edzell. (Grid ref: 602690)
- 12**  Low summer level in the North Esk. (Grid ref: 602690)
- 13**  The path from the Shabby Bridge (100 metres) emerges here in the centre of Edzell. (Grid ref: 601689)