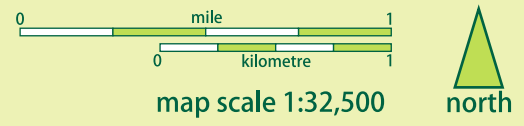




Paths and Places Around Stanley



- 1** described route
- path
- track
- road
- A9 B9099** main road

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INTRODUCTION

If you feel like getting some fresh air and exploring the countryside around Stanley, there are a number of paths and places to visit.

This leaflet contains suggestions for seven walks based on the core path network. It includes a mix of routes to suit most abilities and interests. Some of the routes are also suitable for cycling and horse-riding.

Scotland's access rights mean you can enjoy these routes provided you behave responsibly and follow a few simple steps. Dogs should be kept under close control and all litter taken home. Take care on roads and when near the River Tay. Please remember this is a working countryside.

This leaflet has been produced by volunteers on behalf of Stanley Development Trust (stanleydevelopmenttrust.org). We hope you enjoy the routes suggested!

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ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

1) **Shiel Hill** A short circular route for all abilities (1.5km; 15-30 mins). Take Linn Road east of out of Stanley and 200m after Shielhill farm turn right on to signed path to Shiel Hill. After viewpoint continue downhill to the bottom of Mill Street and turn right to get to back to the start.

2) **Stanley beach & Campsie Linn** A there-and-back route (3.5km total; 60-90 mins). Follow Linn Road all the way down to the River Tay (note: the beach can be reached safely only when the river level is not high). Retrace your steps 100m to the estate track you passed and follow this to view Campsie Linn.

3) **Stanley - Ballathie** A longer there-and-back route (10km total; 2.5-3.5 hrs). Take Linn Road and 500m after Shielhill Farm turn left toward Culloden House, then 50m later turn sharp right to follow the edge of three fields. Cross the Taymount House drive and join the disused railway line all the way to Ballathie.



4) **North Wood (Bluebell Wood), Ballathie** Circular route through delightful oak woodland (3km; 30-60 mins). Start at gate near the old stone wall on the minor road by Ballathie. Follow sign-posting in clockwise direction, watching out for the knarled beech trees and the old "kirk road" which allowed Airntully folk to attend Kinclaven church.

5) **Stanley - Taymount Woods - Airntully** Longer circular route (12km; 2.5-3.5 hrs). Follow route 3 along the disused railway to Taymount Mains. Turn left onto drive and follow this to public road and cross into Taymount Wood. After 1.5km, turn left at distinct T-junction. At way marker beyond cottage, turn left through trees to reach separate track. Follow this past tank traps (!) to cross railway line with care using pedestrian gate. Continue to public road and cross over to follow narrow path to Airntully. Turn left on to the minor road back to Stanley.

6) **Five Mile Wood** Track from car park leads to circular route (7km; 90-120 mins). Felling and wind-blow have changed parts of this long-established woodland, and informal trails for mountain bikers have been created. A link path gives access through Burnside Farm when the Active Kids adventure park is open. Refreshments available here.

7) **Thistlebrig** A there-and-back walk to the river (1.5km; 30-45 mins). Turn down a narrow path with 107 steps, opposite the car park at the edge of Stanley on the Luncarty road. See the interesting geology at the Thistlebrig and explore the old lade by the River Tay created for the bleach works in Luncarty.

PATHS AND PLACES AROUND STANLEY

ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS AND MAP



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