- Portsoy -

Portsoy is located on the Moray Firth, North East of Aberdeen. The original name of Portsoy comes from Port Saoithe, meaning "saithe harbour" relating to its roots as a fishing village. The Old Harbour in Portsoy dates to the 17th century with the new harbour built in 1825 to support the fishing industry.

Portsoy hold the annual Scottish Traditional Boat Festival which showcase many different things, including their award-winning ice cream.

Find a better way to get about....

Record your walks here

Walk	Notes	Distance
1		4.64 kms
2		1.27 kms
3		1.42 kms
4		3.22 kms
5		6.44 kms

Getabout

The Getabout partnership consists of Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils and Nestrans, supported in their work by NHS Grampian.

Getabout is the partnership's campaign to help people in the North East to make sustainable transport choices.

For more information visit

www.getabout.org.uk.

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From mountain to sea

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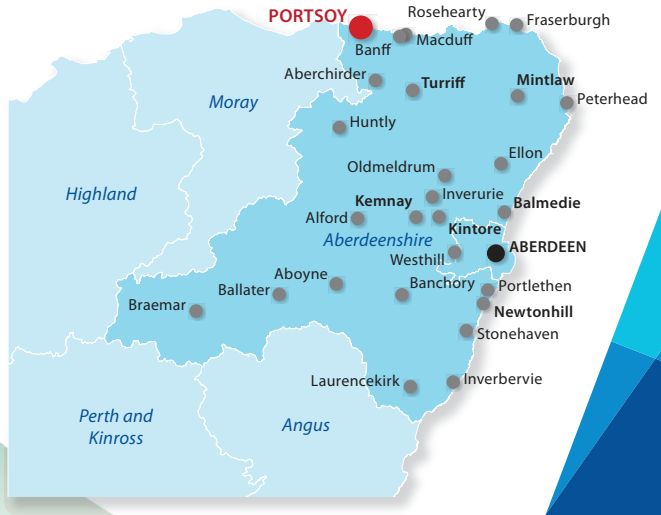

Walk it... Bike it... Try it!

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This map aims to simplify your journey around Portsoy, whether by cycle or walking.

We are committed to helping residents and visitors move around Portsoy easily, cheaply and with the least impact on our environment.

Our town has excellent links for walking and cycling!

Walking

Walking offers most of us the chance to stay fit and healthy and get around over short distances. It is pollution free and a sociable activity, allowing plenty of opportunities to bump into neighbours or to meet up with friends. Walking is usually the fastest and most efficient way of getting around town for those living locally and avoids all the frustration and delay of taking the car.

Cycling

The quickest way to travel short distances in towns is by bike. A maintained bike is ready when you are, with very little that can go wrong. A bike can nearly always be parked outside your destination. It's cheap and reliable plus you feel better by being a little active. And above all, it's fun!

Work out your calorie count when walking

Weight	10mins	20mins	30mins	40mins
7st 12lbs	29	58	86	115
9st 6lbs	35	69	104	138
11st 0lbs	40	81	121	161
12st 8lbs	46	92	138	184
14st 3lbs	52	104	156	208
15st 10lbs	58	115	173	231

The numbers show the calories burnt when walking, based on flat terrain which is of a good, consistent hard surface like a pavement. Numbers are based on an average person.
For more information, please visit www.nhs.uk/Change4Life

Aberdeenshire walking and cycling maps are freely available for most towns.
It's easy to get around by foot or on your bike – for a purpose or just for fun!

Walk 1 – Cliff East, Purple Route

Starting at the Old Harbour walk along Shorehead, turning left onto Shore Street passing the new harbour. Turn right uphill to follow Links Road passing the pebble beach and caravan park. Keep a look out in the Moray Firth as Bottlenose Dolphins are a common sight within the bay. When you reach the church continue along the coastal path leading to a grassy path. Continue to walk along the cliff path enjoying the views of Portsoy Bay. Loop back to return to Portsoy retracing your footsteps past the pebble beach and return to the harbour.

Walk 2 – Loch Soy, Green Route

Start at Loch Soy walk around the loch from the right and take the path at the top of the loch towards Portsoy Primary School. Join Aird Street and veer left to join Chapel Lane, continue along the street turning right at Chapel Street. Cross Seafield Street to join Church Street then turn left onto Shillinghill. Return to Seafield Street briefly before turning left to return to Loch Soy. Loch Soy used to be a larger loch created by a dam for a local mill, the area has now been regenerated to create the attractive park area. In the summer paddle boats are available to hire on the loch.

Walk 3 – Old Harbour, Orange Route

Starting at the Old Harbour walk along Shorehead, turning left onto Shore Street passing the new harbour. Turn right uphill to follow Links Road passing the pebble beach and caravan park. On reaching the church turn right to follow St Comb's Road uphill above the caravan site. Turn Left onto Institute Street then quickly take the right onto Church Street to return to the Old Harbour.

Walk 4 – Around the Bay, Pink Route

Starting at the Old Harbour walk along Shorehead, turning left onto Shore Street passing the new harbour. Turn right uphill to follow Links Road passing the pebble beach and caravan park. Keep a look out in the Moray Firth as Bottlenose Dolphins are a common sight within the bay. When you reach the church continue along the coastal path leading to a grassy path. Follow this path turning right continue following the track until you reach the main road taking a trail off to the right, this path will join Aird Street. Turn right onto Church Street and follow this street for a few minutes until you return to The Shore Inn and Old Harbour.

Walk 5 – Cliff West, Blue Route

Starting at the harbour walk along Shorehead until your reach The Shore Inn where you turn right onto Low Street. The Old Harbour was built in 1693 and hosts the annual Portsoy Traditional Boat Festival each summer. Continue until your turn right at Culbert Street, leading onto Cullen Street. Veer left and stay on Park Crescent taking the route slightly uphill. This road will continue uphill to pass fields. Passing the holiday cottage to your left continue along the track following the cliffs and looping back to Portsoy. Briefly re-join the road passing Target Road and then continue along the path leading to Marine Terrace. Take the small path to the left which joins Barbank Street. Keep left and follow the path downhill to return to the Harbour.

Portsoy

minutes 15

minutes 5 Walking distance is based on 3mph therefore 5 min = 440yds

minutes 5 Cycling distance is based on 12mph therefore 5 min = 1mile

18th century harbourside pub

Salmon Bothy Museum

The Salmon Bothy museum is where you can find out about the history of salmon fishing, boatbuilding.

Old Portsoy Harbour

The old Portsoy harbour is distinctive with the horizontal walls rather than vertical stone, these echo the natural rock formations along this stretch of coastline.

Portsoy Marble

Portsoy is also renowned for its marble which is polished red and green serpentine. This has been used in grand mansions and castles all over the world; most notably the Palace of Versailles.

Did you know...

The movie Whiskey Galore (2016) Was filmed on location in Portsoy using many local residents as extras.

Portsoy harbour

see Inset below for continuation of Cliff East route (Walk 1)

see Inset below for continuation of Cliff West route (Walk 5)

minutes 10

minutes 5

Swimming Pool (Disused)

Westerwards Croft

Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses

New Harbour

Old Harbour

Seatown

Portsoy Salmon Bothy

Links Bay

Portsoy Beach

Portsoy Links Caravan Park

Rosehall Croft

Police

Library

Fire Station

Cemetery

Portsoy Church Centre

War Memorial

St John The Baptist Episcopal Church

Town Hall

Post Office

Portsoy Parish Church

Recreation Ground

Portsoy Sports Centre

Portsoy Bowling Club

The Soy

Recreation Ground

Portsoy Primary School

Burn of Durn

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NCN National Route 1

A98

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Public car park
- Landmark building
- Footpath
- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 3
- Route 4
- Route 5
- National Cycle Route 1

Heights in metres: 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60

Walk 5

Scottish Traditional Boat Festival

Annually in June, the town of Portsoy stages the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival welcoming up to 16,000 people each year! It places special emphasis on boat building, restoration and sailing, but it also showcases a wide range of local arts, crafts, music and food.

Portsoy Boat Festival

Walk 1

Scale 1:5,217
0 100 200 300 400 500 600 Metres
0 100 200 300 400 500 600 Yards

For more information on walking, cycling and transport initiatives visit the Aberdeenshire Council transportation pages at
www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/transportation

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