

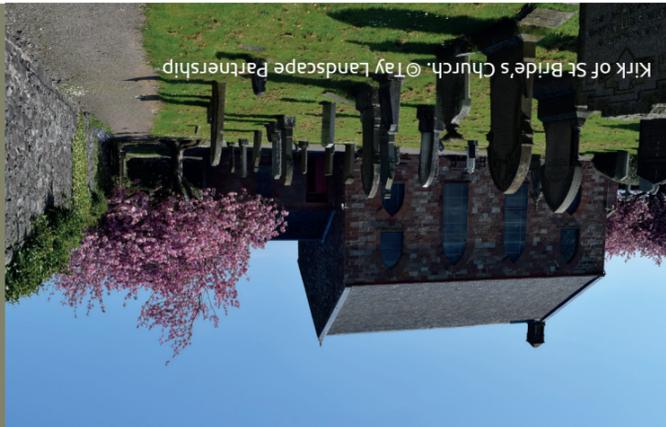
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- respect the interests of other people
- care for the environment.

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Discover the glens, woodlands, hills and history of one of Perthshire's best kept secrets – Abernethy. The landscape in and around the town has an expansive history, from the prehistoric Iron Age to the Roman occupation and medieval Christian times beyond. Don't forget to admire the spectacular views of the River Tay Valley.



View from Castle Law. ©PKHT

**Abernethy**  
Abernethy was once an ancient Pictish power centre and has a long Christian history dating back to the 5th century AD. The Celtic word *aber* means confluence; the Nethy Burn passes through the village on its way to the River Earn, which in turn enters the Tay.

**Castle Law**

This hill is the site of an ancient Iron Age hillfort, the remnants of which can still be seen today. It may still have been in use in the 3rd century AD when the Romans were occupying a large fortress and naval port at Carpow on the River Tay, one mile north of Abernethy.



Castle Law. ©George Logan

EXPLORE OVER: 17 MILES / 28 KM

Explore over 17 miles / 28 km of paths in and around Abernethy, an ancient power centre of the Picts, and enjoy the area's historic and natural environment.



EXPLORE!  
in and around Abernethy



Museum of Abernethy. ©Tay Landscape Partnership

**Tay Valley**  
There is no more intriguing part of Scotland to discover than this Perthshire landscape. Here, you are never far from the surging River Tay and its meandering sister, the River Earn. As you explore, you will find the views are always changing. Discover soaring cliffs, fertile farmland, a Roman fortress and tales of witches. Visit Pictish hillforts, Victorian follies, clay-built houses and a historic city. Pause in picturesque villages, follow ancient royal routes, drift past reed beds, and wander in welcoming woodlands. The Tay landscape invites you to uncover its stories and its secrets. You can make your way easily to places of interest and enjoyment by road, path, cycle way and river.



Castle Law hillfort. ©PKHT

Discover over 17 miles / 28 km of routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders in and around the ancient Pictish power centre of Abernethy.

Paths can be adjusted to suit individual interests, time constraints and levels of fitness. Most can be linked to reveal a wide range of history and scenery.

DISTANCE TO ABERNETHY: EDINBURGH: 43 MILES / 69 KM

GLASGOW: 65 MILES / 105 KM

ABERDEEN: 93 MILES / 150 KM

PERTH: 9 MILES / 15 KM

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View of Abernethy From Castle Law. ©PKHT

ENJOY THE BEAUTY AND HISTORY OF ABERNETHY

Abernethy Round Tower. ©Graham Hood

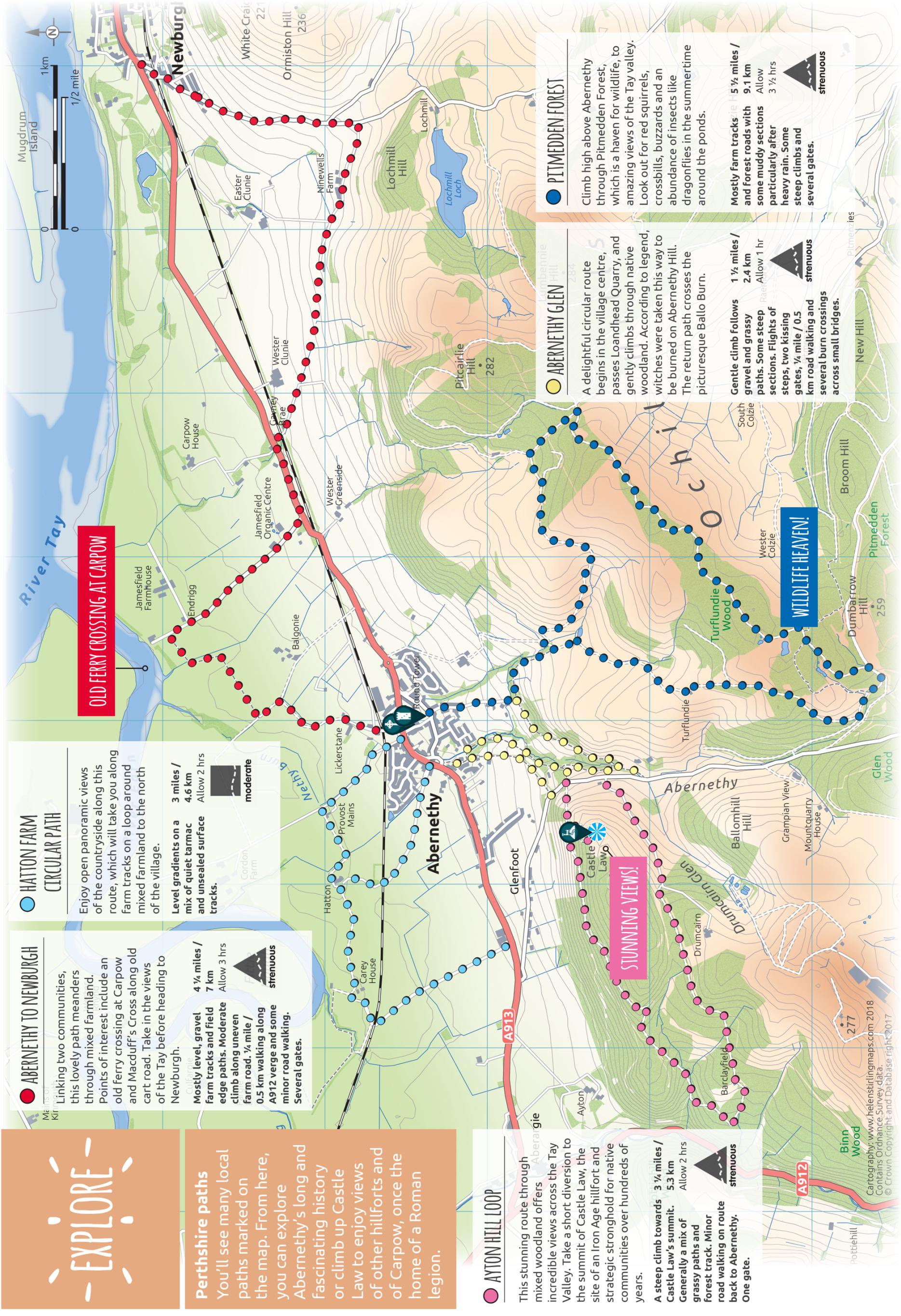


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# EXPLORE

**Perthshire paths**  
 You'll see many local paths marked on the map. From here, you can explore Abernethy's long and fascinating history or climb up Castle Law to enjoy views of other hillforts and of Carpow, once the home of a Roman legion.

**● ABERNETHY TO NEWBURGH**  
 Linking two communities, this lovely path meanders through mixed farmland. Points of interest include an old ferry crossing at Carpow and Macduff's Cross along old cart road. Take in the views of the Tay before heading to Newburgh.  
**4 ¼ miles / 7 km**  
 Allow 3 hrs  
**strenuous**  
 Mostly level, gravel farm tracks and field edge paths. Moderate climb along uneven farm road. ¼ mile / 0.5 km walking along A912 verge and some minor road walking. Several gates.

**● HATTON FARM CIRCULAR PATH**  
 Enjoy open panoramic views of the countryside along this route, which will take you along farm tracks on a loop around mixed farmland to the north of the village.  
**3 miles / 4.6 km**  
 Allow 2 hrs  
**moderate**  
 Level gradients on a mix of quiet tarmac and unsealed surface tracks.

**● AYTON HILL LOOP**  
 This stunning route through mixed woodland offers incredible views across the Tay Valley. Take a short diversion to the summit of Castle Law, the site of an Iron Age hillfort and strategic stronghold for native communities over hundreds of years.  
**3 ¼ miles / 5.3 km**  
 Allow 2 hrs  
**strenuous**  
 A steep climb towards Castle Law's summit. Generally a mix of grassy paths and forest track. Minor road walking on route back to Abernethy. One gate.

**STUNNING VIEWS!**

**WILDLIFE HEAVEN!**

**● ABERNETHY GLEN**  
 A delightful circular route begins in the village centre, and passes Loandhead Quarry, and gently climbs through native woodland. According to legend, witches were taken this way to be burned on Abernethy Hill. The return path crosses the picturesque Ballo Burn.  
**1 ½ miles / 2.4 km**  
 Allow 1 hr  
**strenuous**  
 Gentle climb follows gravel and grassy paths. Some steep sections. Flights of steps, two kissing gates, ¼ mile / 0.5 km road walking and several burn crossings across small bridges.

**● PITMEDDEN FOREST**  
 Climb high above Abernethy through Pitmedden Forest, which is a haven for wildlife, to amazing views of the Tay valley. Look out for red squirrels, crossbills, buzzards and an abundance of insects like dragonflies in the summertime around the ponds.  
**5 ½ miles / 9.1 km**  
 Allow 3 ½ hrs  
**strenuous**  
 Mostly farm tracks and forest roads with some muddy sections particularly after heavy rain. Some steep climbs and several gates.

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