

Newtonhill Walks



**Route Three (Orange)
Backburn Loop 1.56 miles**

What Three Words start point:

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<https://what3words.com/budgeted.kindness.inflates>

Google Maps start point:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/t8LnqEMTX4fdS8396>

Ordnance Survey route map:

<https://explore.osmaps.com/route/17865753/newtonhill-route-3--backburn-loop?lat=57.039454&lon=-2.145543&zoom=15.0042&style=Leisure&type=2d>

From the crossroads beneath the railway viaduct, take the road uphill, parallel with the train tracks.



Cross the railway bridge and pass a white house on the left then take a wide farm track to your right, opposite a telegraph pole and grit bin. It is marked as Backburn on Google Maps and there is a small signpost.



The track re-crosses the railway at another bridge before heading between farm buildings - sometimes there are Highland cows to be seen here.



The path descends towards another set of farm buildings (*look out for the waymarked start of Route Four on the left*) – where it swings right to head south along the coast back towards the village.

Go past a wide gate (there is a narrower set of gates to the left if it is closed) and continue gently uphill. There are good views from here of the turbines of the Kincardine floating wind farm, hailed when it was built as the biggest of its kind in the world.

As the track bears up and right and you reach a fork, take the smaller path to the left between gorse bushes.



At the end of the sometimes overgrown path is a metal gate that only opens a short way. Keep on along a path between gorse and a fence, with great views across the village and down to Muchalls opening up as you go. At a gate swing right, passing an outbuilding and then some houses on the right and returning to the paved road. Turn left to return to the viaduct.