

Against the Flow

Anne Murray – March 2013 – June 2013

Day 1	Banff to Eden	Highlight	Watch out for
1	I was dropped off at Bridge Road	Headed north towards the sand banks to see where the river meets the sea	Easy walking, it is not possible to pass under the bridge going against the flow in a S direction
2	I made my way back onto Bridge Road and crossed the A98 (very busy road) towards the Golf club	Make your way through the scrubby hedge to the golf course in a southerly direction follow the old path (some markers are visible on the fence)	It's not possible to walk right beside the riverside as very marshy. Watch out for disgruntled golfers and balls.
3	I walked as far as the Golf Hut/Bothy, it got harder to walk beside the river due to scrub and changed my mind deciding to head back over the same route north to the bridge and then through the distillery to establish whether it was possible to navigate the river on the east side.	There is a clear pathway up until the farm house, some nice commemorative trees, the possibility of climbing up to the standing stones and glimpses of the folly on the island	I got as far as the farm and met the farmer, it's not easy to head over Montcoffer wood hill, there was cattle on the field and no clear path. I followed the ridge of the hill and kept the river in view so I didn't go too far off of finding the track down the other side. DO NOT ADVISE this route towards Eden.
4	I eventually found the old track down to the Alvah Bridge but it was not easy to pass, lots of wall, fence and gate climbing	There is a good view down to the pots north of the Alvah Bridge	Not easy to find the path between the farm and the bridge through the forest, would not recommend this side of the river.
5	As I was on the East side at Alvah, and I couldn't find a way across the river other than the Alvah Bridge, I continued on the East side of the River to Eden	Alvah Bridge is lovely, if you head off the path down to the pots, it is possible to get a better view of the bridge and down to river level, nice for a picnic.	Frustratingly there is a good path that makes its way from Alvah Bridge right to Turriff on the West side of the river. I didn't manage to see how to get to the start of it. The start can be seen from the riverside at the River Alvah. I think there must be an entrance from the higher Duff House path that takes you towards the Bridge. Further investigation would have to be done. This is one of three points in the Banff to Turriff route that would need to be addressed in order for a

			walk to be possible from both towns beside the river.
6	I continued on the East side of the river from Alvah Bridge, towards Eden	There are some very pretty parts of this route, especially a lovely old bridge over a tributary	However, there were quite a few electrified fences, very narrow sections where it was difficult to walk without going into a field due to erosion and general scrub. Some parts that are fished are a joy to walk on, but on this side this is patchy, frustratingly the West side is much better.
7	Approaching the King Edward Burn I went through the field towards the main road National 1 Cycle route	A benefit of going on the East side was coming across the Eden Garden Centre where I got a lovely tea and cake. I felt awkward crossing 'private' land at this point, but the family were lovely and gave me some back ground on the route and area.	The West side would have been easier to navigate, the path looked so good....

Day 2	Eden to Turriff	Highlight	Watch out for
1	I got dropped off at Eden Plants to make my way towards Turriff.	This is a lovely part of the route, starting at the Plant centre and walking on the National 1 Cycle route towards Turriff.	Head off the Road when you reach parallel to Wood of Shaws on the map and you'll see a moss covered stone wall and track which takes you down to the side of the River.
2	Continue South along the lovely fishing path, towards the SEPA water Bridge	This is a lovely easy walk most of the way along, you can see some of the geology as well as erosion.	I met the scout leaders from Turriff here and they advised yodelling under the water bridge! I advised not continuing along the East side of the river! They later emailed me and said that I was right!
3	At the water bridge, move from the West side to the East side of the River as recommended by the Scout leaders.	Yodel, sing or shout under the bridge it is definitely worth it!	Once you reach the Lower Shaw Pool you'll find the commemoration stone of Clementina (Tiny) Morison, who caught the record heaviest fresh water salmon in Britain !in 1924. A title she still holds
4	I continued to follow the river around all its convolutions towards Turriff	I spotted a huge amount of Hooper swans on the Rack Haugh after the bridge	The Haugh would be difficult to pass if there was a high tide or after heavy snow melt or rain. There were some bits I had difficulty getting across and was glad I had my Nordic poles with me!
5	Mountblairy	Mountblairy is lovely; there is a lovely bridge as you reach its boundary. if you have time head up to the Mausoleum. The pots, sign positing and fishing areas are well kept and pretty	Watch out for anglers casting their lines if you are walking during the week or on Saturdays. There is no fishing allowed on Sundays in Scotland. Always take care choosing when to walk, having seen the height the river can get to, (well over 6ft above the path) I don't think this is an all year around route, probably best autumn through to early spring.
6	Forglen	Once you've passed the House and are back onto the Track this is a	Forglen riverside path approaching from the North is not very inviting. The area

		<p>very pleasant route to walk, from the Lord Banff's Rock to about a Kilometre before Turriff it is clear walking/fishing tracks.</p>	<p>below the house is almost impossible to pass. I wish I had Claudia's Guerrilla walking kit with me as some of the fallen trees, fences and poor drainage was really difficult to navigate</p>
7	Approach to Deveron Bridge	<p>It was sooooo good to see the bridge as I knew my lift was waiting and they'd be wondering where I was. I had been on the phone saying I'm almost there and I would come along to yet another bend and still have a while to go</p>	<p>From about a Kilometre North of the Bridge the path is good on the East side and non-existent on the West (the side I was walking on). It showed me just what a difference the Angling makes to the side of the river. On one had there is less trees, birds and animals around and as a result unnaturally quiet but on the other the anglers have a good route to walk, although it is not obvious to many that the general members of the public are welcome too.</p>
8	Deveron Bridge	<p>I walked along the riverside as well as crossing over into the farmers' field on this last section as it was really tricky to navigate.</p>	<p>There are signs of Giant Hogweed and other weeds. It is likely to be impassable during the summer. Perhaps that is what land owners want?</p> <p>There have been newspaper reports to say that Black faced sheep are being brought in to address the Giant Hogweed and weed problems along the riverside.</p>

Day 3	Turriff to Inverkeithny	Highlight	Watch out for
1	I got dropped off at the Deveron Bridge again, this time walking with the Past Chair of the Turriff and District Heritage Society. As the river takes a West hand turn at this point we were now walking on the North of the river heading in a Westerly direction.	Being joined by someone on the walk brought a different feel to the experience; I took fewer photos and did more talking. We negotiated routes and went off piste to explore other places. Some interesting stories came out about Elephants being buried on road sides, parish boundary stones and witches.	Again this route from the bridge to the first of the fishing trails would be difficult to pass in the summer as the weeds below our feet would make it almost impossible to pass.
2	We climbed up to Kirkton Church remains. On the map it is on the North side of the river roughly north of the Muireisk Haugh	Pretty churchyard with some really old stones and carvings, the piper Sergeant George Frederick Findlater VC (16 February 1872 – 4 March 1942) was a Scottish soldier in the British Army , who was awarded the Victoria Cross , Britain's highest award for gallantry, for his role in the Tirah Campaign . On 20 October 1897, Findlater, then a junior piper in the Gordon Highlanders , was shot in the feet during an advance against opposing defences at the Battle of the Dargai Heights ; unable to walk, and exposed to enemy fire, he continued playing, to encourage the battalion's advance. The event was widely covered in the press, making Findlater a public hero. is buried here	When we were walking further along the river at Burnend we were stopped by farmers as it was lambing time. My companion for the day had her dog with her so they were especially cautious and on another day they probably wouldn't have said anything.
3	Carnousie Fishings	We stopped here and	Some parts of the track on

		had our lunch in the Fishing Bothy, two lovely seats awaited.	the South side looked passable, but not continuously along the riverside. It's hard to say which side would be better.
4	Berry Hill area the river is now flowing north and we are on the West side before it turns Westerly and we're on the North side again	A beautiful area but not much of a path, there are lovely scenic views of the river and undulating countryside.	This area is patchy field, scrub and paths so not that easy to walk on although it looks a lot better than the Wood of Craigbrae side which is a sheer vertical drop and covered in trees.
5	Berry Hill to Netherdale House, where we were met between Damfolds and Home Farm of Netherdale on the main road.	We make our way along the route joining the fishing paths and met some anglers at Netherdale. They come up from Yorkshire once a year on the same week and stay in Huntly, this season has been quite late apparently.	Due to time restrictions we had to find our way back onto a main road. There is little to no signal in this area. We phoned from the riverside and made our way up the hill to Netherdale House, where there was no signal. My rucksack also fell into the Deveron at this point where I got a bit wet rescuing it, luckily the river was clear, with flat stones and shallowish (knee height) where I went in. All was fine and rescued everything
6	Netherdale to Inverkeithny – I did this stretch on another day with Bruce and the Dog so I could start in Inverkeithny on the next full walk day.	As the route on the North side was difficult to get to and there was no obvious way of getting back to Inverkeithny I walked from Inverkeithny as far along the south side as possible towards Netherdale. We got stuck at a stream south of Netherdale House on the South side of the river and followed the boundary up to the top of the hill until we met the Road again. We heard a lovely Skylark at the top of the hill, which was a lovely bonus after getting to the top.	This is not an easy stretch, probably better to follow the Roads from Deveron Bridge near Turriff to the south of the River, you would turn off the National 1 after travelling through Turriff and then turn onto the B9024. The route would then follow a combination of farm tracks and the B9024 road to Inverkeithny. The road climbs up quite high, but the views at the top of the Logg Wood road are beautiful.
7	Logg Wood to Inverkeithny	Walking down the B9024 towards	It is so sad to see the abandoned houses, although

		<p>Inverkeithny you could see what a pretty area this was and how beautiful it had been. There are some amazing houses, a shop, farm cottages, a school and a library which have since been abandoned but it was all a lovely community at some point.</p>	<p>there was worse to come later on in the walk.</p>
8	<p>I was picked up at Inverkeithny Church</p>	<p>I met my lift at the church and we had a good look around the church yard. Another closed church only open by appointment and for special services.</p>	<p>Watch out for the tractor drivers coming quickly around blind corners, he was a bit wild! I guess not that many people or cars take this road.</p>

Day 4	Inverkeithny to Mayen	Highlight	Watch out for
1	Starting in Inverkeithny village parking beside the church. Making your way towards the Kemlin Pot.	Lovely clay soil sample collected here at the river side, easy to walk along for a while until I reached the woods shown on the map to the south of St John's Well. where you should head up the hill around the back and then back down towards the river,	I tried to get down to the river beside the church but ended up walking down East side of the field after the Bridge over the Keithny Burn. There is a good gate for climbing over and the field is quite flat towards the river. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO walk along the river side after you meet the wood. It was no fun at all and I was wondering if I'd get out alive!
2	Kemlin to Wardwell	A relatively easy route, not on a path most of the way but at the side of the river beside the fields	Some erosion where some of the fencing has come away.
3	Wardwell to Auchingoul	Some lovely fishing tracks and picnic benches along this route and a nice view to Wallace's camp on the East side..	The path on the East side of the river peters out after this point and it would be difficult to pass. You would be coming into Kinnairdy Castle grounds.
4	Auchingoul to Bridge of Marnoch	There is a lovely route towards the Bridge of Marnoch. One of my favourite bothys is at Marnoch Lodge. Apparently it was shipped up from the South Coast possibly Brighton or so the gossip goes.	Unfortunately it is not possible to walk in front of the Marnoch lodge and under the bridge West towards Craighead. I had to walk up through the lodge grounds (which when you approach from the A97 says no entry, private! I walked up over the Bridge of Marnoch and then attempted to get down onto the riverside at various points between the bridge and Marnoch.
5	Bridge of Marnoch to Old Manse of Marnoch	This is a lovely area	Follow the road over the Bridge and follow the B9117 road to Marnoch. I tried to get down to the riverside at various points – beside the bridge on both sides, along the path by the electricity station, at Braehead and the Kirkyard (got down to the

			riverside but couldn't cross the stream.) I finally got back down after the Old Manse of Marnoch.
6	Old Bridge of Marnoch to Tower Hill	Such a pretty area with the most beautiful House at House of Glennie, looks Arts and Crafts Style, beautiful walks and clear access around this area. As you navigate around Tower Hill you realise you are on a peninsula and there are no car sounds nor many people.	No real issues here, just so pretty. There is an amazing Bridge at around Spur Brae and there is obvious Riparian planting beside the river with trails for people to walk across as well. I saw my first Frogs/toads here so far on this walk, it was really exciting.
7	Tower Hill to Mains of Mayen	When I reached Tower Hill I was aware of my time and that I was going to be picked up within the next half hour. So I headed up the path towards Mains of Mayen and back onto the B9117.	I should have stayed on the path marked but decided to follow the field boundaries, this still took me to the track between Tower Hill and Mains of Mayen, but was a harder route, I would follow the winding path to the track instead the next time.
8	Mains of Mayen	My aim was to get to Rothiemay this day, but time didn't allow, I did however start the next day from this point at Mains of Mayen and continued back along to Rothiemay and onto Huntly on the next walking day.	Some of the tracks are not fishing paths and have not been maintained, making some bits a bit tricky to pass where there has been erosion or weeds not cut, but generally this is a lovely area which could be walked all the way from Inverkeithny to Huntly is so desired.

Day 5	Mayen to Huntly	Highlight	Watch out for
1	Dropped off at Mains of Mayen to Milltown of Rothiemay	This is a lovely walk mainly on paths or flat ground, we were walking in June and even with wild flowers/weeds it was passable. I walked this part of the route with Diane Smith.	There are some interesting architectural features on the walk up toward the Milltown of Rothiemay. A bridge that doesn't have a road (possibly Queen Mary's Bridge), a wall that keeps nothing in, a building without a purpose. Apparently there was also a castle, but it is no longer there.
2	Milltown of Rothiemay	This is a very pretty village with a pub (not always open) and a shop (where you can get a coffee and hot chocolate and basic provisions) if you have time there is a stone beside the B9117 that is at the North end of the village.	The 'path' takes you under the Bridge and you have to cross the Laid for the Mill and come up beside the pub – since doing the walk the laid has been improved to prevent further flooding in the village, I'm not sure how easy it will be to cross now that this is in place. The route now takes you through the village as it was not possible to follow the route of the river where the laid has been so we walked through the village and then onto the B9118, towards Huntly .
3	Rothiemay to Bridge of Isla	Follow the B9118 until you reach the junction with the B9022. The route takes you along the side of the River Isla, it is not possible to walk along the river side nor cross the river Isla and Deveron to get onto the route South to Huntly. Stay on the road until you've crossed the Bridge of Isla.	You can see lovely fishing paths on the East side of the River Isla, but we were unable to get to them from the Rothiemay direction.
4	Bridge of Isla to the Deveron Viaduct	We followed the road until we could start to see the river again and Avochie House in the distance. It was not easy to get down to the	Again the paths look good on the Eastside on the Avochie Estate, but the ones after the forest towards the Railway bridge were very pleasant, probably where sheep were

		riverside, we walked off the road into the forest where the road turns south and made our way along through the trees.	grazed. There was what looked like an old pedestrian bridge across the river to the North of the Viaduct, although we decided it was not safe enough to cross, although I subsequently heard Stuart McAdam went over it but almost regretted doing it!
5	Deveron Viaduct to the conflux of Bogie and Deveron Rivers	There is pretty much a good track all the way along from the Viaduct towards the Conflux.	There is no path after the conflux and I'd recommend coming off the river at Huntly Lodge Farm and walk down the entrance to the Elgin Bridge from the Castle Hotel
6	Conflux to Elgin Bridge, Huntly	Contrary to public belief this is not the old road to Elgin, but a bridge dedicated to Lord Elgin. There is folklore to suggest that the river has been diverted to that the then Lairds House could see the river at the bottom of its gardens.	The route from the Conflux to the Elgin Bridge is not a good one, we struggled to get past in points and had to go down onto the sand beside the river, if the river was high we would have struggled to cross due to the rocks beside the river. What has been a path has been allowed to grow over, been filled with boulders and not really passable.

Day 6	Huntly to Aswanly	Highlight	Watch out for
1	I walked with Claudia Zeiske today starting from Elgin Bridge, Huntly to Gibston Bridge	There is a well worn path from Elgin Bridge around the Coopers Park and the Haughs towards the Bridge of Gibston.	The path runs past the Huntly Nordic Ski Centre where British Nordic Cross Country Ski team members in Scotland train. When you get to the Bridge you can either walk up the steps or under the bridge continue under the bridge.
2	Gibston Bridge to Dunbennan Kirk	The route here is quieter and not nearly as well trodden, although it would be a great place to come for summer swimming, really shallow and slow moving	Some improvements of the riverside have been made which are part of a range of flood defence constructions due to the flooding in 2009 and earlier. Follow the path around the new defences and then follow the path towards Dunbennan Kirk.
3	Dunbennan Kirk	There is a stile and path towards Dunbennan Kirk from the riverside, follow it towards the kirk and around to the back of it and into the Cemetery. There are some interesting stones and stonemason markers.	The route from the riverside to the path was over grown and full of nettles and cow parsley, but we tramped on.
4	Dunbennan Kirk to Inschtammack bridge	There is a clear track and route from Dunbennan Kirk towards Inschtammack and a lovely footbridge across the river. Look out for the fishing bothys and when we were there loads of butterflies and insects as all the wild flowers were in full bloom.	We may have been able to walk along the North Side of the river from this point all the way around to Cairnford Bridge, but we decided to stick to the South and East Side as it went around Dunbennan Wood.
5	Inschtammack Bridge to Cairnford Bridge	There is a possibility to walk on both sides of the river at this point of the route, but we decided to stick to the same side. We came out at the Cairnford farm track crossing the	The path was un-passable at some points so we then walked in the fields, beware of Cattle, especially with young and young heifers, they are particularly dangerous if you get between the calf and the mum, or

		field beside the road A920.	spook them.
6	Cairnford Bridge to Aswanly	After investigating the area beside the river near the Bridge on the East side we decided to stick to the road to the Artloch Fishery and would look for a point to get back to the river further up the road.	The road was fine and quiet and we met quite a few people we knew on the route in cars either coming or going from Huntly. We finally accepted a lift from Aswanly back to Huntly as we were having trouble with phone signals to find an alternative route home.

Day 7	Cairnford Bridge to Walla Kirk	Highlight	Watch out for
1	<p>Cairnford Bridge to St Ann's Well.</p> <p>I walked with Jake Williams from Robs Nook at Cairnford Bridge we started on the East side of the river but eventually decided to take the Northernly side as the previous days walk had highlighted the lack of path beside the river.</p>	<p>Once we got passed the marshy area of the route that runs parallel to the A920 there were some lovely pathways</p>	<p>I would recommend walking along the road past the turnoff for the Falconry Centre and towards Milton of Cairnbarrow to start this part of the walk, taking the steps down off the road across the lade and then onwards. The route parallel to the A920 is very boggy and over grown particularly in the Summer.</p>
2	<p>St Ann's Well to Aswanly</p>	<p>This is a lovely stretch and we even spooked a Deer. Aswanly looks lovely with its horse trial jumps and the possibility of a bridge as a trailer is there for crossing the water and further on bridge posts that could be reinstated.</p>	<p>There was a lot of Erosion at St Ann's well and it was difficult to get over the fence and past this area. I was glad of the help of Jake and his friend as otherwise I would have had to backtrack and get over the fence some other place.</p>
3	<p>Aswanly to Blairmore</p>	<p>This area is really pretty, lovely rolling hills to the sides of the river. One of my favourite bothies is here at Invermarkie where there is a red railway carriage decked out with candelabras.</p>	<p>However, I wouldn't recommend walking here during the summer as the weeks particularly nettles and Giant Hogweed were particularly bad. My knees will never be the same again having gone through all the stinging things!</p>
4	<p>Blairmore to Glass War Memorial</p>	<p>We came back onto the main road at the mill and walked along towards Haugh of Glass and onwards to Edinglassie.</p>	<p>There isn't really a path beside the river, the river has been altered to form a lade at Blairmore and there isn't really a route close to the river to walk along beside Invermarkie Lodge. The road is quiet and easy to walk along, a nice break from stinging nettles.</p>
5	<p>Glass War Memorial to Park Haugh Bridge</p>	<p>At the War Memorial cross the bridge over Markie Water and South towards Edinglassie Mains</p>	<p>Stay on the road here, the route takes you down to the junction and take the easterly side where you can see the bridge over the river. Don't cross the river but take the</p>

			path down to the right and follow around to the riverside.
6	Park Haugh Bridge to Walla Kirk	This is a pretty area beside the river and takes you towards Walla Kirk, due to timings we came off of the riverside route and were picked up at the Walla Kirk.	Again mobile phone reception was an issue and I walked up the Hill of Dumeath to pick up a weak signal. I had been advised that the Beldorney estate were not too keen with people walking over their estate so the next days walking would be on the Easterly side of the river starting at Auchinhandoch.

Day 8	Auchinhandoch to Cabrach	Highlight	Watch out for
1	Auchinhandoch to Succoth I was dropped off at Auchinhandoch, on the East side of the river and was aiming to get to The Cabrach	This days walk was one of my favourite as the landscapes changed so much, also it was such a nice day very pleasantly warm and the smell of Broom was delicious	Follow the farm tracks, apparently the three or four farms on the East side of the River use them frequently to get between their farms so they are quite clearly defined, I was able to walk quite freely with only a couple of spots causing any difficulties.
2	Succoth to Tomnaven	After Succoth as I came over the hill I could see that there was a clear field towards the River which would be passable. This allowed me to get down to the riverside again and see the old ford and mills	Just watch out for what is in the field and when crossing fields walk don't run, uneven ground can be disastrous if you're going downhill at high speed! I managed to stay upright this time.
3	Tomnaven to Grouse Inn	A lovely route for walking on a summer's day. The path is clearly marked across the fields and has paths that are easy to find. A good family walk. You can either follow the road around to Lesmurdie House and past the Acorn centre or carry on the track to the Grouse Inn	Beware at Waterside the area gets covered in nettles in the summer and it's where I managed to fall into a big pile climbing over the fence. Beautiful spot for a picnic at Crooked Pot before the Mill at Backhill Gouls Watch for the path towards the bridge that takes you to the Grouse Inn bridge across the River. I missed it and had to double backThe Bridge and track brings you out at Nether Ardwell. Be careful navigating between the river and the A941 road, it is a tricky incline, but passable. The road is quite fast used by timber trucks, cyclists, motor cycles, tractors and Sunday Drivers, all have their own way of trying to knock you down.
4	Grouse Inn to Bridge of King's Ford	The Grouse Inn is a good spot to finish or a stopping point for a bowl of soup or a high	Keep an eye out for the water testing station and the Bridge memorial stone. Just before the bridge, the road splits,

		<p>tea. The route between the Inn and Kings Bridge is equally passable on the road or the field beside the road, I went through the field so I could walk on the river side rather than with my back to traffic.</p>	<p>the high road follows the line of the river towards the conflux. The lower road takes you around the main route to the abandoned Cabrach village. If you are heading to the conflux of the Allt Deveron where it meets the Milltown Burn stay on the high road.</p> <p>As I was being picked up at the village and was doing the conflux route later that day I decided to follow the road round to the left and go over the King's Ford Bridge.</p>
5	Bridge of King's Ford to The abandoned Cabrach Village	<p>Follow the A941 round to the south East and walk along the road side. It is not really passable on the riverside being both marshy and covered in woodland.</p> <p>I was picked up from the Cabrach village there are a few parking spaces if you wanted to do a day walk from here.</p>	<p>Watch out for the gates of the Bank Farm and Auchmair, quite unsettling and then when you reach the sign for the Cabrach Church you're at what was the Market Stance you can see the Post office, post box, telephone box, School, houses and the old Cabrach Kirk. All abandoned. The Kirk has an annual service in August.</p> <p>The largest hill you see in the distance is called The Buck and is 721m high.</p>

Day 9	Cabrach Village to the Source of River Deveron	Highlight	Watch out for
1	Village Post Office to Cabrach Church I parked at the village Post Office and made my way towards the Cabrach Church	The church is very pretty and a host of information can be found in the graveyard about the families who once stayed in the area	Look out for the farm names mentioned like Powneed, Aldivalloch, Bodiebae which are now all abandoned and line the route of the Allt Deveron. The house across from the church is Deveron House.
2	Cabrach Church over the Bridge over Allt Deveron to Powneed bridge	Cross the bridge and on the south side scramble down the side of the bridge to the West of the Allt into the field. The route here is quite passable and the Allt can be followed along until the Powneed bridge where you'll join a path.	Follow the West side of the Allt past the mill and more abandoned houses. The area is covered in a type of Machiar with bog cotton, signs of bog cutting and some quarrying. The soil is very red full of iron oxide and at one point is steep down towards the Allt.
3	Powneed to the Source of the Allt Deveron	It is possible to walk along the side of the river, but probably only advisable in dry weather as the ground was still quite boggy.	Look out for the abandoned farms of Bodiebae, Little Bodiebae and Bracklach The source of the Allt is marked with a cairn of white quartz stones. It was not possible to cross the Allt as the bridge had been removed.
4	Allt Deveron to source of Burn of Rochford	The Allt Deveron is created from the conflux of the Burn of Rochford, Burn of Hillocks, Burn of Bank, Burn of Smalisaughs, Burn of Westlewie and many other run offs from the Buck and Creag na Gamhna	Due to time restraints I was unable to complete this part of the route, but aim to return. I know of others that have taken the route up to the Creag na Gamhna. There are various debates as to where the source actually is.
5	Return to Cabrach Village	I returned over the Powneed bridge to the North of the river and followed the road and tracks along to Cabrach House.	There is route past the end of the driveway of Cabrach House (the one that says private) and also there is a route to the East back towards the A941 and around towards the village

			approaching from the East.
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	Midsummer's Solstice Walk	Highlights	Watch out for
1	Bridge of Kings Ford to Kiln Hillocks	This is the high road which gives you a great view of the River Deveron toward its source and conflux between the Milltown Burn and the Allt Deveron	You can follow the high road track or follow the line of the hill down to the riverside, we found a ridge of trees that we followed past Torniechelt and then made our way down to the riverside towards the conflux.
2	Conflux of Allt Deveron and Milltown Burn	This was a lovely spot as the sun was going down on the longest day, the rain stopped and the sun came through creating a rich warm colour and soft evening.	It was quite wet underfoot and willies could have been useful, but walking boots were fine as it was still relatively dry.
3	Milltown Burn to Milltown	After we toasted the river and I did the reply to the river we followed the route to the West of the Milltown Burn towards Milltown and back to the car we'd left at the Cabrach Village	The route towards the Milltown was very wet and we moved away from the Burnside to higher ground so as to stay dryer. The moon was now high in the sky with the sun setting. At Milltown we were greeted with yet more empty and abandoned houses which was quite a sad end to a beautiful walk and day.