



Culter Explorer

A brief guide to walks around Peterculter

Our Village

Culter, short for Peterculter, is a few kilometres west of Aberdeen, where the Culter burn meets the River Dee. It developed because of its paper mill and the Deeside Railway, which have disappeared into history. Yet, Culter remains a thriving community, set in beautiful countryside. For more information about the history of Culter, visit www.culter.net and for more information about what is happening in Culter today, visit the Culter Community Council website at www.cultercc.org.uk.

The purpose of the **Culter Explorer** is to help both residents and visitors to enjoy this countryside by walking

the many paths around the village. For access rights and responsibilities under the Scottish Outdoor Access Code visit:

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Front cover shows Rob Roy, spectacularly sited in the gorge of Culter Burn. He is the fifth generation of the ship's figurehead which first guarded the western approach to Culter about 1850.



1 Front cover: Rob Roy MacGregor is a legendary figure in Scots history, famed for leaping a river to escape enemy troops. There have been several statues over the years; this one was installed in 2017, wearing the ancient MacGregor tartan.



2 Culter War Memorial

Access is via a path behind Borsalino's restaurant.



3 The Heritage Centre

(formerly St Peter's Church) is located at the start of Lover's Walk. It is open in the summer and displays many items depicting Culter's history.



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Lover's Walk

provides beautiful views of the River Dee. It starts at the Heritage Centre and ends at Pittengullies, where you can join the Railway line for a circular walk.



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Path near Easter Anguston Farm

Old Railway Line

The line ran from Aberdeen to Ballater and was dismantled during the Beeching cuts in the 1960s. It has been renamed the Deeside Way.

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Path on Hill of Ardbeck

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The highest point in Culter,

with a panoramic view of the Deeside hills – Kerloch, Clachnaben, Mt Battock and Hill of Fare.



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Path on Newmill Hill.



10 Shoddy Bridge.

The pre-turnpike road from Aberdeen to Tarland crossed the Leuchar Burn over this bridge, built in 1710. The low parapet gave clearance to horse panniers. The road is called the Shoddy, after the nearby Waulkmill where woollen clothes were recycled 200 years ago.



Mysterious Belskavie Tower,

reputed to be a watch-tower for Drum Castle and possibly the site of a signal station for the Romans at the nearby Normandykes Roman camp.

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