




26 ANGUS AUCHMITHIE TO ARBROATH

▶ Distance: 6 miles/10km ▶ Time: 3 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate 

View from the clifftop path near Point 3.



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With names like the De'il's Head, the

Forbidden Cave or Mermaid's Kirk, the cliffs along the coast between Arbroath and Auchmitie are redolent of history and legend. They are also a geologist's dream, sculpted by the sea and wind into stacks, sea caves and fantastical sandstone shapes. The clifftop fishing village of Auchmitie is where the famous Arbroath smokies were invented, and you can eat them at the whitewashed But'n'Ben restaurant there – or fresh from the kiln round the harbour in Arbroath. Energetic walkers could hike all the way from Arbroath to Auchmitie

and back; the views are certainly worth it. This route starts instead by catching bus 140 from Arbroath to Auchmitie (there are currently buses at 10.20am, 12.34pm or 2.10pm) and ends with a wander round Arbroath Abbey.

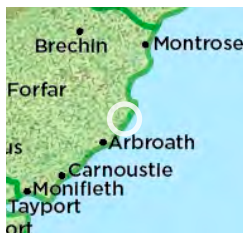
1 Start

From bus stop walk back along road towards Arbroath, past chapel. Opposite playground, turn L at coast path sign and walk past Old School House. Just before row of cottages, turn R onto fenced path and follow it along clifftop with sea on L for two miles.

2 2¼ miles/3.5km

Reaching a three-way signpost, turn sharp L down

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Village Hall bus stop in Auchmitie village. Parking nearby or near Arbroath bus station, postcode DD11 5SY, grid ref NO678442

Is it for me? Clear, level paths, well waymarked. One climb down a long flight of steps and one climb up

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Arbroath

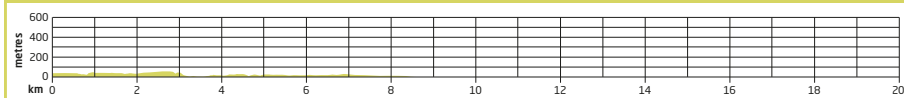
Refreshments But'n'Ben restaurant, Auchmitie (01241 877243). Choice in Arbroath at the end

Public toilets In Auchmitie near start or Victoria Park near Point 4

Public transport Bus 140 from Arbroath bus station to Auchmitie. Arbroath is on the railway from Aberdeen to Edinburgh and beyond

Maps OS Explorer 382; Landranger 54

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steps onto beach, following sign to Arbroath. At foot of steps, keep straight through bracken towards sea and turn R along path just above beach. At the far end of beach, admire rocky arch known as Castle Gate. Then double back up gentle grassy path and turn L up more steps to cliff-top.

3 **2¼ miles/4.5km**
Continue along coastal path with sea on L again. After about ¼ mile, you will pass an impressive sandstone sea stack called De'il's Head. Keep to clearly marked tarmac path. Skirt round inlet and look out for caves, arches and blow holes in the cliffs.

4 **4¼ miles/7km**
Reaching Victoria Park in Arbroath, after another mile or so, fork right near information board number 1 for coastal walk. Keep L on footbridge across road and then R to stay on higher path. When houses on R end, keep on along left-hand edge of Springfield Park. Fork R and R again along edge of small wood, keeping trees on R.

5 **5 miles/8km**
Head R through gap in wall and then L, passing arched entrances to rose garden. Keep straight down lane past houses and turn R along Hill Terrace (on the raised pavement next to Hill Place) towards church. Look out for a statue of Robert



Burns in library garden. Cross into West Abbey Street and keep straight towards abbey ahead. Turn L around abbey wall and keep on along Abbey Street, through huge sandstone arches to Visitor Centre.

6 **5½ miles/9km**
Just beyond the abbey's Visitor Centre, turn sharp L down High Street. Keep straight along pedestrianised section and on for another 100m. Just before Town House, with red lamppost on

pavement outside, turn R under arch and past Corn Exchange (Wetherspoons). Keep straight over roads ahead and turn R along A92 back to bus station or head L to explore the harbour. **CW**

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TIME TAKEN

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