

26 MORAY GLENLIVET & CARN DAIMH

Distance: 9¼ miles/14.9km Time: 4½ hours Grade: Moderate







CHOSEN BY...

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The Speyside single
malt distilled at

Glenlivet is infused with the flavours of the whiskycoloured hills that surround it Water is drawn from these heather-clad uplands to make this acclaimed Scotch. It's a product intrinsically linked to the landscape where it's made, which is accordingly recognised in law as a protected locality. This walk traces babbling burns into these hills at the edge of the Cairngorms National Park. picking up a spur of the Spevside Way across the 570m summit of Carn Daimh. One of Scotland's Great Trails. it descends to the distillery

at Glenlivet, where you can warm up with coffee (or a wee dram) before embarking on the return leg to the start at Tomnavoulin.

■ Start

From Clash Wood car park turn R down lane towards Tomnavoulin. At T-junction, cross with care and turn R along narrow verge and over bridge into village. Turn R down road opposite war memorial, becoming lane.

1/2 mile/0.8km

Continue, crossing cattle grid and burn, following signs for 'Westertown' and Crown Estate waymarkers for 'Carn Daimh'. Pass Westertown and continue following farm track

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking

Clash Wood car park Tomnavoulin, AB37 9JE, grid ref NJ208265 Is it for me? Farm tracks, muddy field paths and hill trails. Gradual ascents/ descents, briefly on lanes/

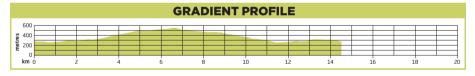
descents, briefly on lanes/ road. Follows section of waymarked Speyside Way **Stiles** 3

PLANNING

Nearest towns Grantownon-Spey & Aberlour Refreshments Coffee shop at the Glenlivet Distillery (www.theglenlivet.com, open mid Mar to Nov) Public toilets None

Public transport Limited 362/365 bus services to Tomnavoulin Maps OS Explorer OL61, Landranger 36

as it swings L over stream, then R. Cross stile ahead, following track through forestry plantation into fields. Cross





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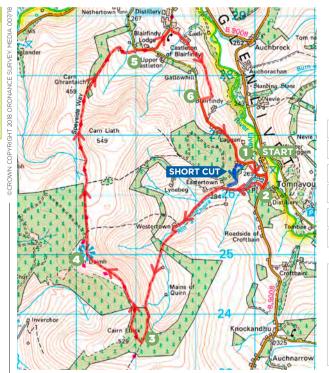
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The Glenlivet Distillery visitor centre Tours from £10. Open mid March to November, (www. thealenlivet.com)

waymarked stile, and trace muddy path through gates towards gate at corner of forestry up ahead. Follow track along edge of forest, which eventually curves R into trees.

7 3 miles/5.2km At junction/signpost, turn R for 'Ballindalloch' following Spevside Way on forestry track to emerge from trees at gate. Continue following trail. ascending crest of Carn Daimh to its summit. To your west is Strath Avon and the Hills of Cromdale, while to the north is the distinctive form of Ben Rinnes. South, you can see Ben Avon and the Cairngorm massif.

41/4 miles/6.8km Descend ahead, following trail north along edge of forest. An optional path down to Tomnavoulin leaves R. otherwise keep straight on. At corner of plantation, veer R through gate, and follow trail as it contours around west slopes of Carn Liath. Trail then descends to sign at fence by a pocket of forestry. Follow Speyside Way through gate



into trees, then downhill along field edge and over stile to pick up track. Track curves R towards Glenlivet, passing site of original distillery to reach Crown Estates sign.

63/4 miles/10.9km Turn R onto paved lane. then L at next junction down road to Glenlivet Distillery. Before phone box, leave Speyside Way, turning R to Lower Castleton passing Blairfindy Castle on your L. At end of road, go through gate, following level farm track/ path through glen. After ½ mile (before reaching 'Blairfindy' Farm), take path R up to lane through gate.

81/4 miles/13.3km Turn L. and follow the lane back to the start. CW

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