

MURRAYSHALL

Murrayshall Red Walk

Approximately 2 miles (1-1.5 hours)

Follow the **RED** arrowed posts around the estate and enjoy the glorious views of Perthshire and beyond!

The walk starts from the car park outside the hotel reception. The first of the twenty one posts marking the route can be found towards the front drive on the left. The posts marked with a red band and a red arrow guide you round the back of the 8th green on the Murrayshall golf course past a bluebell wood over a small fence on the right. From here the path turns left along a grass path winding along between both our golf courses. The path then takes a right across the first hole on the Lynedoch course (beware of golf from your left). You then turn right, back into the woodlands following alongside the Murrayshall burn until you reach a minor road. Turn left along the road and walk 100 yards to the kissing gate. The path now winds up the hillside through mature oak and birch woodlands. Following the red arrows up the hill you soon arrive at Nic's seat, a bench with one of the first open views across to the Cairngorm Mountains to the north.



Walking further up the hill path through the heather the path turns right to the final short approach to the Lynedoch Obelisk. The Obelisk was erected in 1853 in memory of Lord Lynedoch who fought with Wellington to free Portugal and Spain in the battle of Barossa in 1811. This is the highest point of the walk (915ft above sea level!) and you get views in all directions, North to the Cairngorms, East towards the Tay Road Bridge and the sea on a good day! To the South admire views to Fife and the Lomond hills and West over the city of Perth.

The next stage will see you walking along the well-defined hill path through the heather and broom. You will soon drop down to a gate which you go through and turn right under a large tree. Follow the path round you will soon arrive at McDuff's folly. Built in the 17th century by the McDuff family who owned Bonhard house, the folly offers superb views over Perth to the West and Scone to the North. Another bench allows you to sit and enjoy the views a little longer before starting off down the hill again.

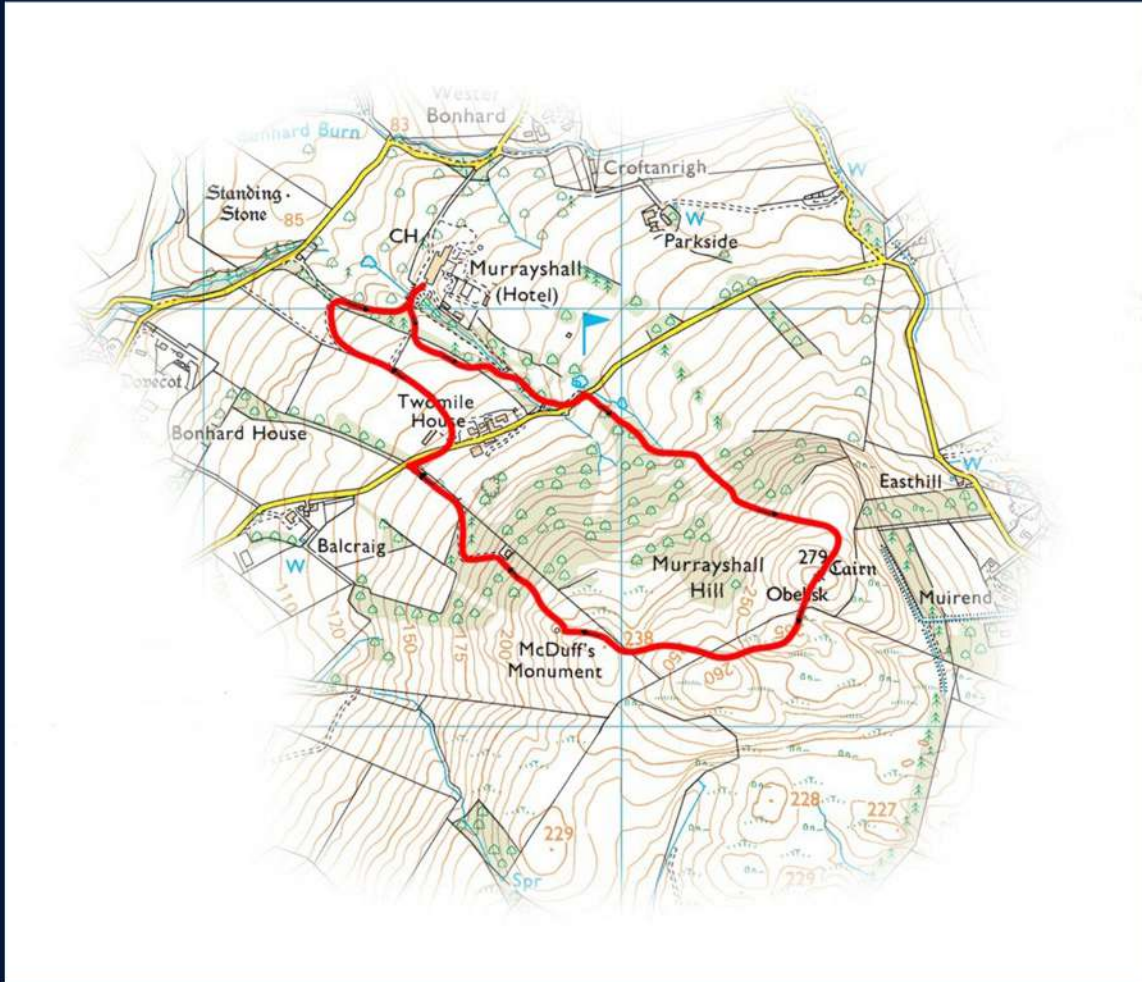


The Path drops down into more mixed woodland and passes a covered reservoir to the right, becoming a wider track before coming to the first of two gates. At the second gate take a right along the minor road for 100 yards then a left and follow the bridleway down the right of the Murrayshall driving range. Follow the road down past the 18th green on the Lynedoch until you reach the main Murrayshall drive again. Turn right and follow the road 250 yards which returns you back to the front door of the hotel.

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THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR ON YOUR WALK:

FLORA

Snowdrops (January to February)
Bluebells (March to April)
Forget me nots (June)
Broom/Gorse (June to August)
Foxgloves (July)
Heather (August)

ANIMALS

Red Squirrels
Buzzards
Red Kites
Roe Deer
Woodpeckers

If you require assistance at any time during your walk please don't hesitate to call the hotel reception on 01738 55 11 71