

The Route

Follow the trail in an anti-clockwise direction

Hume Square (Start/Finish point)

is the beginning and end of the walk. The area is planted with cherry trees (*Prunus avium* 'Plena', a double flowered variety of our native wild cherry) and underplanted with bulbs.

Causey Mounth

is an ancient drovers' road originally developed as the main highway between Stonehaven and Aberdeen around the 12th century AD. It is an elevated rock causeway designed to span many of the boggy areas such as the Portlethen Moss. The drystone walls provide excellent cover for insects, amphibians and small mammals and host a wide variety of different lichens, liverworts and mosses and grasses.

East Drive

towards Elsick House is lined by fine examples of beech hedging (*Fagus sylvatica*). The leaves stay on the hedges all winter, so the drive is a sheltered place to walk all year round.

Duke's Walk

was set out over 30 years ago by the 3rd Duke as an attractive link with rhododendrons, trees and shrubs sheltering one side and a drystone dyke on the other.

Elsick Burn

divides the walk into two running at the bottom of the hill and past the Causey Mounth to the sea.

Dubbis Stile

descends the hill. The wooded strip to the west was planted as a shelter belt. It contains storm damaged Lodgepole pine amongst some healthy Sitka spruce, and broadleaved trees such as ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and oak (*Quercus* spp.).

Cairnhill Copse

at the top of Cairnhill is currently made up of Lodgepole pine and Sitka spruce, but it is proposed that some new tree planting will include native species and woodland edge and understorey planting which will improve both the wood's structural diversity and habitat potential. Please follow the signs to cross the road in a safe place.



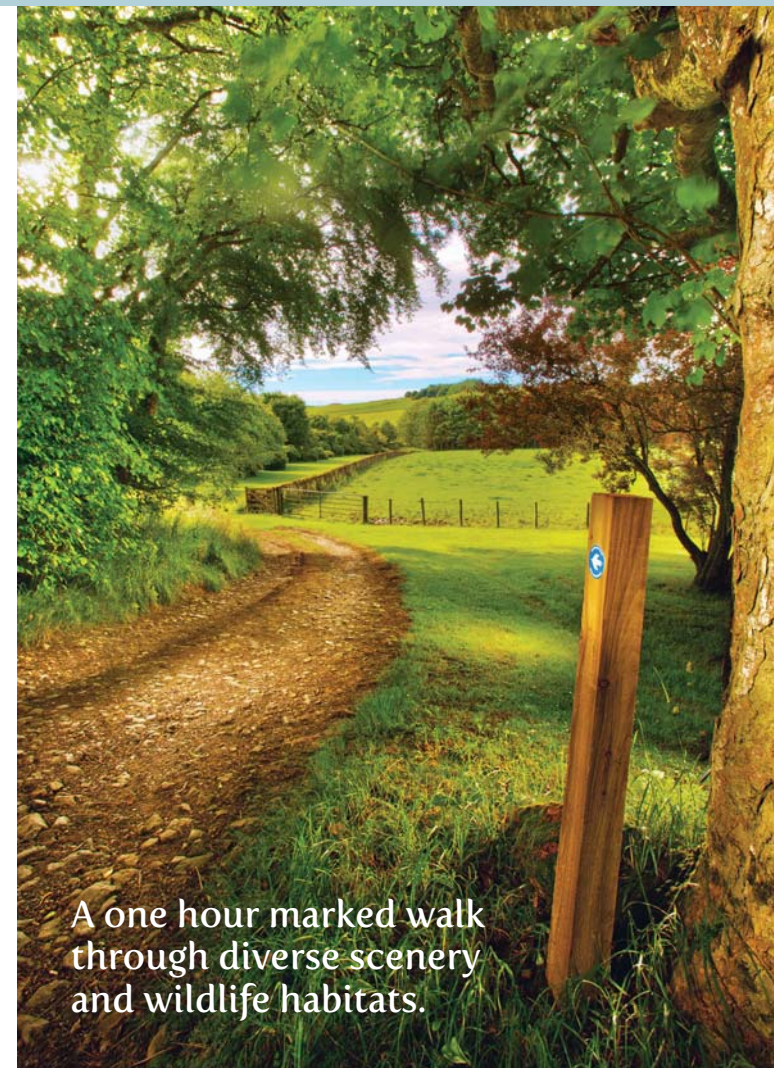
Chapelton is a new generation town designed to take advantage of green spaces and foster community. In time, there will be a network of walks and paths for residents and visitors. The plan is sympathetic to the contours of the land and incorporates the existing trees and woodlands on the estate to create a rural environment to be enjoyed by walkers.

There is a commitment to provide a large percentage of the land for public green spaces of every type. Parks and community greens, allotments and childrens' play areas will all be linked by green corridors to allow wildlife to flourish and to offer an enjoyable walking or cycling experience for every age group.

We hope that you will enjoy this first trail.

For more information on Chapelton visit www.chapeltonofelsick.co.uk

Take the Chapelton Trail



A one hour marked walk through diverse scenery and wildlife habitats.

2.8 Miles/4.5 KM Circular Route

The Chapelton Trail



Duke's Walk



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Hume Square (Start/Finish)



4.5 km route
 Waymarker
 Bin



East Drive



Causey Mouth



Please dispose of dog mess bags in the bins marked on the map. They don't decompose and we want everyone to enjoy the environment.