



Dundurn Hill Walk

Distance: 3½ miles (5½ km)

Time: 2 hours

A historic walk, starting at the Information Point by the footbridge and culminating with a steep climb of about 400ft (100m).

*Please note: the grass slopes and rocks on Dundurn Hill can be very slippery when wet – good grip footwear is recommended, **Care should be taken to avoid the dangerous and precipitous crags on the east side of the hill.** Also, it is not an easy climb when the bracken reaches full summer maturity.*

Cross the footbridge spanning the River Earn and immediately turn left or right. Follow either path to the South Loch Road and there, turn left along the road for about ½ mile, past the weir on your left and the Golf Club on your right. Just before the road bends left (over the old Dundurn Bridge), take the track to the right into the golf course. Look both ways and take care crossing two fairways (please give way to golfers playing across the track). Keep to this track, which then skirts the golf course. Turn left through a farm gate, down a straight tarmac 'road' with the walled boundary of the golf course on your left. Half way along this track, on your right, are the ruins of the pre-Reformation church, St Fillans Chapel and its Kirk yard.

These ruins date back to the 1300's and the burial ground is the traditional resting place of the Stewarts of Ardvorlich. Access can be gained via steps built into the wall, at the far corner of the site.

Continue along the track and go straight on through the farm gate at the far end, with the wastewater treatment plant on your right.

Just into the field, turn right and walk along the top of a small embankment until you come to a little stream. Cross the stream via some stepping-stones and then angle left across the field towards the right hand base of Dundurn Hill. Go through a 'make-shift' gate in the fence that encircles the hill. Turn left and make your way along the inside of the fence for about 100 metres, then follow a faint path that angles up to the right. The route to the top is steep, making one corkscrew turn from base to summit. Follow the path up grassy slopes and rocks. The path becomes even fainter towards the top, on the far side, but grassy ramps lead round to the summit. The exposed rock at the west end of the summit is known as St Fillan's Chair or Seat and the wonderful panoramic views of the valley below make it obvious why this was once a strategic Iron Age and then Pictish Hill Fort.

Return to the village by retracing your steps to the golf course and then by crossing the road bridge (which is straight on as you exit the golf course) and back to the village, using the main road.