TGO Challenge East

ROUTE OPTIONS TABLE 2027

Route ID #	Start Point	End Point	Route Grading	General Description of route	Duration (days)	Start Dates	Total distance (km)	Total ascent (m)	Average daily (km/m)
1	Inverness	Fraserburgh	Grade 1	8 days on good tracks/paths with some road walking along the Moray Firth coast. Not a demanding walk from an ascent perspective, but it requires a steady 25km + day each day.	8	Thu	194	2050	26/210
2	Boat of Garten	Stonehaven	Grade 1	This mainly low-level route uses paths and tracks from Boat of Garten through Tomintoul, Corndavon Lodge, Ballater, Kincardine O'Neil, Durris Bridge and Stonehaven. The route uses the Deeside Way and then, on the final few kms, roads into Stonehaven.	7	Thu, Fr or Sat	15or	2120	22/275
3	Boat of Garten	St Cyrus	Grade 2	The route uses established paths and tracks, past Bynack More, Glen Avon, Loch Builg and on to Ballater. A shorter day to Aboyne (Deeside Way), and over to Tarfside on the Fungle Road. Then it's a final 2 days low-level to the coast. A FWA may be needed in exceptionally wet weather, which uses Route 2 (above) to get to Ballater to pick up the main route.	8	Thu or Fri	Main: 161 FWA: 161	Main: 2560 FWA: 2300	23/365
4	Aviemore	Stonehaven (Dunnottar)	Grade 2	Wild camping over the first 3 days at Ryvoan bothy, Glen Avon and Glen Builg into Ballater. Then to Tarfside taking in Mount Keen (Munro) followed by another high day over Mount Battock, through the Fetteresso Forest to Stonehaven.	8	Thu or Fri	162	3840	23/550
5	Aviemore	Kinnaber Links	Grade 3	A great route over the Lairig Ghru to Braemar. Then a classic Challenge route through the Spittal of Glen Muick, Tarfside, and low-level to Kinnaber Links. There's FWA route for the Lairig Ghru via in Glen Feshie, White Bridge, Braemar, Shielin of Mark, Tarfside, NWB, Kinnaber Links (8 days)	8	Thu or Fri	Main: 135 FWA: 155	Main: 2490 FWA: 2285	Main: 22/415 FWA: 22/325
6	Aviemore	Dunnottar Castle	Grade 4	A tough, high-level route over Ben Macdui, to Braemar, Jock's Road to Glen Clova, Glen Lee, Tarfside, and a finish via Mount Battock to Dunnottar Castle. The route uses tracks and paths where possible, but sections can be vague and the main and FWA routes require careful navigation.	8	Thu or Fri	Main: 157 FWA: 165	Main: 4,500 FWA: 2910	Main 22/640 FWA: 20/365
7	Aviemore	Kinnaber Links	Grade 1	A low-level route through woodland, riverside paths/tracks, along Glen Feshie, Geldie Burn and into Braemar. Then to Tarfside via Ballochbuie Forest, Glen Muick and Glen Lee, with a finish at Kinnaber Links. A short pathless section near Shielin of Mark.	7	Thu, Fri or Sat	154	2134	22/305

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8	Kingussie	Aberdeen	Grade 1	Using good tracks and paths into Glen Feshie, Ballater (via Linn of Dee, Invercauld, Ballochbuie Forest and Balmoral), and Aberdeen via the waymarked Deeside Way. *An adjustment to the daily distances on the Deeside Way can make this a 7-day walk, enabling a Saturday Start.	8 (7*)	Thu or Fri *or Sat	165	1570	21/200
9	Kingussie	Kinnaber Links	Grade 2	Using mainly good paths and tracks, along Glen Feshie and Geldie Burn to Braemar. Then over Lochnagar to Loch Muick, Tarfside, North Water Bridge to Kinnaber Links. A FWA is required for Lochnagar, taking in the Gelder Shiel bothy.	8	Thu or Fri	Main: 162 FWA: 156	Main: 2800 FWA: 2320	Main: 20/350 FWA: 19/290
10	Kingussie	Aberdeen	Grade 2	Good tracks/paths to Glen Tromie, Glen Feshie and Linn of Dee. Unbridged crossing of River Feshie (lengthy FWA if in spate), Ballater & Aberdeen on Deeside Way. *An adjustment to the daily distances on the Deeside Way can make this a 7-day walk, enabling a Saturday Start.	8 (7*)	Thu or Fri	Main: 170 FWA: 172	Main: 1765 FWA: 1655	Main: 21/220 FWA: 22/207
11	Kingussie	Dunnottar Castle	Grade 4	A high-level route with long days and some pathless ground taking in a high camp above Glen Feshie and several Cairngorm Munros including the massif of Ben A'an. It drops into Ballater and Tarfside before heading to Dunnottar Castle.	8	Thu or Fri	Main: 183 FWA: 180	Main: 5800 FWA 3500	Main: 24/790 FWA 24/460
12	Dalwhinnie	St Cyrus	Grade 2	Via Gaick, Glen Feshie, Braemar, Lochnagar, Tarfside and Glen Esk. Mostly on paths/tracks but some pathless ground. Includes one unbridged river crossing with a lengthy FWA if in spate. A 7-day option is available.	8 (7*)	Thu or Fri	Main: 158 FWA: 164	Main: 2700 FWA 2600	Main: 23/400 FWA 25/390
13	Dalwhinnie	Kinnaber Links	Grade 3	Same as route 12 to Braemar but with higher and more pathless ground over Jock's Road to Clova and high ground to Tarfside. Includes one unbridged river crossing with a lengthy FWA if in spate.	8	Thu or Fri	Main: 164 FWA: 164	Main: 2700 FWA 2800	Main: 24/400 FWA 24/420
14	Dalwhinnie	Dunnottar Castle	Grade 4	A challenging route for the backpacking purist via Gaick, Tarf Water, Braemar, Jock's Road, Tarfside and Fetteresso Forrest. Lots of pathless ground in remote country, wild camps every night.	8	Thu or Fri	Main: 195 FWA: 190	Main 4700 FWA: 4200	Main: 24.5/590 FWA: 24/520

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15	Blair Atholl	Aberdeen	Grade 2 (1 if FWA not needed)	A low-level route on good paths /tracks. It is a grade 1 except for one river crossing requiring a pathless 5km FWA if in spate. Via Glen Tilt, Braemar, Ballater and Deeside Way it passes through a village on all but one day for food and/or accommodation.	7	Thu - Sat	157	1500	21/180
16	Blair Atholl	Kinnaber Links	Grade 2	Generally, on good paths and tracks with a little pathless ground. Mostly low-level but with one iconic hill. Includes a river crossing with FWA. Via Glen Tilt, Braemar, Lochnagar, Tarfside and Glen Esk.	6	Thu - Sun	Main: 137 FWA: 133	Main 2400 FWA: 2000	Main: 25/480 FWA: 24/390
17	Blair Atholl	Stonehaven	Grade 3	A challenging higher-level route including 6 summits, stretches of pathless ground including on FWAs. Remote route with limited resupply options via Beinn a'Ghlo, Spittal of Glenshee, Mayar & Driesh, Clova, Tarfside and Fetteresso Forest.	7	Thu - Sat	Main: 154 FWA: 142	Main 5300 FWA: 4100	Main: 24/860 FWA: 22/660
18	Pitlochry	Lunan Bay	Grade 1	A lower-level route mostly on paths and tracks winding through less frequented glens and the softer southern edge of the Highlands and crossing the Angus plain to Lunan Bay.	6	Thu - Sat	125	2200	23/360
19	Pitlochry	Kinnaber Links	Grade 2	Lower-level with relatively short days through less frequented glens with one optional hill. Via Loch Broom, Kirkmichael, Kirkton of Glenisla, Cat Law and Edzell. Limited resupply options – may need to carry 4-5 days of food.	7	Thu - Sat	Main: 141 FWA: 135	Main: 3500 FWA: 2700	Main: 23/600 FWA: 22/440
20	Pitlochry	Scurdie Ness	Grade 2	Generally on good paths/tracks but some pathless ground and obstacles (e.g. deer fences/gates). Via Glen Garry, Spittal of Glenshee, Glen Prosen, Airlie Monument and Montrose Basin.	6	Thu - Sun	Main: 138 FWA: 131	Main: 3200 FWA: 2900	Main: 23/530 FWA: 22/480
21	Pitlochry	St Cyrus	Grade 3	A challenging higher-level route including 7 summits and remote sometimes pathless ground. Via Ben Vrackie, Spittal of Glenshee, Creag Leacach, Loch Brandy and Hill of Wirren.	6	Thu - Sun	Main: 138 FWA: 138	Main: 4400 FWA: 3400	Main: 24/850 FWA: 25/650
22	Dunkeld	Kinnaber Links	Grade 2	Generally lower level with 2 higher days including one summit and some pathless terrain. Lesser used routes in first half then linking into more frequented routes. Via Kirkmichael, Glen Isla, Mayar, Clova, Tarfside and Glen Esk.	6	Thu - Sun	Main: 128 FWA: 234	Main: 2600 FWA: 2700	Main: 25/510 FWA: 26/530

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