

Rob Roy Way route upgrade Aberfeldy to Grandtully: from 1 March 2008

These directions replace those on page 58 of our *Rob Roy Way* guidebook

The route now remains on the south bank of the River Tay from Aberfeldy to Grandtully. This replaces 4.5 miles of road-walking with pleasant riverside footpath and old railway trackbed, and is also slightly shorter.

Follow the A827 road eastward through the centre of Aberfeldy. After 3/4 mile of pavement, pass *Dewar's World of Whisky* on your right. At the far end of the cemetery on your left, cross the open wasteland diagonally, heading down toward the river, past a timber fingerpost pointing along the 'Path to Grandtully'.

Descend to the narrow path alongside the banks of the Tay. This offers good riverside views, with sightings of water birds and a variety of trees. Soon, the sounds of the main road recede, and the path is punctuated by metal gates and a timber footbridge.

About 2 miles after the start, the footpath bears right uphill to the embanked trackbed of the old railway line. This mostly stays pleasantly remote from the A827, but approaches it closely near Grandtully. Stick to the trackbed all the way to the centre of the village, where you emerge at the Old Station Yard (now the campsite of the Scottish Canoe Association).

Turn left across the yard and continue to the A827 where you turn right for 100 yards. Cross the River Tay by the metal bridge on your left: take care as there's no pavement. Beyond the river, you face a War Memorial where you turn right along the road past Bendarroch Guest House.

Within 300 yards this joins the minor road along the edge of the golf course. Cross over, bearing right. Turn left immediately at the driveway signposted 'Public Footpath to Pitlochry'. Once inside the golf course, immediately turn right uphill: the timber signpost is not obvious.



Other update notes

Drymen Tourist Information Centre has closed.

There is no longer any warning notice on the right road into Loch Ard forest (p35, first bullet), but waymarkers identify the route at all junctions in the Loch Ard forest. The Corrie Aqueduct has been covered and security-fenced, no longer looking as attractive as in our p19 photo, but the Way still runs along its right side.

The Achmore Burn track gate now stands open (p50, first bullet) and its sign has gone. However, this narrow tarmac road is obvious: turn right 1.5 km beyond Killin. After 2 km, the 'high gates' are now low and loosely tied. (Should this change again, there's still an informal ladder stile below to left.)

Ladder stiles have been replaced by steel gates after the open section (p56, second bullet).



Many thanks to all readers who contributed: please email any comments to info@rucsacs.com