were like. Continue straight ahead for another 150m under the road and you are now in Haughton Park.

With the pond on your left you will, after 100m, come to a tarmac road. Turn right and walk to the main entrance gates. Turn left now on to Montgarrie Road. You will cross the Lang Stracht, with the Golf Course on your left, now cross over Sunnyside Drive. When you come to Deeside Road turn left to reach your starting point. Alford is well placed to provide you with a range of refreshments.

Yellowhammer



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ALFORD Village Walk

Distance ► 3 km (1.9 miles) Time ► 60 minutes Grade ► easy

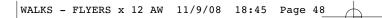


This is a varied walk along footpaths and tracks from the village centre and enjoying both Murray and Haughton Parks.

From the water fountain, erected in 1891 to the memory of Robert Francis Ogilvy Farquharson, turn left up the Donside Road, signed Strathdon A97. Cross the road at the zebra crossing and proceed to the end of the village, crossing the minor roads Ashgrove and Gordon Road.

Turn right in to Murray Park. This is a mixed woodland and the paths are level. After 200m you will come to a junction to join the old railway line, turn right signed 'Gordon Stone'.

After a further 250m you will come to a commemorative plaque with a brief history. Take time to read this and try to imagine what those turbulent times





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