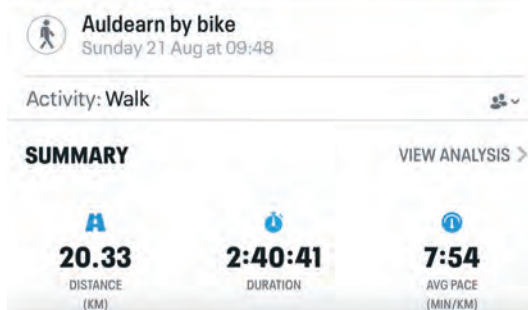


Altonsyde Cycle to Auldearn

Distance: 20km/ 12 miles

Duration: 3 hours depending on stops



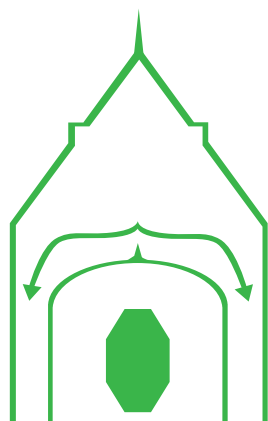
Highlights

Quiet country roads, farm lands, river side, Tales of The Witch of Auldearn, Boath Doocot, Wee Cake Shed in Kingsteps, Nairn Promenade

In order to stay off the busy A96, I went down Tradespark park and cycled parallel to the main road, until I came out onto the A96 at Fishertown

- Cross the Nairn Bridge and indicate to turn right to get down to Nairn River
- Follow the bike/footpath along the river, under the Nairn Viaduct (train) and then head towards Granny Barbour's Road
- You are now on a quiet road passing along a tree shrouded road, or between fields of hay, it is gorgeous
- At the B9101 junction turn left to head down to Auldearn
- At the 1645 pub you are now on Auldearn 'High Street'
- I then explored Auldearn

- Visit the beautiful Church and Churchyard, the Mural of Isobel Gowdie the Witch of Auldearn (near the Rose Garden), Boath Doocot
- Take care from Doocot lane, as you will cross the busy A96, to head down past Boath House
- Heading for Kingsteps and Lochloy road
- I cycled passed and did a double take, when I realised I had found another honesty cake shed, The Wee Cake Shed! It would have been rude not to stop, buy a traybake and a cappuccino and rest on the picnic bench
- After refreshments, I headed back into Nairn, follow the waymarked cycle lane, just passed the Nairn Dunbar Golf Course
- I crossed the Merryton Bridge across, down around Fishertown
- I then cycled along the promenade, turned up at the Golf View Hotel, back along Altonburn Road and up to Tradespark Road



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