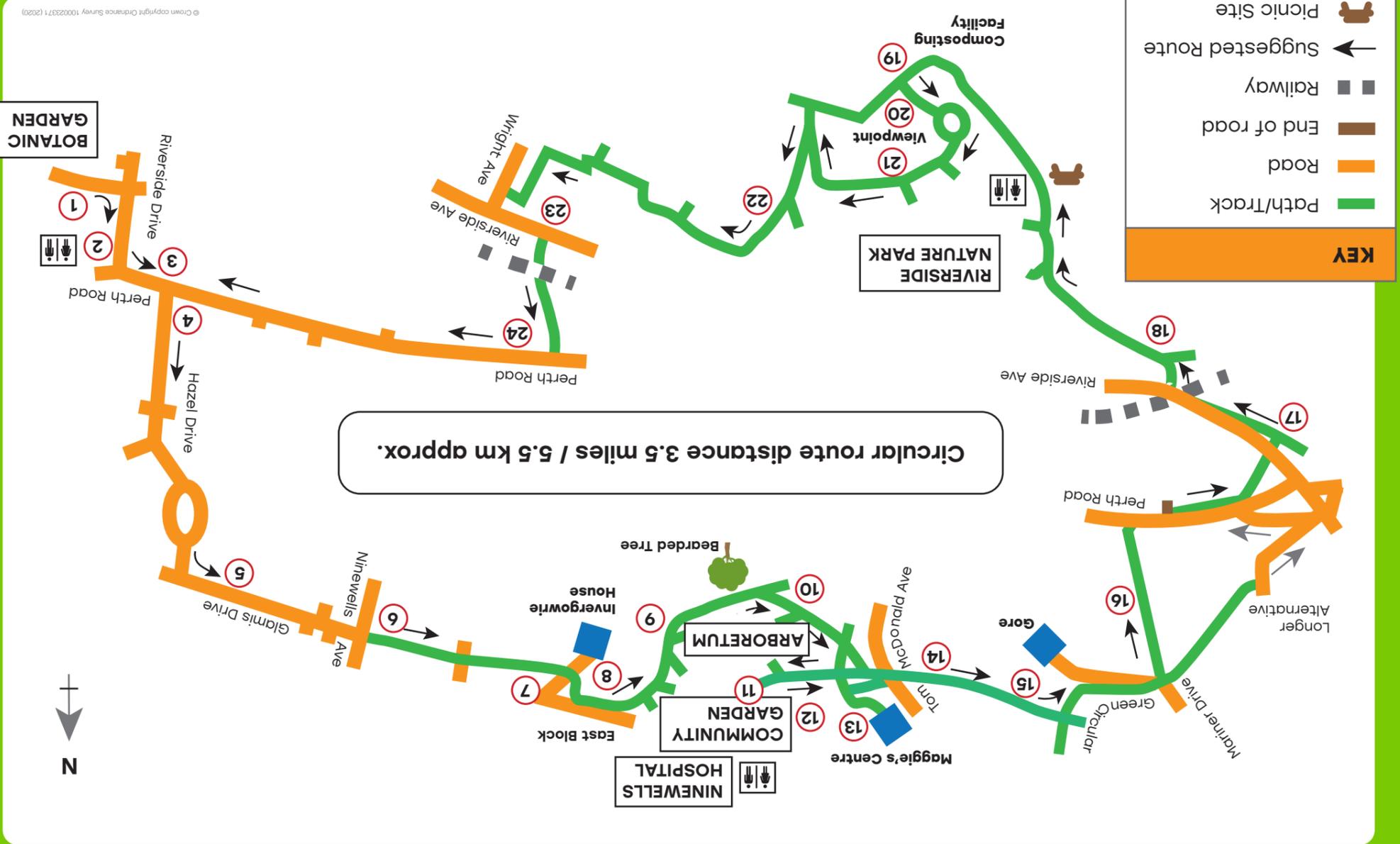


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Walkers should set off between 10.00-10.15 a.m. in order to be in time for the talks at Ninewells Community Garden and Riverside Nature Park (see below).

This walk is approximately **5.5 km / 3.5 miles** long and is OK for buggies though occasionally bumpy, with some gentle slopes. It uses a combination of pavements and paths that are mostly firm but can be muddy in places. Comfortable footwear and a waterproof jacket or umbrella are advised in case of rain.

Dogs on short leads in the Nature Park please. There are **WCs** at the start, Community Garden and Riverside Park.

If you have any comments on your walk, please send them to foe.tayside@gmail.com.

Please note, this is a self-guided walk and you take part in it at your own risk.

PROGRAMME

10.00-10.15am	Walkers set off or not long after if you want to hear the talks.
10.40-11.00am	Talk at Ninewells Community Garden. by Helena Simmons, Garden Facilitator.
11.30am, 12 noon	Talk at the Viewpoint about Riverside Nature Park. by Countryside Ranger Colin Donald.
1.00pm	Kenton Roger, Urban trees and their contribution to a sustainable environment, Education Centre
1.30pm	DCC, Earth Hour and the potential of local action to tackle climate change, Education Centre
2.00pm	Kenton Roger - Walk and Talk, around the Botanic Garden, start from Reception.
4.15 pm	Closing talk by Kenton Roger in Education Centre.

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FREE
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for WWF's Earth Hour

Saturday 28th March 2020
from 10am

Dundee Botanic Garden Community Day

Learn about how Dundee's green spaces help to tackle the climate crisis

With short (optional) talks at Ninewells Community Garden, Riverside Nature Park and the Botanic Garden

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Saturday 28th March 2020 from 10am

- 1 Start from the gate of Dundee University Botanic Garden and turn R, up Riverside Drive.
- 2 After c. 30m, cross at the traffic island and continue up to the T-junction with Perth Road.
- 3 Turn L along Perth Road, and after c. 40m turn R to cross carefully at the traffic island and continue between the metal barriers onto Hazel Drive.
- 4 Walk gently uphill, to the fork, continuing half L on Hazel Drive and around the L side of the large grassy island, up to the T-junction with Glamis Drive.
- 5 Turn L along Glamis Drive, continuing straight ahead to reach the edge of Ninewells Avenue.
- 6 Go straight across Ninewells Avenue, with care, and continue ahead onto a tree-lined path.
- 7 Walk under a pedestrian bridge between buildings, and then you will soon see the entrance drive to Invergowrie House (private). Turn R here beside the hedge, passing between metal barriers onto a pavement and follow this round to the L.
- 8 Opposite the East Block of Ninewells Hospital to your R, turn L onto an unsurfaced path which passes through a drystone wall into Ninewells Arboretum, indicated by a broken wooden sign.
- 9 Continue ahead, past an information board, with Invergowrie House visible to the L, bending L then R, ignoring two paths to the R. After the path levels out, you reach a tall "bearded" tree on your L, next to a junction with a good firm path leading diagonally half-R.
- 10 Take this R fork leading gently uphill, continuing past a junction with another path on the R. Soon you reach a crossing with another path, beside a wooden box fixed to a post. Turn R here, and you soon reach another information board beside a solid tarmac path, which runs along the northern edge of the Arboretum.
- 11 Turn R on the tarmac path towards two conifers, where the Ninewells Community Garden is on the L. There's a grassy area surrounding a carved wooden owl. **This will be the venue for a talk about the Arboretum and the Community Garden at 10.40, repeated at 11.00.**
- 12 After looking around the Community Garden, retrace your steps back along the tarmac path to the information board.
- 13 (Optional Short Detour: If you wish, you can turn R here on the path passing through the wall towards the Maggie's Centre for the care of cancer patients designed by Frank Gehry and the Labyrinth earthworks designed by Charles Jencks (founder of the Maggie's Centre charity with his wife, Maggie). Afterwards walk down to the road immediately below the Maggie's Centre, and cross to go between black and white metal barriers onto the path on the other side.)
- 14 If not taking the detour, continue ahead past the information board, and down to the road. Cross to the metal barriers and through to the surfaced path on the other side, with views of the Maggie's Centre. Follow this alongside mixed woodland on the L, leading down to a T-junction with another surfaced path. This is part of the Green Circular cycle path around Dundee.
- 15 Turn L along this path through a gap in trees towards grassy parkland, following the path round to the R. The industrial building on the L is a plant of WL Gore, which makes technical fabrics. Where you reach the entrance to the factory drive, turn to the L, where you will see a surfaced cycle path ahead. Just L of this is the start of an unsurfaced path along the L side of a line of young trees (after rain, with a buggy or pushchair, it may be better to take the slightly longer route via the surfaced cycle path and follow the Green Circular signs to Riverside Nature Park (17))
- 16 Go straight along this unsurfaced path, with views across grass to the Gore building to the L. You will reach a short tarmac road spur leading onto Perth Rd. Cross Perth Rd and turn R. Cross the entrance to Clovis Duveau Drive, and follow the pavement ahead, curving L, then continuing through an underpass beneath Riverside Ave.
- 17 At the T-junction with another tarmac path, turn L uphill onto a pavement beside Riverside Ave, passing over a railway line. Take the next path to the R, past information boards for Riverside Nature Park, then bending L. This section of path is often muddy.

NB Any dogs should be kept on a short lead through the Nature Park, to protect wildlife.
- 18 Continue straight ahead towards a low hill, where you turn R, then take the next R turn on a path which runs above the shoreline, with excellent views across the Firth and Invergowrie Bay to the R. You will reach a picnic area with a public toilet, and then a single bench.
- 19 Follow the path L around a corner, near the municipal composting facility over to the R. After c. 30m turn L on a wide track to climb slowly up the grassy slope, to a hilltop viewpoint. This area, encircled by a low embankment and a number of information panels, **will be our second venue for a talk about the Riverside Nature Park, at 11.30, repeated at 12.00.** (You can avoid the hill by staying on the lower path, turning left to reach the junction at 21/22).
- 20 After spending some time to enjoy the views in all directions, leave the viewpoint by the second exit (the one on the L as seen from inside the viewpoint). This crosses the grassland looking north towards Ninewells Hospital.
- 21 Pass two paths leading off to the L, then follow the path round to the R. It descends between short rows of young trees on both sides, to join another path. Turn sharp L here.
- 22 Take the R fork where the path splits as you approach woodland. Follow the path R at the corner of the meadow, then ignore two more paths off to the R, before the path turns L then R to exit the Nature Park onto Wright Avenue.
- 23 Turn L for the short walk up to Riverside Ave, then L for about 50m to a pedestrian crossing with lights. Cross here, continuing ahead to pass under the railway line and climb a short distance up to Perth Road.
- 24 Turn R on the pavement beside Perth Road, and follow it for approx. 600m to the junction with Riverside Drive. Follow the pavement R down Riverside Drive, then cross over via the traffic island and turn R to return to the Botanic Garden. 28 March will be a Community Day at the Garden: give yourself plenty of time to explore the garden and enjoy refreshments at the café; there will be interesting talks to listen to, and stalls with information about a number of community environmental groups in Dundee.

Approx distance – 5.5 Km / 3.5 miles

NB: "R" = Right, "L" = Left

