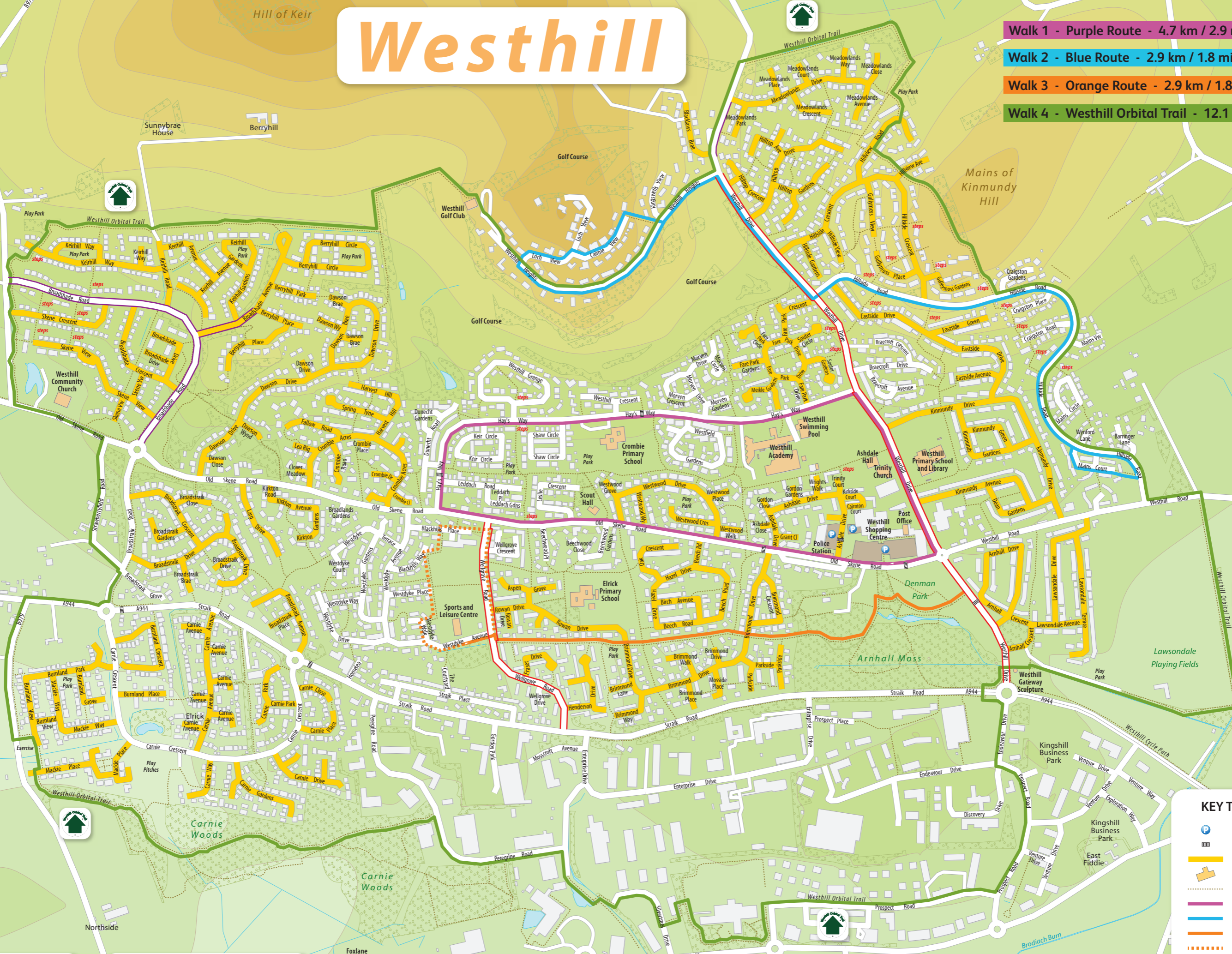
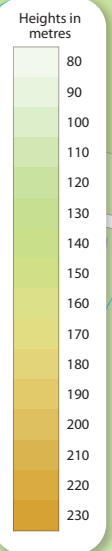




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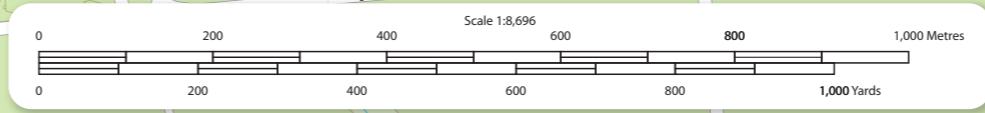
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- Walk 2 - Blue Route - 2.9 km / 1.8 miles
- Walk 3 - Orange Route - 2.9 km / 1.8 miles
- Walk 4 - Westhill Orbital Trail - 12.1 km / 7.5 miles



- ### KEY TO SYMBOLS
- Public car park
 - Pedestrian crossing
 - 20mph street
 - Landmark building
 - Footpath
 - Route 1
 - Route 2
 - Route 3
 - Route 3 option
 - Route 4
 - Segregated shared use
 - On road cycle lanes

For more information on walking, cycling and transport initiatives visit the Aberdeenshire Council transportation pages at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/transportation

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- Westhill -

The creation of Westhill just outside Aberdeen was the idea of local solicitor Ronald Fraser Dean in 1963. The new settlement of Westhill was created upon the old farming land. Since construction of the first houses in 1968, Westhill has undergone a gradual expansion, much of which is tied to the North East of Scotland's oil and gas economy. From 2007 to 2008, a major expansion of the industrial estate brought several thousand workers to the area. Most of these were in specialist sub-sea engineering oil service companies, making Westhill a world centre in sub-sea engineering.

The name Westhill was created in 1859 when John Anderson from Strichen bought the adjoining small estates of Wester Kinmundy and Blackhills – both names date back to at least the 16th century. The new name of Westhill is recorded in the Register of Sasines - the oldest national land register in the world - in December 1859.

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Getabout

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Getabout is the partnership's campaign to help people in the North East to make sustainable transport choices.

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Walk it... Bike it... Try it!



This map aims to simplify your journey around Westhill, whether by cycle or walking. We are committed to helping residents and visitors move around Westhill easily, cheaply and with the least impact on our environment. Our town has excellent links for walking and cycling!

Walking

Walking offers most of us the chance to stay fit and healthy and get around over short distances. It is pollution free and a sociable activity, allowing plenty of opportunities to bump into neighbours or to meet up with friends. Walking is usually the fastest and most efficient way of getting around town for those living locally and avoids all the frustration and delay of taking the car.

Cycling

The quickest way to travel short distances in towns is by bike. A maintained bike is ready when you are, with very little that can go wrong. A bike can nearly always be parked outside your destination. It's cheap and reliable plus you feel better by being a little active. And above all, it's fun!



It's easy to get around by foot or on your bike – for a purpose or most towns. Aberdeenshire walking and cycling maps are freely available for just for fun!

Walk 1 – Purple Route

Start at Denman Park and head out along Old Skene Road, looking out for the Westhill Compass in Denman Park. Follow Old Skene Road, until you take a right up Hay's Way, take a right onto Westhill Drive past Ashdale Hall. Take a right at the roundabout and return to Denman Park. The Park has two outdoor tennis courts and an outdoor lawn bowling green. Look out for any activity on the courts and either watch a game of bowls or a tennis match.

Walk 2 – Blue Route

Start at Hillside Road and follow this as it curves up the hill. Enjoy fantastic views of the surrounding Aberdeenshire landscape. Take a right up Westhill Drive, cross over, take a left onto Westhill Heights and take a right onto Loch View and walk up the hill towards Cairnie View. Enjoy the stunning views of the Loch of Skene and surrounding landscape. Making your way down the steps, follow your route back walking down Westhill Heights, Westhill Drive and Hillside Road.

Walk 3 – Orange Route

Start at the Westhill Sports and Leisure Centre, heading towards Wellgrove Road which will bring you onto the traffic free paths network serving the many residential estates in Westhill. Follow the path as it makes its way past some of the residential estates, crossing over Brimmond Drive twice, and enter Arnhall Moss. Watch out for a range of insects and birds such as wren, great tit, blue tit, coal tit, redpoll, mallard and moorhen; and mammals such as pipistrelle bats, roe deer, foxes and stoats.

For a longer walk, explore the paths around Denman Park and Arnhall Moss or add a circular walk around the perimeter of the playing fields at the Westhill Sports and Leisure Centre.

Walk 4 – Green Route - Westhill Orbital Trail

The Westhill Orbital Trail is a 12km/7.5m undulating circuit of Westhill that connects a series of existing roads, paths and tracks on the edge of town with two newly created links at Westhill Golf Club and Lawsondale Woods. The route offers great views of the surrounding countryside and additional signs suggesting options to explore further. Although much of the route is on tared surfaces, there are four sections on rougher terrain, so please select appropriate footwear. Note too that some sections are on private tracks and roads so please observe the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Assuming a start from the town centre, although there are many other access points, head south across Denman Park to the western entrance of Lawsondale Woods beside the Gateway Sculpture to pick up the signs heading east [anti-clockwise]. From the woods the trail will take you up to the top of Mains of Kinmundy Hill where you will be rewarded with magnificent sweeping 360 views over the town to the surrounding hills; amongst them Clachnaben Hill o' Fare, Bennachie and Brimmond.

The Trail then skirts the northern edge of Meadowlands before crossing Westhill Drive to reach the Golf Club where it's possible to stop for refreshment. From there, it heads west along the northern edge of town before dropping downhill to the Old Skene Road and the prospect of further refreshment at Green Pastures Cafe. From here the Trail meanders in a southerly direction to the western entrance of Carnie Woods where there are lots of paths to explore and enjoy, often to a background of birdsong and the occasional sighting of red squirrels. Keep to the north-east of the woods to find an exit onto Peregrine Road to rejoin the signed Trail. And from there you are guided through Arnhall Business Park to the "finish" beside the Gateway Sculpture;