



Welcome to Kintore Golf Club

A wide-angle photograph of a parkland golf course. A winding blue river, the River Don, cuts through the landscape. The foreground is filled with green fields, some with yellow flowers. In the background, there are rolling hills and a small town with buildings and a church spire. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

A parkland course, of 6126 yards, in a beautiful rural setting overlooking the  
River Don close to the Ancient Burgh of Kintore.



The higher parts of the course offer spectacular views of Bennachie and the Grampian Mountains to the south west.



All of the course is bounded by either agricultural land or woodland.

Wild grassy areas out-with the playing surfaces encourage biodiversity.

Look out for wild orchids, deer, hares, stoats, larks and red kite during a round.



		Yards	Yards		Index	Yards	Yards	
1	Waterside	226	208	3	9	226	4	18
2	The Dyke	469	453	5	15	421	5	5
3	Balbithan	407	397	4	3	331	4	11
4	The Lang Stracht	481	476	5	11	370	4	3
5	Woodside	451	386	4	1	386	4	1
6	The Neuk	175	169	3	16	169	3	10
7	Burnside	373	267	4	5	267	4	12
8	Cotter House	361	319	4	13	319	4	9
9	Roon the Bend	425	344	4	7	344	4	8
<b>Out</b>		<b>3368</b>	<b>3019</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>2833</b>	<b>36</b>	
10	Wee Niblick	140	130	3	17	130	3	14
11	The Copse	542	505	5	2	420	5	2
12	Lone Pine	330	277	4	14	277	4	13
13	Tuach	194	181	3	6	144	3	6
14	Mither Tap	377	356	4	4	314	4	4
15	The Quarry	335	284	4	12	296	4	16
16	Kopje	383	348	4	8	348	4	7
17	The Brig	150	133	3	18	129	3	17
18	Don View	307	305	4	10	305	4	15
<b>In</b>		<b>2758</b>	<b>2519</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>2363</b>	<b>34</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>6126</b>	<b>5538</b>	<b>70</b>		<b>5196</b>	<b>70</b>	

Holes generally run SE/NW or SW/NE and for the most part, are fairly level or have a gentle slope. Overall, the course altitude is between 55m and 90m above mean sea level.

Hole 2 involves a climb of 25m, while hole 18 descends again 25m to the lower level. Hole 14 has the highest point of the course.

All distances on the score card and specific positions on this hole-by-hole overview are to the centre of the green, unless otherwise stated.

## Hole 1: Waterside

○ 226 yds    ● 208 yds    Par 3

● 208 yds    Par 4

The opening hole is a fairly long par 3 (gents) heading North-East with a gentle 5 m rise from tee to green over the distance.

Conifers line the left side of the fairway 125 to 75 yds from the green.

Out of bounds is 30 yds to the right of the fairway.

Look out for the RH grass bunker 180 yds from the white medal tee.



Two further bunkers guard the near sides of the green - left and right.





## Hole 2: The dyke

○ 469 yds

● 453 yds Par 5

● 421 yds Par 5

The dyke is a 2-level dogleg par 5, which runs level initially south west with a steepish rise to the upper north west fairway.

The boundary dyke runs along the right-hand side.

Trees line either side of the lower fairway.

There is a rise in elevation of 17m over a distance of 150 yds between the lower and the upper fairway marker posts.



A largeish fairway bunker is located on left-hand side some 50 yds from the green. (start edge to green centre.) The elevation of the green is about 25 m above the lower fairway level.



## Hole 3: Balbithan

○ 407 yds

● 397 yds

Par 4

● 331 yds

Par 4

Balbithan is a straight par 4, which runs fairly level north west with a shallow dip just before the green. Trees on the left, boundary on the right.

Note the largeish fairway bunkers to right and left.

The centres are 205 yds and 230 yds for RH and LH bunkers respectively from the men's tee-off area.

The marker post is 180 yds from the green.



The front left and right sides of the green are guarded by bunkers.

A small deepish bunker, positioned at the back right has recently been partially infilled and grassed over.

Note the steep rising slope of the fringe and 2-level putting surface.



## Hole 4: The Lang Stracht

○ 481 yds    ● 476 yds    Par 5

● 370 yds    Par 4

The second longest hole running north east with a minor difference in height between tee and the green. The boundary is on the left.

The fairway hazards include  
4 bunkers.

Two large bunkers are positioned at 200 yds and 230 yds from the middle of the gent's tee.

Two smaller bunkers, also on the right, are located 90 yds and 50 yds from the green.



The green is guarded by 2 more bunkers - left and right.  
Lang Stracht translates from Old Scot's as Long Straight.



## Hole 5: Woodside

○ 451 yds

● 386 yds

Par 4

● 386 yds

Par 4

A challenging hole heading north west down a gentle slope. The boundary is on the left with a ditch initially on the right.

A hook will put you in the trees lining the whole of the left of the fairway. Or, you could find the ditch with a slice off the tee.

A group of mixed trees lie beyond the ditch on the right .



The green is guarded by 2 largeish bunkers - left and right. The putting surface is some 15m below the teeing off level.



## Hole 6: The Neuk

○ 175 yds   ● 169 yds   Par 3

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The most prominent hazard is the ditch running across the fairway in front of and approximately 35 yds from the green.

Beware of going left – you will find deep rough here.

Drift right and you may find 1 of 2 greenside bunkers.

Go long, and you may end up out of bounds by crossing the dry stane dyke at the back of the green.



Neuk is an old Scot's word meaning corner. Here, it's the furthest turning point of the course.



## Hole 7: Burnside

○ 373 yds   ● 267 yds   Par 4

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A dogleg left with significant distance between the white and yellow/red teeing off areas.

2 bunkers are located on the right some 70 yds and 90 yds from the yellow/red tees.

A large bunker on the left is located from 125 yds to 140 yds from the yellow/red tee. It was reduced in size from what is shown in the photo.

The burn runs across the fairway, protecting the left side of the green.

The stone bridge is 65 yds from the green. A greenside bunker protects the right side of the putting surface.





## Hole 8: Cotter House

○ 361 yds   ● 319 yds   Par 4

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A dogleg left with a rise of 20m over the distance. The boundary is on the left of the fairway.

A large shallow bunker is located at the apex of the dogleg corner on the right side of the fairway.

The centre of the bunker to the centre of the green is 150 yds.

1 bunker is located on the left side of the green.

The remains of the cotter's house are to the right of the green. Cotter is an old Scot's word for a farm tenant.





## Hole 9: Roon the Bend

○ 425 yds   ● 344 yds   Par 4

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The final outward hole is another right to left dogleg, sloping downwards about 20m over the distance.

Trees line the left side of the fairway to a ditch and burn which crosses the fairway some 65 yds from the green.

The right of the fairway adjoins the 8<sup>th</sup> so fairly open but look out for the large bunker at the dogleg apex.

Trees line the right side of the fairway thereafter.

The greenside bunker on the right is small but fairly deep. The bank on the left helps steer the ball onto the putting surface.



## Hole 10: Wee Niblick

○ 140 yds

● 130 yds Par 3

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A ditch and wee burn runs the full length of the opening inward hole. A fairly simple hole as long as you don't drift off target.

A deep bunker guards the right front side of the green.

A shallow bunker at the back, on the left was partially infilled and grassed over.



Old Tom Morris, James Braid or Harry Vardon may have used a wee niblick; it is an obsolete type of golf club with a loft similar to anything between a modern 7, 8 or 9 iron.



## Hole 11: The Copse

○ 542 yds   ● 505 yds   Par 5

● 420 yds   Par 5

This par 5 is the longest hole at Kintore running south-easterly and gently rising 20m over the distance. A ditch and small burn crosses the fairway 225 yds from the yellow tee area.

A small group of trees (the copse) blocks the right side of the fairway just beyond the burn.

Beyond that, 125 yds from the green, lies a deep fairway bunker on the right.



A bunker guards the right side of the green. Also, be careful of the bank on the left; the ball will roll off rapidly.





## Hole 12: Lone Pine

○ 330 yds   ● 277 yds   Par 4

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This is another dogleg, moving left to right, eventually heading south west. A blind hole with the boundary on the left initially but with pine trees lining the later part of the fairway on the left.

Mixed trees also line the right side of the fairway.

From the marker post, the centre of the green is 135 yds.

Both sides of the green are guarded by bunkers; 1 on the left, 2 on the right.



Because this is a blind hole, a bell is located on the left, close to the green to advise golfers teeing off, that the fairway is clear.



## Hole 13: Tuach

○ 194 yds     ● 181 yds    Par 3

● 144 yds    Par 3

Tuach, a tricky par 3, with an awkward crooked tree, a dip down to a ditch with a pond and a rise onto the putting surface.

The ditch runs from a point in the middle of the fairway to the small pond on the left.

Beyond the pond is a large shallow greenside bunker.

The right side of the green is guarded by a deep bunker.

Tuach refers to the granite knoll, the Hill of Tuach, just South-East of Kintore.





## Hole 14: Mither Tap

○ 377 yds      ● 356 yds      Par 4

● 314 yds      Par 4

A fairly level par 4 hole, which heads south west, on the highest part of the course. The boundary stone dyke runs the length of the fairway on the right.

Take care not to find the large fairway bunkers just beyond the 3<sup>rd</sup> green on the left of the fairway.

Their nearest edges are 180 yds and 220 yds from the yellow tee area.



The green is on two levels and is protected by two bunkers, left and right. The narrowest part of the green is between the 2 bunkers.



## Hole 15: The Quarry

○ 335 yds

● 284 yds Par 4

● 296 yds Par 4

A blind hole with the green 20 m below the tee-off level. The course boundary runs the length of the right-hand side of the fairway.

The marker post is 115 yds from the centre of the green.

2 bunkers are located on the left, one greenside.

Beware of the steepish slope on the front fringe.

If you overshoot, you will drop 5 m below the putting surface!



This photo, does not really show the steepness of the slope on the fringe; beware!

The greenside bunker is fairly shallow.



## Hole 16: Kopje

○ 383 yds

● 348 yds Par 4

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The low tees face the imposing Kopje. Heading north-west uphill, the overall rise to the green is 25m above the medal tee over the distance.

A slice or hook from the tee can be punished. A slice will land you behind a hillock where you will have a blind shot to the green.

A hook could put you in the fairway bunker some **190** yds from the yellow tee. This bunker has been reduced in size recently



There is a shallow slope up to the green which prevents you seeing the putting surface itself until you get very close.



## Hole 17: The Brig

○ 150 yds

● 133 yds

Par 3

● 129 yds

Par 3

A par 3 hole with the green, some 7m below tee off level, and which is protected on the left and right by bunkers.

Beware of hooking off the tee. You could be faced with a tricky shot out of trees and over a greenside bunker.

A step down at the fringe and a drop off the back, demand accuracy to hold this putting surface.



The Brig refers to the bridge in the distance where the B977 crosses the River Don at Boat of Kintore.



## Hole 18: Don View

○ 307 yds

● 305 yds Par 4

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An impressive view is presented on the tee for the final hole with a steep slope down to the fairway and green.

A group of trees and 2 fairway bunkers are on the left of the low fairway.

The front edges of the bunkers are located at 225 yds and 235 yds from the teeing off area.

The out-of-bounds fence is on the right.

The final green, some 25m below the tee elevation, is protected on both sides by 2 bunkers with a small infilled bunker, at the back of the green, on the right.





## Practice Facilities

The 6 hole practice putting green is close to the clubhouse car park / 1<sup>st</sup> hole tee-off area.



A short pitching practice area is located between the RH line of trees on the 1<sup>st</sup> and LH line of trees on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairways.

Shots up to 100yds can be made to a small green.

A small bunker is positioned behind this practice green.

A net with 2 bays alongside the putting green gives you the opportunity to hone your skills or simply warm up before a match.



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