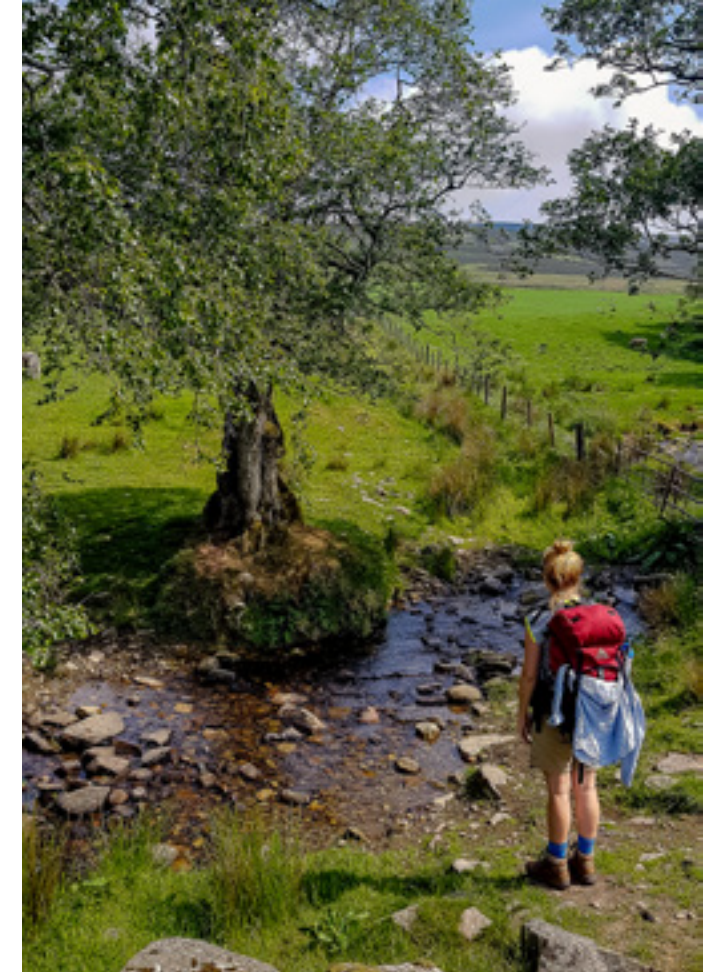




channels that are sculpted by the tides. Another 7 km (4.4mi) from Spey Bay, after passing through quiet woodlands, the trail arrives at the riverside village of Fochabers, which makes a good spot to stop for the first night.

Onward, the Speyside Way follows country lanes through undulating riverside woodlands, with some ups and downs and occasional views down to the meandering River Spey. After crossing a busy road, Craigellachie is reached 20km (12.4mi) from Fochabers. This small village has pubs, a coffee shop, accommodations, and the Craigellachie Distillery; directly across the river is the famous Macallan Distillery. From this point, the trail largely follows the old, dismantled Strathspey Railway for more than 20km (12.4mi). After another 3 km (1.9mi) along this track from Craigellachie, you will come to Aberlour, a larger village, and home to the Aberlour Distillery. Unless wild camping, this is a good spot to stop for the second night.

The section ahead has multiple distilleries either on the trail or very close to it: Dailuaine, Dalmunach, Knockando, Tamdhu, and more. As it follows the old railway line, the walking is easy and has few climbs or descents as it winds its way through the trees, crossing bridges over the river more than once. You will also pass old railway stations, several of which converted into private houses or picnic areas. One of these is at Ballindalloch, which offers a small free camping area. >



It's truly heaven on Earth for whisky lovers, and the Speyside Way threads a logical route through the region.



- ↑ The Fiddichside Inn, Craigellachie, where many drams can be sampled.
- Dallas Dhu is a derelict distillery now operating as a museum, and an ideal place for learning about the whisky-making process.
- ↗ Water is the most essential ingredient of whisky.
- Where the Spey meets the sea.

