

Evanton South

This panel explores the area between the village and the Cromarty Firth. It shows the route of a circular walk starting in the village, and provides some information about places of interest along the way. Take time to visit the peaceful site of the Old Church at the shore.



Osprey



The Storehouse (above) is a popular restaurant and organic food shop that shares a shore side location with the C18th former "Rent House" for Foulis Estate. This dates from a time when rents were paid in kind, which now houses a history of the Clan Munro.

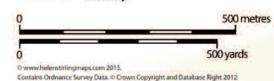


This ruin (Fishing Bothy) was a shelter used by fishermen who operated a salmon netting station on the Cromarty Firth.



The ruined church, parts of which date from the 1600's, was used as a place of worship by the Church of Scotland up till the 1940's.

- Main road
- Minor road
- Broad path
- Narrow Path
- Faint path
- Railway
- Car park
- Grocery shop
- Cornerstone Cafe
- Camping and caravan site
- Information point
- Viewpoint
- Disabled parking only
- Woodland



On the shore, opposite the old Church are the ruins of Castle Craig, a towerhouse, which is the oldest remaining castle on the north shore of the Black Isle. Originally the summer palace of the Bishops of Ross, it is now in charitable hands and may yet again be a stronghold on the shore, preserving this important landmark for future generations.

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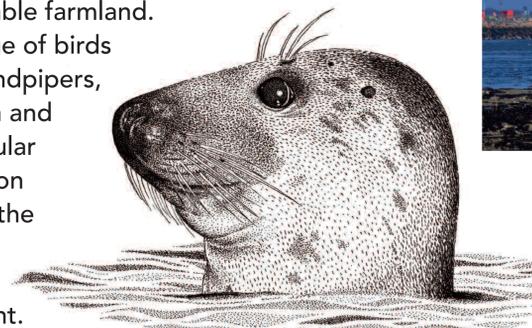


Curlew

Balconie Estate, formerly Inchcoulter, occupied land between the village and the shore. Balconie Castle which sat at the centre of the estate, was demolished in the 1960's having become derelict in the 1950's



The shoreline is a diverse habitat ranging from the tidal mud flats, through the salt marsh to arable farmland. This provides for a wide range of birds including oyster catchers, sandpipers, greenshank, curlew, common and arctic terns. Ospreys are regular summer visitors. Both common and grey seals makes use of the sand bars and shoreline between the road bridge and the Storehouse restaurant.



Grey seal



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