



DOG WALK DIARIES

ENTRY #001

Route: Stonehaven to Dunnottar Castle Circular

Distance: 6.1km

Duration: 1h 36min

Calories:	Squirrel sightings:	Rolling-in-things:
0 (we are dogs)	3 (Willow only)	2 (again... Willow)

Narrated by: Raven (and unfortunately, Willow)



RAVEN

Started our morning at the harbour. Very scenic. Smelled like fish and dignity. Willow immediately tried to leap into the water to make friends with a seagull. I let her. She missed.

WILLOW

Best. Day. Ever. Seagulls! Boats! People who might have sausages! The smells! So many sniffs! I found a stick that looked like a dragon.



RAVEN

After recovering from the chaos, we headed into the old town and then into the woods. Peaceful. Shady. Lots of thoughtful smells. There's an odd little Shell House which Willow tried to eat. Again—she didn't succeed.

WILLOW

It was shiny. And I might have heard it whispering to me. Or that could've been a vole.





RAVEN

Then farmland. A decent plod with views, followed by the big moment — Dunnottar Castle. Glorious. Historic. Visited by humans from around the world. Willow attempted to join a group selfie.

WILLOW

I was smiling. They were smiling. I thought I was invited. Also, castle ghosts smell weird.



RAVEN

The final stretch winds along the cliff tops — breezy, dramatic, a bit brambly in places for delicate paws. The war memorial is... moving. A good spot to sit quietly and ponder life's big questions. Like, "How did I end up with her?"

WILLOW

I rolled in a suspicious patch of joy.



RAVEN

Final verdict: A five-paw adventure. Scenic, varied terrain, and a good leg stretch for dogs and humans alike. Take water, a lead for busy sections, and if you're with a Labrador named Willow—bring patience.

Willow's What-the-Woof?



"SO MANY SMELLS. Seagulls! Castles! BREEEEZE! I am now fluent in bird."

Raven's Reflections



"The sea speaks in waves and wind. Sometimes, it's worth stopping to listen."