

CAMBUS, TULLIBODY AND THE FORTH

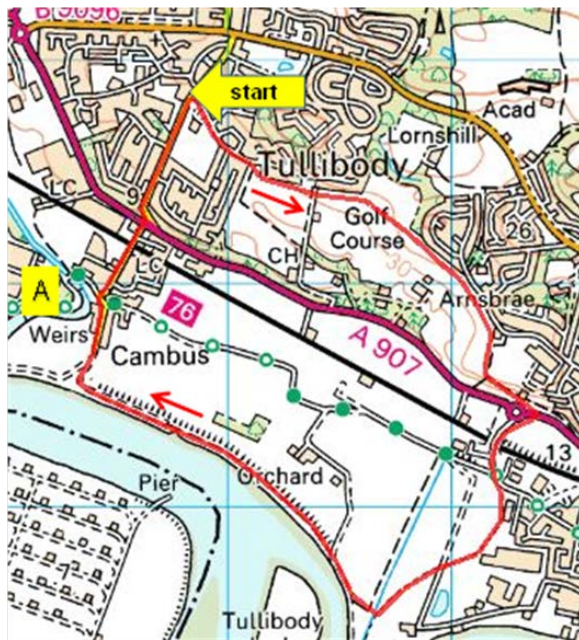
Distance: 4.5 miles (7.2km)

Grade 1 (150ft)

**Follow the Forth to the Inches
and visit the mouth of the River Devon**

Start and finish of walk: Tullibody Leisure Centre, Abercromby Place (off Main Street). Map ref 58: 858948

Walk eastwards along Abercromby Place until you meet the golf course on the right. Go through the wire fence to the golf course and, keeping close to the left (giving consideration to golfers) walk the full length of the course (1.6km) to the Alloa end. Here, through a gap in the wall, go to the top of the Pleasure Grounds from which point there is a panoramic view of the River Forth to the south and west. Take the path along the top until you reach a hairpin bend on the right leading downhill to the main road opposite a bridge over the railway leading to New Alloa. Cross over the road and the bridge. Do not take the first road on the right after the bridge. Just before the industrial buildings on the right is a path between two rows of bushes. Follow this path (can be muddy) down the side of the industrial area, go through the gate, cross the private farm road and follow the path until you come to a “Right of Way” sign on the right taking you across a field. On the other side of the field you come to the banks of the River Forth. Follow the path westwards along the raised bank alongside the river towards Cambus. There are views of the Ochil Hills from here. When you approach houses to the right, just past a pond (or a flooded field), the path turns north into Cambus. Continue in a northerly direction through the village (*see below*) until you come to the main A907 road (Alloa to Stirling). Cross the road, climb the steps ahead and walk up Park Terrace towards Tullibody. Once past the playing fields, take the first road on the right to return to the car park.



Cambus Pools, a Scottish Wildlife Trust site at the mouth of the River Devon, can be visited by crossing the River Devon at “A”.

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THE KENNET ESTATE AND THE TOLBOOTH

Distance: 4.6 miles (7.4km)

Grade 1 (150ft)

Visit the Tolbooth and Mercat Cross in Clackmannan and woodlands around the Kennet Estate and Kennet Pans

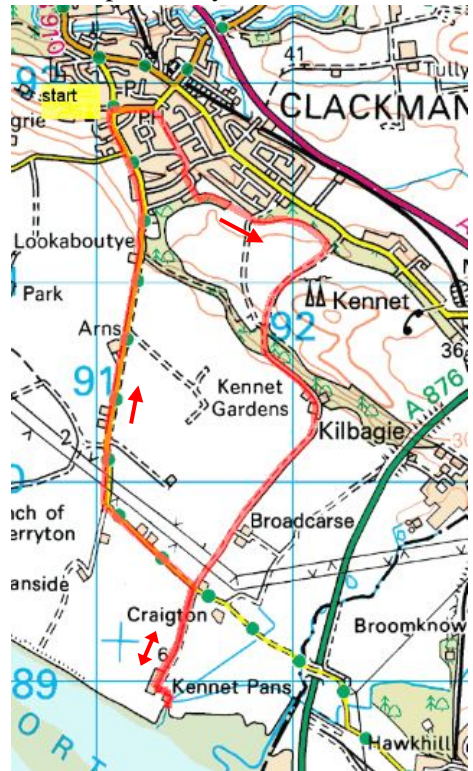
Start and finish of walk: Main Street or High Street near Tolbooth and Mercat Cross, Clackmannan. Map ref 58: 912918

From the Tolbooth, walk east down Main Street and turn right by the Library into Castle Street. At the end of the street, after passing the bowling green on the left, turn right and then immediately left into Chapelhill Street.

At the end of the grassed area on your left turn down past the last new bungalow to a path into conifer woods. Continue for 800m with the new housing on your left and after a new plantation turn right along the wide track with 2 telephone Cellnet masts at the top of the field to your left. As you reach the next belt of trees, the site of Kennet House (now usually the dump for farm manure) is to the right. Go straight on down past the walled garden on the right. At the bottom of this track pass Ladysbrae House and then (Kennet) Garden House. Follow the track south for 1.25km to the next junction. From here look back for views of the Ochils. Cross the road to Kennet Pans and walk 0.5km to the Market Garden (open only from mid-March to the end of June). Ahead is the ruin of a distillery which made gin for the London market. Go round to the left of the derelict building to the shore with views of the old Pow or Port, also views of the new Clackmannanshire Bridge.

Go back to the previous junction and turn left along the road going northwest then north past cottages and Ards Farm. Continue to Lookaboutye Cottage and climb the hill to Wellmyre then Port Street to return to the Tolbooth.

The Market (Mercat) Cross dates from the 16th Century and displays the Bruce family's Coat of Arms. The Tolbooth was built in 1592 at the request of the Sheriff of Clackmannan.



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GARTMORN DAM AND LINN MILL

Distance: 4.1 miles (6.7km)

Grade 1 (200ft)

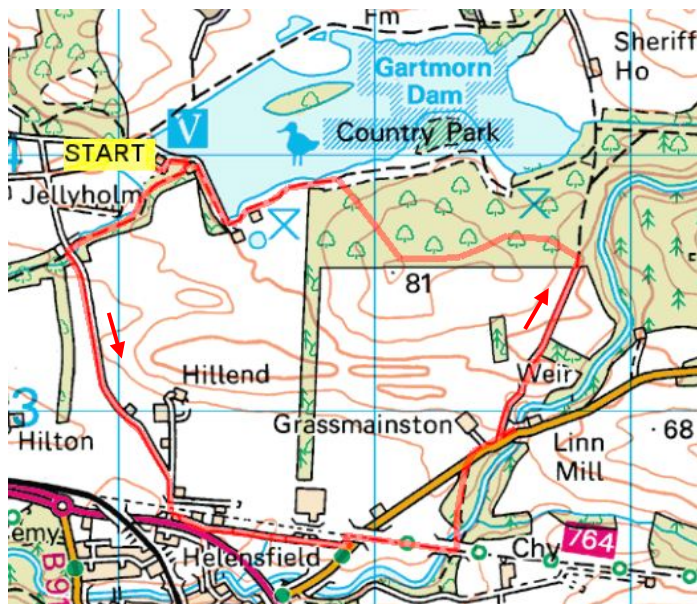
An easy walk along wooded waterside paths
and quiet roads with open views

Start and finish of walk: Gartmorn Dam Visitor Centre, Sauchie.

Map ref 58: 912940

Immediately after leaving the Visitor Centre with the dam on your left, go down the steps on the right. At the bottom of the steps turn right along the Brothie Burn and follow the path (keeping left at the next Y-junction) to the crossroads. Turn left (Clackmannanshire to Fife Cycleway) and continue straight along track keeping to the right at the next junction, onto the tarmac lane. Just before the Clackmannanshire bypass (A907), turn left along the minor road for about 400m passing two bungalows. As you approach the B910 road, climb to your left onto the Cycleway (a disused railway line) and turn right with good views of the Ochils. After 400m the path crosses the bridge over the river Black Devon where you immediately take steps down to the right, through a gate and turn right down more steps under the Cycleway and walk along the river. In 50m, cross the river into pine woods and then turn right along road (B910). To see the ruins of Linn Mill (formerly a grain mill) follow the path on left of bridge to the Black Devon Wildlife Reserve (50m from road). Retrace your steps to follow the public path before the bridge (signed "Gartmorn Dam"). After 700m, at the gate, take the left path into the Community Woodland and walk straight along this path with fields on your left. At the Y-junction go left and continue straight on to the orientation table and viewpoint. Drop down to the south shore of Gartmorn Dam and turn left to the Visitor Centre.

Optional extra: turn right at the south shore of the dam and circle the dam. (Two miles extra).



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ALLOA AND CLACKMANNAN TOWERS

Distance: 5.3 miles (8.5km)

Grade 1 (250ft)

A chance to see some local landmarks
in Alloa and Clackmannan

Start and finish of walk: Candleriggs car park, signed Alloa Tower Parking, Auld Brig Road, Alloa. Map ref 58: 887927

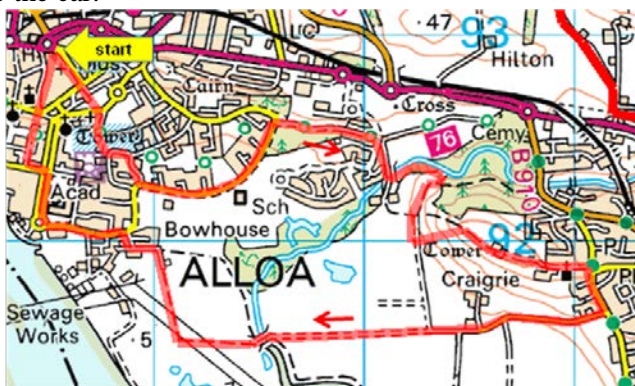
From the car park, go down Parliamentary Walk to Alloa Tower. Leave the confines of Alloa Tower via the path at the back of the Tower. When you reach the road, take the path directly opposite, leading to Forth Crescent. Turn left passing the playing fields and school on your right, turn right along the public footpath (signed "Clackmannan") into Mar Estate Woodland. A new housing estate is being built further along the path (early 2006) and so paths may change. Head for the far corner of the estate, i.e. head for Clackmannan Tower seen about 700m away. Go down a path to the left of the houses to the bridge over the River Black Devon. Cross the bridge and turn sharp left alongside the river. Continue until you come to a path on the right taking you up to a higher path. At the next junction, turn right, go through a metal kissing gate, and keep on the path round the south side of the Tower until you reach a stile over the fence on the left. Cross the stile, continue ahead for 150m and climb the hill on the left to Clackmannan Tower. Note that the gate to the Tower area is about 200m to the left of the Tower as you ascend the hill. Leave the Tower to the east and walk down the High Street to the Mercat Cross, Tolbooth and the Stone of Mannan. Take the road south (Port Street) then the 3rd turn right to Craigrie Road, signed "Public Path to Alloa". Walk westwards for 1.5km between the fields to cross the Black Devon. Follow the main path to reach houses, turn right along Riverside view then left along Bowhouse Road. Opposite Forthbank Industrial Estate, cross Alloa Park diagonally to East Castle Street (note the Earl's Gate Obelisks) and cross Broad St. (the lime tree-lined dual carriageway). Take the first right into North Castle St. and go past Lime Tree House onto the Wagonway. This ends on the Ring Road by the Station Hotel. Turn right along the Ring Road, right into Primrose St. then left back to the car.

Alloa Tower dates from the 15th Century.

The Market (Mercat) Cross dates from the 16th Century and displays the Bruce family's Coat of Arms. The Tolbooth was built in 1592.

Clackmannan Tower was bought by Robert Bruce in 1359 from David 11

Wagonways were built throughout Clackmannanshire to ease the transport of coal to theriver.



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GARTMORN DAM FROM FISHCROSS

Distance: 5.9 miles (9.5km)

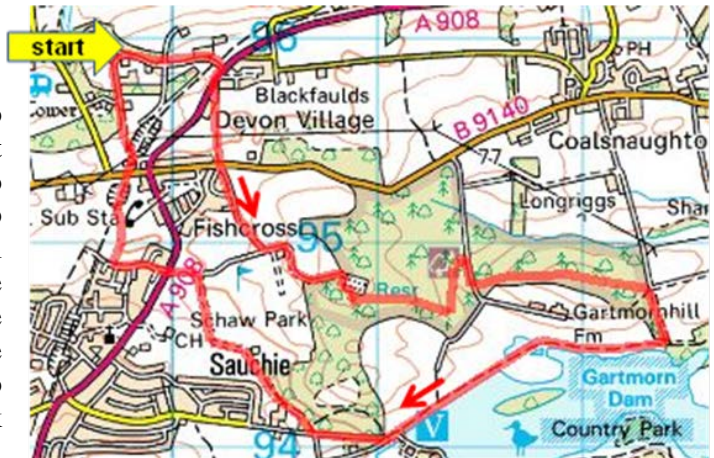
Grade 2 (350ft)

circular walk taking in Gartmornhill Woods
and Gartmorn Dam

Start and finish of walk: Park in a lay-by just before the Beam Engine House.

Map ref 58: 898959

Take the track past Bankhead Farm to the A908. Turn right and in 70m turn left up a track signed “Public Path Fishcross”. When you reach the B9140 turn left then after 10m turn right to follow a tarmac track alongside Schawpark golf course. Near to the end of the track, where it bends to the right, climb over the wooden gate, keep straight ahead and cross a fairway to join a good track. At the top of the track with buildings on your right, the track swings right and then left going uphill with the golf course practice area on your left. At the East of Scotland Service Reservoir (Octagon Wood) follow the perimeter fence to the right. About halfway along the south side the narrow path veers away from the fence into woodland. The path splits after 80m. Go to the right and follow it downhill through thicker woodland for 60m and turn left just before a mound - possibly a disused water board construction. Continue for 250m to where 4 paths cross and keep straight on for 250m to a T-junction. Turn left here through woodland to meet a wide track at a metal gate. Turn right, then 50m later, left along an ash-surfaced track through Gartmornhill Wood with good views of the Gartmorn Dam and the Ochils. At the end of this track turn right down to the Dam and go along the north shore to the Visitor Centre. (Or turn left, to go along the south shore - 1 mile longer). From the Centre take the path alongside the road leading to Sauchie for 500m until you meet a wide tarmac track from the left. Turn right then left along the public path past the school. After the school boundary fence, remain on this path which veers left after 300m by the side of the golf course. Continue for a further 150m when the public path turns right to cross the course. Turn left to meet the A908, cross to Devon Valley Drive, climb the path to the old windmill (ref 7) and cross the football pitch to join the Devon Way. 50m after the second bridge zigzag up to the left to reach the track back to the start



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DRUMMIE AND COALSNAUGHTON

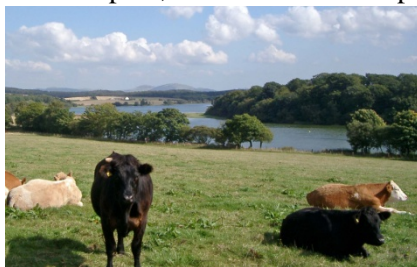
Distance: 5.9 miles (9.4km)

Grade 2 (350ft)

**A mixture of roads and tracks with views of
Gartmorn Dam and the Ochils**

Start and finish of walk: car park opposite Devonvale Hall on the A908 Tillicoultry to Alloa road. Map ref 58: 920966

Head along the A908 to the bridge over the River Devon. Turn left, then left again into Drummie Road. At the end of the road continue onto the path, turn left down steps, cross to the far corner of the field and after the kissing gate keep circling to the right to the top of the hill and cross a stile by a radio mast. Turn left here, then at the end of the track turn right along the B9140 to Coalsnaughton. Take a left turn signed "Walkway to Gartmorn Dam". Pass Longriggs farm and after another 500m turn right



by the overhead power lines. This next section gives views over Gartmorn Dam. Turn right along the main track at the next T-junction, then left along the B9140 for 100m then right to a path across two fields. Turn left along the minor road to Devon Village, going left between the houses before the main road. Turn left along the road, almost

immediately right towards Bankhead Farm and after 40m you meet the Devon Way. The final stage of the walk is a 2km section along the Devon Way running parallel to the A908 Alloa to Tillicoultry road. Reaching the outskirts of Tillicoultry, you can reach the car park either by following the road for 300m or crossing the river and following the Devon Way alongside Sterling Mills Designer Village



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TILlicOUNTRY AND DOLLAR

Distance: 6.5 miles (10.5km)

Grade 2 (350ft)

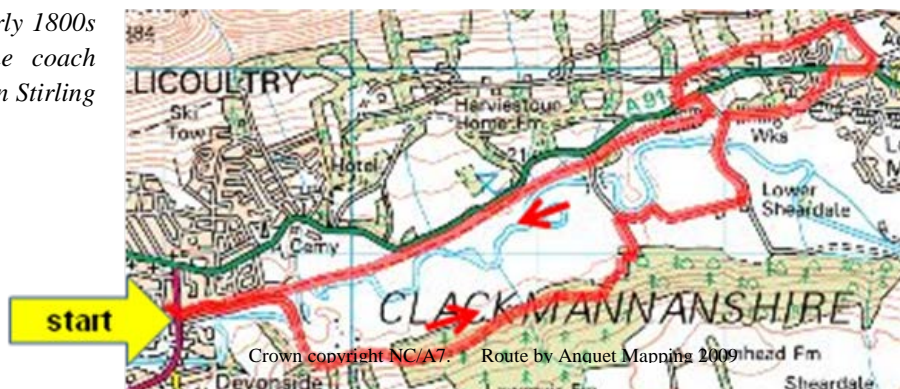
A sheltered walk for much of the route through mixed woodland and a section alongside the River Devon

Start and finish of walk: car park opposite Devonvale Hall on the A908 Tillicoultry to Alloa road

Map ref 58: 920966

Cross the road to join the Devon Way. After 100m go through the gate to the right and follow the path which initially runs parallel to the Devon Way but after 500m swings to the right to cross a bridge over the River Devon. Follow this path through mixed woodland (Melloch Wood and Lawmuir Wood). The path is initially rough tarmac but peters out to a muddy track at the top of the first rise. After 2km the path meets a larger path (not shown on the OS map). Turn left here going downhill to pass a large grey house then go along a tree-lined track for 200m before turning right through a gate to Lower Sheardale. Turn left at disused farm buildings and cross the River Devon to meet the Devon Way heading towards Dollar. When the first houses come into view on the left after about 400m, ignore the first path to the left but take the second which follows a small stream to the main road. Turn right, then after 200m turn left along Mylne Avenue, then left again between two Dollar Academy sports fields. At the end turn left again along the Back Road (*see below*) and then the path which runs parallel to the main road. After just under 1km, immediately after the last house, turn left to the main road. Cross the road, go left for 120m then right and first right again to return to the Devon Way and back to Tillicoultry.

Until the early 1800s this was the coach road between Stirling and Perth.



GARTMORN DAM, THE LADE AND FORESTMILL

Distance: 9.3 miles (15.0km)

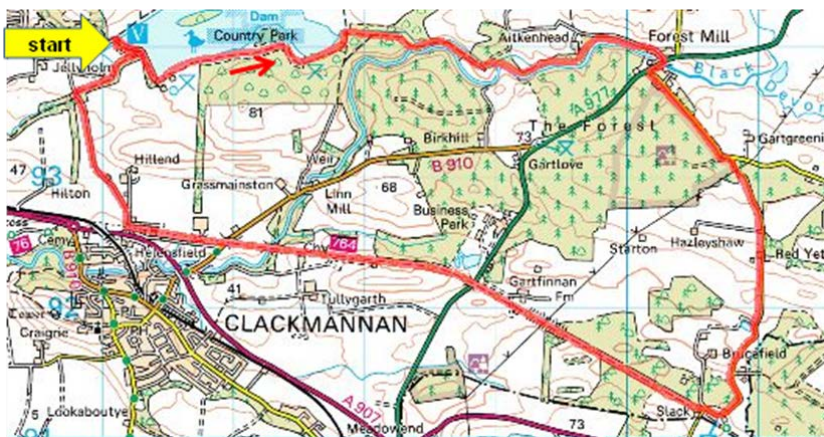
Grade 2 (350ft)

Visit Forestmill via the Lade footpath returning
via the old Alloa to Dunfermline railway line

Start and finish of walk: Gartmorn Dam Visitor Centre, Sauchie.

Map ref 58: 912940

Walk southeast alongside the dam and continue round its south side until you reach the bridge over the Lade (2km). Do not cross the bridge but continue eastwards along the south side of the Lade. Go through a gate after 200m and follow the path alongside the Lade. The River Black Devon soon appears lower down on your right. Continue to Forest Mill (4km). Turn right along the main A977 road (Kinross - Kincardine), proceed 80m and turn left at Loganlea tea room (ideal stop). Continue up the road between houses, past School Wood on the right and then turn right onto a minor road. Walk carefully along this one-vehicle-wide road passing Red Yetts, Brucefield House and Mains and Hartshaw Farm signs and at the second bend go into a small car park on the left by Slack Cottage (7km). Go forward onto the Cycleway, the old Alloa/Dunfermline railway line, and turn right. Proceed northwest past Gartfinnan Farm and Cottage at the left side of the Cycleway and go over the bridge above the Kincardine to Kinross road. Continue to the end of the Cycleway near Clackmannan (11km), descend the ramp and turn right along the minor road which goes past a poultry farm. Continue to the junction (opposite Helensfield) and turn right towards Hillend Farm. Fork left in 100m following yellow path markers to farm cottages and follow the track to the gate at the entrance to the woods. Turn right at a barrier onto track alongside the Brothie Burn and continue to the Visitor Centre at Gartmorn Dam.



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RUMBLING BRIDGE AND CROOK OF DEVON

Distance: 7.4 miles (12.0km)

Grade 2 (400ft)

Explores some of the lesser known stretches of the River Devon

**Start and finish of walk: opposite the Coronation Hall, Muckhart.
Map ref 58: 999006 .**

Go along Drumburn Road opposite the hall and after 200m turn left along the path to Crook of Devon. Carry straight on and cross the A823. Continue on the main path, bearing left at junction before passing Mosspark. Just before Naemoor Farm follow the signpost through a gate bypassing the farm. Continue southwards for 500m and then turn left through a gate onto a wide track which leads to the River Devon. After 700m the path leaves the riverside, past a deer farm, and meets a minor road. Turn left, cross the bridge and turn right into Crook of Devon. After 400m (50m after the 30mph sign), turn right down steps to a path following the south bank of the Devon to Rumbling Bridge from where there are footpaths (not shown on the OS map) leading to bridges and view points of the Rumbling Bridge Gorge. You can access the A823 road either side of the Gorge. Just north of the bridge turn left along the road signposted "Blairhill - Private Drive". Continue past Blairhill to the T-junction at Grid Ref (GR) 998990 where you turn right and follow the track over the hill to the golf course road. Cross the road and the burn to a path leading to Muckhart Primary School where you turn right to return to the start point.

An easier return from Rumbling Bridge with less ascent is to return to Naemoor Farm and back to Muckhart.

Or you can return by road, finally crossing Muckhart golf course



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DOLLAR AND MUCKHART MILL

Distance: 6.7 miles (10.7km)

Grade 2 (500ft)

This walk is along rights of way and quiet roads
to Muckhart Mill on the River Devon

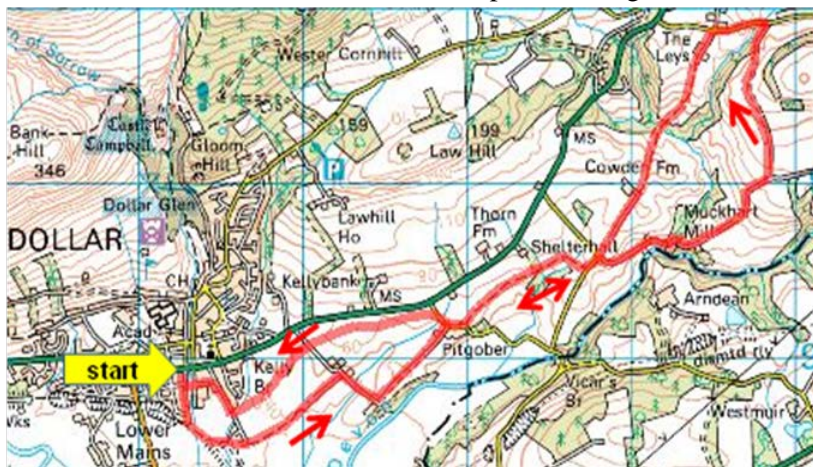
Start and finish of walk: car park on West Burnside opposite the Castle Campbell Hotel, Dollar. Map ref 58: 963979

Go down the West Burnside and then continue down the narrow lane to the right of the burn. At the end go over/around the barrier and turn left along the old railway line for 300m, then turn right and after 50m sharp left. This path leads to a white cottage (Linnbank) where you turn right. In 200m turn left by the farm onto the public path which leads to Pitgober House. Turn right along the road for 100m and take the track to the left, sign-posted "Muckhart". Turn right after 600m where the track disappears and head for a metal gate at the top of the field. Turn left along the road for 100m and then right to Muckhart Mill (signposted "Rumbling Bridge"). After Muckhart Mill House go left up the wide, ascending track and after 700m turn left continuing uphill and then finally down to the road by the golf course. Turn left, using the path to the right of the road to reach Muckhart Primary School. Turn left along the public path to Dollar through the Leys farmyard. After a metal gate there is initially no clear path. However, bear slightly right down the field to the right of the trees where a track will appear. Continue over the burn and up a track past Cowden farm to the Muckhart Mill road. Return along the outward route as far as Pitgober House but then continue towards the main A91 road taking a left turn through a gap in the hedge about 100m before the road. Follow a meandering path through four "set-aside" fields. At the start of the 2nd field take the right-hand fork and at the 4th field take the middle path heading for the far left-hand corner.

Turn right past the rugby pitch then

left past Dollar Civic

Centre to reach the car park.



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ALVA, ALVA GLEN AND WOOD HILL

Distance: 4.1 miles (6.5km)

Grade 2 (700ft)

A walk taking in part of old Alva town, through lower Alva Glen with its old dams, and the Woodland Park.

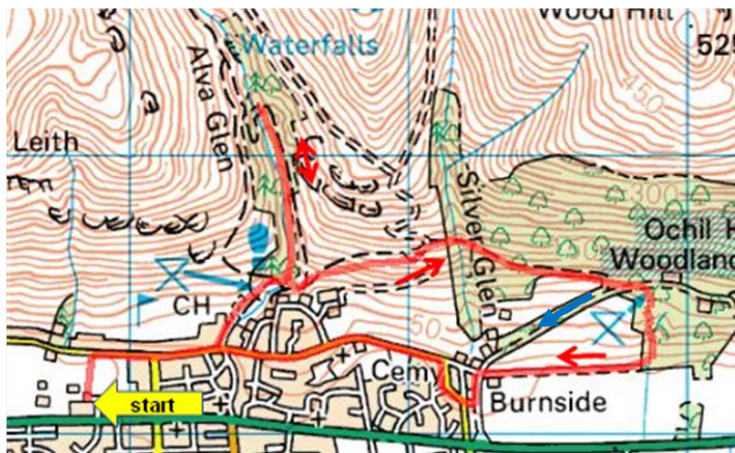
Start and finish of walk: the Mill Trail Visitor Centre, Alva.

Map ref 58: 878971

Leave the car park at the rear of the Centre by one of the northern exits and turn right along Beauclerc Street. Turn left into Alva Glen after 500m and initially keep to the left of the burn following the path to the lower waterfall. Climb the steps and pass under large water pipes. Turn left and follow the path high above the burn to the now disused third dam (see photo) after about 700m. The walk can be extended at this point by continuing along the zigzag path up this magnificent glen to the next viewpoint. Otherwise retrace your steps, but about 30m before the water pipes look for a gate on the left leading to the hillside. Go



through the gate and follow the public path along the hillside. Continue through a gate into Woodhill Wood and cross the Silver Burn. Keep to the main path until it joins the tarmac road near to the Woodland Park car park. From here you can go down the road (→) to Burnside Farm or proceed by going through the car park, exiting at the top left-hand corner along a board-walk. Pass the pond on your left, then in 20m turn right and go right again at the next two junctions to follow the long flight of steps to the SW corner of the woods. Cross the stile and follow the track westwards to Burnside Farm. On reaching the road turn left and after 50m turn right along a short path. Turn right again and follow the Back Road (Ochil Road) for about 1.5km till you reach the Visitor Centre, passing the site of St. Serf's Church and the Johnstone Mausoleum on the way.



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MENSTRIE GLEN AND LOSSBURN RESERVOIR

Distance: 4.3 miles (6.9km)

Grade 3 (900ft)

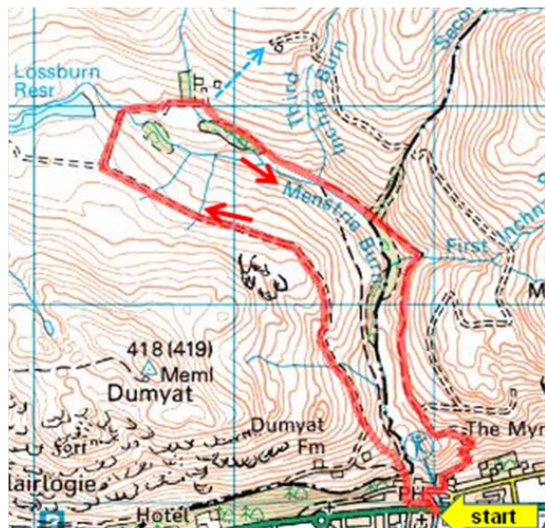
This walk is mostly on good paths and gives the opportunity of visiting Dumyat or exploring the hills north of Menstrie Glen

Start and finish of walk: Dumyat Leisure Centre, Main Street, Menstrie. Map ref 58: 850969

Go along Park Road (see inset map) opposite the Leisure Centre then turn left at T-junction into Ochil Road. Cross the bridge and climb the concrete steps on your right. Just after a metal gate take the middle track up a slope and go up a fairly steep path which skirts a metal fence round the Water Works. Stay on the path for a further 150m after the Water Works to reach a stile at GR 846974. Climb the stile and turn right along the wide track. Follow this track for about 2km till you approach the Lossburn Reservoir. Turn right here along another wide track. After 50m follow a track on your left to view the Dam. Retrace your steps and continue along the track you left, taking care near the end to avoid the slippery wooden sleepers. Go through the gate and ford the burn. Continue along a grassy track, cross a bridge over a burn and climb a gate, and you will see a derelict cottage (Jerah) on your left. Make for the SE corner of the field ahead, where you can cross the wall. Follow an initially faint path to where the Third Inchna Burn joins the Menstrie Burn. Go through the gate and cross the burn by the bridge. You now join a path taking you back to Menstrie, crossing two bridges on the way (they can be slippery). This path eventually joins a wide track which zigzags downhill. Leave this track as it makes its last swing to the left. Keep to the right, climb a stile and turn right along Ochil Road to the park

. If the path from Jerah to Third Inchna Burn is overgrown with tall ferns an alternative route (...►) is to climb uphill to the NE of Jerah, passing to the right of the sheep fank, joining the wide track 100m north of there.

This adds 2km and 400ft of ascent.



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HILLFOOTS HILL AND CASTLE CAMPBELL

Distance: 3.8 miles (6.2km)

Grade 3 (1000ft)

The ascent on this walk in the Ochils is one of the highest
but there are shortcuts and choices of starting point

Start and finish of walk: the community woodlands car park, Upper Hillfoot Road, Dollar. Map ref 58: 970992

From the car park, follow the road uphill for 100m then turn left into the forest track. After 200m, cross the stile by a gate and continue up the wide forestry track for 2km where the track ends at a large vehicle turning area (*see 1 below*). Continue along a path for 500m where the view opens across to Whitewisp Hill. Follow the edge of the trees for 450m then re-enter the woodland down a good track. Continue for about 500m and just after it turns left look for a small pile of stones. Here, turn right down a track which meets two tracks from the right after 400m. Keep left and in 150m you leave the woods by a gate overlooking Castle Campbell. Go down the stony track and by the cottage turn right towards Castle Campbell. By the Castle entrance gate turn left through a kissing gate and down concrete steps into Dollar Glen. About 200m after the third footbridge (*see 2 below*) take the left track which zigzags up to Castle Road. Turn left up the road for 100m and then turn right along a track through woods, below a disused quarry and then along a narrow path above some houses. This brings you back to Upper Hillfoot Road. Turn left back to the car park.

1. About 200m before the turning area, where the track veers to the left, a gap in the trees → leads to a path to Commonedge Hill (*see walk 14*). This allows for a circular walk round Glenquey Reservoir, returning along the Glendevon/Dollar footpath. This option adds 4.5 miles with an extra 400ft of ascent. There is also a shorter walk saving 1.5km & 150ft of ascent shown (→) to the left from the first uphill track.

2. Just before this bridge, there used to be a path across the Glen. In the 1990s it was closed because of cliff falls.



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AUCLINSKY, COMMONEDGE AND SEAMAB HILLS

Distance: 5.8 miles (9.2km)

Grade 3 (1000ft)

This walk in the Ochils reaches the highest point of the walks at 1530ft, but the climb is not too steep and starts at 680ft

Start and finish of walk: A823 in Glendevon at lay-by halfway along Castlehill Reservoir. Map ref 58: 996032

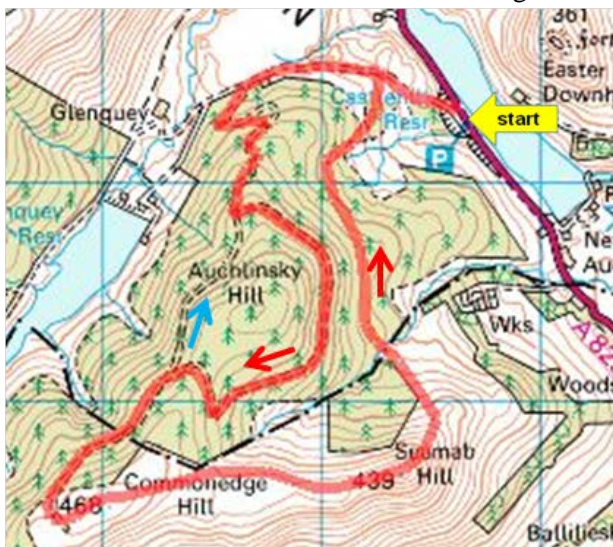
It should be admitted that Commonedge and Seamab Hills are the only parts of this walk in Clackmannanshire! Cross the road to a tarmac road climbing the hillside. Follow the road for about 1km to a cottage on left and just beyond cottage (The Glenquey House) turn left. Go through gate in deer fence with sign "Geordie's Wood" into Woodland Trust ground. Follow the Land-Rover track uphill on a zig zag course. Go through second gate and continue steadily up to T-junction, the start of the Auchlinsky loop. Take the left track and after about 1.8km you will meet the Land-Rover track again. Turn left and climb again for about 1km until the track stops near a fence. This is Commonedge Hill. Follow a grassy path to the left and over the fence you reach height 468m, marked by a small cairn and posts. Continue eastwards along a good quad bike track which winds its way towards Seamab Hill where there are excellent views to the Lomond Hills and the River Forth. Continue down the narrow, grassy path to a wall and fence which you cross and then turn left. Follow the wall down to a new stile over the deer fence at the corner of the field. Bear left down to a footbridge and a good track. There are many tracks which all lead to a gate near the tarmac road at GR 991034. The path close to the wall and deer fence is the most direct. Take the right-hand fork before you reach the far edge of the forest.

Shorter option:

turn back downhill at GR 983021 (→) omitting the climb to Commonedge Hill. At the gate exiting the forest, instead of following the inward route back, turn right to follow the edge of the wood to the path junction at GR 990031 and head for the tarmac road. (Then 4.1 miles, 700ft of ascent).

There are many more paths in this area opened by the Woodland Trust in recent years, see:

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/our-woods/glen-sherup/Documents/glen-devon.pdf>



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