

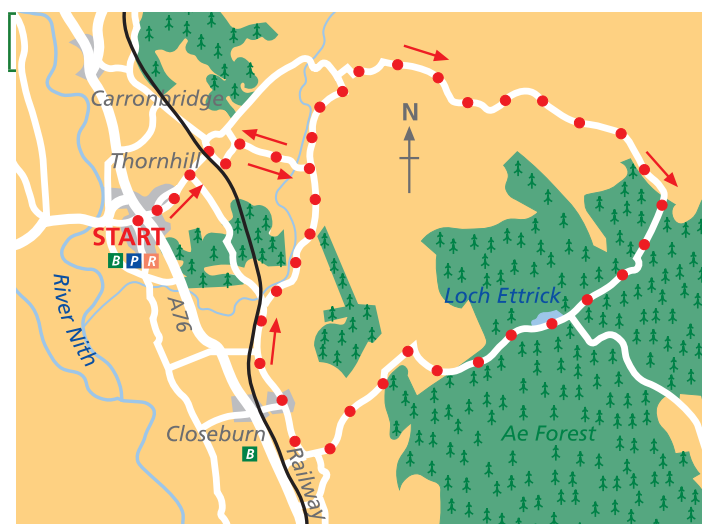
THORNHILL, LOCH ETTRICK & GATELAWBRIDGE

- START** Thornhill
- 30.5km/19 miles**
- Allow 2½ hours**
- Long steady climb and descent on east side of Nith Valley**

Views As you climb these quiet roads away from Thornhill enjoy the views across Mid Nithsdale. The mid point of the circuit takes you close to the near symmetrical Queensberry Hill, a favourite hill walk in the area.

Thornhill This attractive 'ducal village', with its wide tree lined streets, is centred on the 1714 statue of Pegasus, erected by the Duke of Queensberry to commemorate the building of the new Dumfries to Glasgow Road.

Loch Ettrick A good spot for a picnic after your steady climb and before descending the valley side.



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Miles	Route
0.0	From the cross (Pegasus) in the centre of Thornhill cycle down East Morton Street (signposted to Gatelawbridge, Police Station and Council Offices).
0.9	Pass under the railway and keep right. Pass through the village and left at the T-junction.
3.3	At the Townfoot Farm sign keep left and take the next right. This road becomes unfenced and you cross various cattle grids and pass Mitchellsacks Farm before entering the forest.
9.5	Turn right at the T-junction (signposted to Closeburn) and on past Loch Ettrick. Enjoy the descent, crossing two further cattle grids and on through a hamlet.
13.0	Bear right at the junction signposted for Closeburn and take the next road on the right.
13.9	Closeburn School, turn left and right around the school. Continue through Cample, past the phone box and bear left at the Y-junction with the Crichton Linn sign.
16.7	Take the first left after Crichton Linn to return to Thornhill.

ON SHARED USE PATHS • Please be courteous and be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary • Give way to pedestrians, horse-riders and wheelchair users, leaving them plenty of room • Carry a bell and use it - not all pedestrians can see you • Always follow the Highway Code • Be seen - most accidents to cyclists happen at junctions • Fit lights, wear a helmet and light and reflective clothing • Respect land management activities such as farming and forestry and take litter home • Be self-sufficient - in remote areas carry food, repair kit, map and waterproofs.