

DRUMLANRIG CASTLE TO BURNMOUTH

- Circular riverside and quiet road walk**
- 15.5km/ 9½ miles**
- Allow 4 hours**
- Paths and tracks soft in places with gates, minor roads**
- Moderate**
- Boots**

PARKING From Dumfries follow the A76 Glasgow Road through Thornhill and Carronbridge. Just over a mile out of Carronbridge take the left turn signed for Drumlanrig Castle, descend through the woods, across the bridge and turn right. Continue to Drumlanrig Castle pay and display car park.

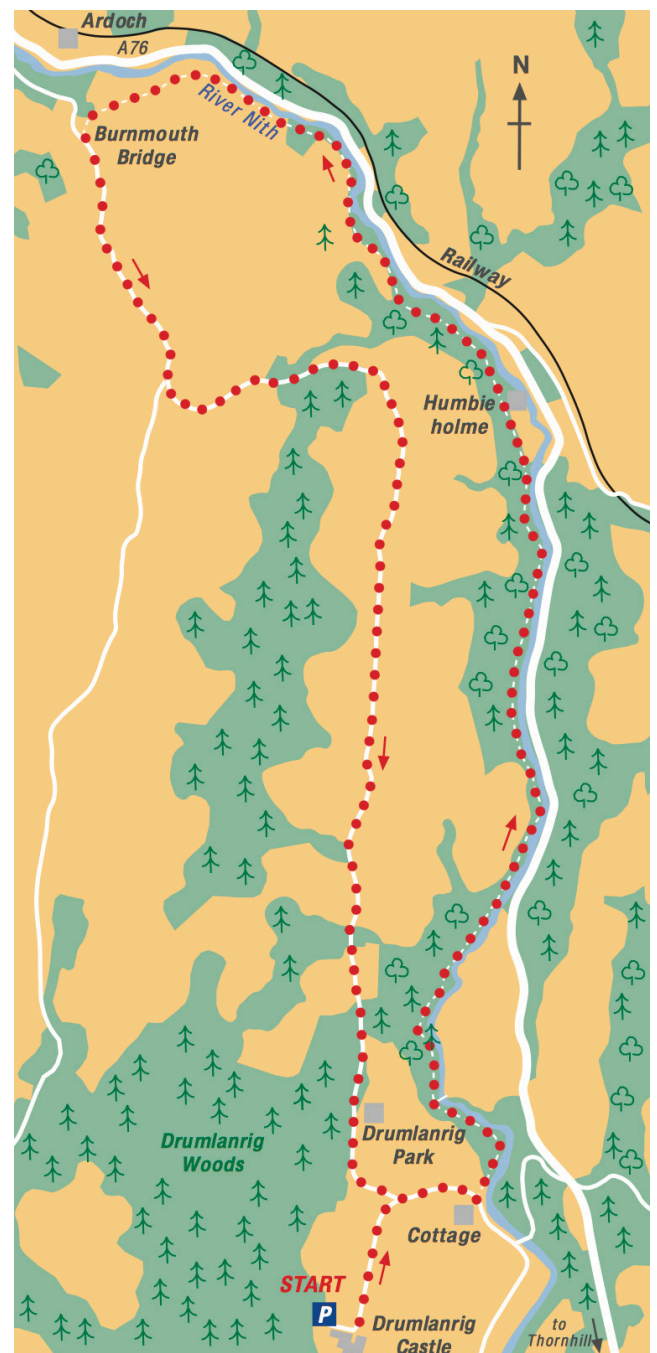
START Retrace your approach route along the lime avenue and round the right hand corner. Turn sharp left at the bench opposite the cottage and descend the track to the field gate. Ignore the small gate on the right and follow the woodland track through the field gate.

The Nith valley is an important transport corridor and, as the valley sides steepen, the west coast mainline converges with the Glasgow Road and the two routes are held in place with impressive engineering works.

Keep right until you reach the four-way junction above Humble Holm. Pass through the left hand gate on to the track above the cottage. At the next fork in the track keep straight ahead (the lower track is very wet). On reaching the edge of the woodland pass through the gate to the rough grazing ground and follow the track alongside the Nith. Avoid the tracks off to the left. On leaving the riverside trees of alder and willow the path starts to traverse upslope giving good views across the valley to Ardoch Farm. Pass through the gate by the sheepfold and on to the gate to the public road. Turn left and continue alongside Burnsands Burn. At the first road junction turn left just before the cottage.

This quiet and elevated road gives good views back to Lowther Hill, topped by a golfball shaped radar station (built for the Civil Aviation Authority), and across to the crescent of hills hiding and enclosing Kettleton reservoir.

As you cross the cattle grid at Drumlanrig Park look straight ahead through the trees to the Drumlanrig Castle. Descend past the estate office and turn right along the main avenue to return to your start point.



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Leave gates as you find them - Keep dogs under close control at all times - Keep to paths across farmland - Take care on country roads
Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls - Respect farm livestock, crops and machinery - Take your litter home with you
Protect wildlife, plants and trees - Guard against risk of fire - Make no unnecessary noise.