

# DUCHESS BRIDGE

**Circular town, riverside and woodland walk.**  
Follow waymarkers with number 3

**4.5km/3miles**

**Allow 1½ hours**

**Pavement, hard surfaced track. Gates**

**Moderate**

**Stout shoes or boots recommended**

**PARKING** Kilngreen car park on the side of the River Esk, is the start point for all the Langholm walks and is just north of the town centre on the A7. If you are coming from the south take the A7 to Langholm and pass through the town centre following signs for Hawick and Galashiels (A7) to the far side of town. Pass the Lockerbie turn and take the first left into the Kilngreen car park where you will find toilets, information and picnic tables.

**START** From the car park return towards the town centre and turn right over the Telford road bridge on the River Esk. Follow the road past Langholm Academy and turn right on the path to the sports centre. Go round the left side of the building and the edge of the rugby pitch to reach the Jubilee Bridge. Cross the Esk to the playing fields on Castle Holm. The ruined castle is hidden in a clump of trees off to your right just before the confluence of the Esk and Ewes Water.

Follow the riverside path through two wicket gates to a small junction leading down to Duchess Bridge. This elegant structure, built in 1813, was the first cast iron bridge in Scotland. Return to the path and continue upstream past the pheasant rearing sheds and enclosures. The path turns sharp right and climbs gently to reach a junction. Take the left track to the top side of the storage area and on reaching Holmhead turn left away from the steading.

At North Lodge turn sharp right on to the track along the far side of the wall. Ignore the side paths as you follow this route through attractive mixed woodland containing some fine specimen trees. On emerging from the woods the path continues alongside a field before turning sharp left between fields.

After about 200m you will reach a junction with a path off Castle Hill. Keep right and right again on meeting the road. Continue downhill past the estate sawmill to reach Ewes Bridge which is just upstream from the car park.



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