

ESKRIGG RESERVE

- Circular town and country walk**
- 5.5km/3½ miles**
- 1½ hours**
- Pavements, grass, woodchip paths and hard surfaced tracks with stiles and gates**
- Easy**
- Boots recommended**

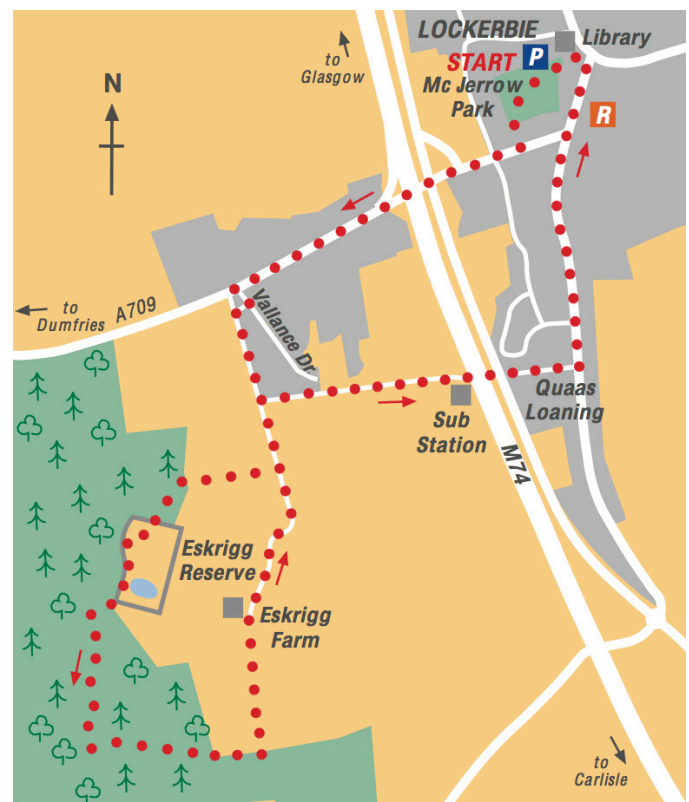
PARKING is in the car park at the centre of Lockerbie. The entrance is opposite the war memorial.

START Head for the higher ground in the car park and enter Mc Jerrow Park. Walk through the park to meet the Dumfries Road. Turn right along the pavement and pass over the motorway. When you near the edge of town cross the Dumfries Road opposite Vallance Drive. Walk down Vallance Drive and take the first right to reach the Eskrigg Farm track and continue along this track past the junction with the three-way fingerpost. At the next fingerpost turn right for the woodland walk. Climb the stile into the field and follow the side of the burn towards the plantation until you reach the stile into Lockerbie Wildlife Trust Eskrigg Reserve.

Enter the reserve and proceed along the path until you reach the footbridge. Do not cross the bridge but bear left away from the drain. You will soon reach a shelter with benches where you can relax and absorb the tranquillity of the reserve. The reserve is on ground owned by Castlemilk Estate and the site is a former curling pond, constructed around 1850 by estate workers. Follow the woodchip path, taking time to enjoy the special features constructed by Lockerbie Wildlife Trust. You can pick up an informative leaflet covering the reserve's history, natural history and walking routes from Lockerbie Library.

Turn left when you meet the forest track and continue to the next T-junction where you turn left again. The path starts to climb as it runs along the boundary with the field. At the next footpath sign turn left through the field gate and follow the fence line towards Eskrigg Farm. Pass through the next gate and continue past the farmhouse and

along the farm drive. At the second three-way signpost turn right and follow this track past the electricity sub-station and take the footbridge over the motorway. Cross the next road and follow the footpath straight ahead; this is Quaas Loaning. At the end of the loaning turn left to return to the centre of Lockerbie.



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