

EUCHAN GLEN

- Circular riverside walk with quiet road return**
- 5km/3 miles**
- Allow 1½ hours**
- Hard surfaced paths (soft in places) and minor roads. Gates**
- Easy**
- Boots recommended**

PARKING From Dumfries follow the A76 Glasgow Road to Sanquhar. Continue along the High Street, through the narrow section at the Tolbooth and take the next left turn into Queens Road. Turn immediately right and park at the picnic site above 'The Waird' curling pond.

START This former curling pond is an oasis for waterfowl and an ideal place to enjoy some refreshment before the start of your walk.

Follow the path around 'The Waird' in an anticlockwise direction and climb the steps up to the road. Cross over, turn right and follow the road out of town, downhill and on past the information shelter by the riverside. Cross the bridge over the River Nith and turn left at the Southern Upland Way signs. This minor road follows the boundary of Sanquhar Golf Course, before reaching the Euchan Water. Pass through the wicket gate between the bridge and the cottage. This is an attractive path guarded by gnarled old oak trees and carpeted to both sides with a ground flora of woodrush, dogs mercury and wild garlic interspersed with wood anemones and patches of kingcups. Pass the Euchan Well, a source of iron rich water, before reaching the footbridge across the Barr Burn where it falls to meet the Euchan. Climb the steps for a view over the ancient stronghold of Kemp's Castle. This is the rectangular flat-topped earthwork to your right that is bounded by trees. The path descends and you will soon hear and see the Euchan Falls that can be exciting when the river is in spate.

Pass through the kissing gate and keep to the field edge, re-entering the glen at the next kissing gate. After about half a mile you leave the gorge-side path and pass through a third kissing gate before crossing a footbridge over a side burn. Follow the

path alongside the fence and re-cross the burn on another footbridge to reach the metal kissing gate to the minor road.

Turn right for a pleasant road walk past farmland and the golf course. To your right, atop Lowther Hill, you will see an unusually large golf ball. This is a radar station and part of the Civil Aviation Authority network. Cross the road bridge over the Nith for a second time and turn right to return to Sanquhar and 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.