

GALLABERRY WALK

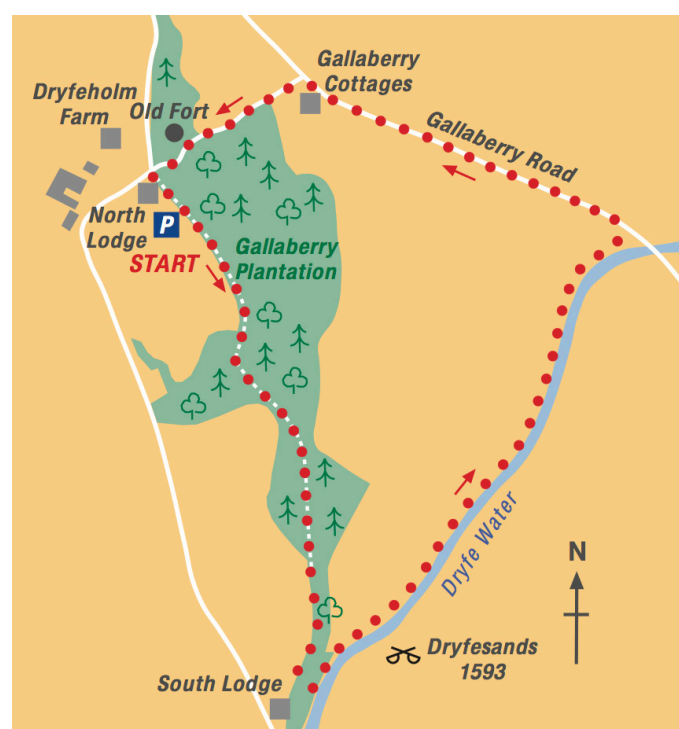
- Circular forest, riverside and quiet road walk**
- 3km/2 miles**
- 1 hour**
- Hard surfaced and grass tracks and road with stiles and gates**
- Easy**
- Stout shoes or boots recommended**

PARKING From Lockerbie take the A709 Dumfries Road and take the first right after Dryfesdale Cemetery and the Garden of Remembrance. At the T-junction turn left and cross the metal bridge over the Dryfe Water. Continue past the tall sheds of Dryfeholm Farm and take the estate entrance on the right at North Lodge to reach the car park.

START at the car park where an information board highlights points of interest on the walk. Continue along the estate road through the arboretum featuring magnificent wellingtonias with their deeply fissured spongy bark. This fireproof skin protects these trees from the forest fires that periodically rage through their native groves on the western seaboard of the Sierra Nevada in California. When you reach the 'Woodland Walk' signpost at the path junction turn left.

Continue through Gallaberry Plantation. At the boundary with South Lodge the path turns sharp left; pass through the gate and over the stile at the opposite side of the track. You are now on the flood bank alongside the Dryfe Water. The field across the river is the site of the 1593 Battle of Dryfesands between the Johnstones of Annandale and the Maxwells of Nithsdale. Turn left and walk upstream, keeping your eyes open for feeding herons.

After ½ mile climb the stile and on meeting the road turn left. This is the quiet Gallaberry Road but be aware that this route is used by farm and forestry vehicles. A short distance after Gallaberry Cottages you will see another 'Woodland Walk' fingerpost. Turn left as indicated and you will soon reach an ancient walled track. This track joins the road just above North Lodge where you started your walk.



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