

MONREITH ESTATE

WHITE LOCH OF MYRTON

- Circular Loch side walk – The estate grounds are open from Easter to 31st September**
- 2.5km/1.5 miles**
- Allow 1 hour**
- Track and beaten earth**
- Moderate**
- Boots/wellies recommended**

PARKING Monreith Estate is located approximately one mile east of Port William. If you are travelling from Port William, head east on the B7085. Turn right at the T-junction (on the minor road signposted to Monreith), then first left at Monreith Estate Lodge, where you will see a white sign for the grounds, walks and fishing. Continue along the estate drive ignoring the first two forks to the right. At the third fork bear right and park by the sheltered map board.

There is plenty to see and enjoy on this waterside walk. The small island just off the southeast shore was once an Iron Age crannog. In spring the woodland floor is carpeted with bluebells interspersed with white garlic spikes. Take some time to admire the big, spreading beech trees and see if you can spot the heronry.

START from the car park, retrace your route across the burn and turn right. Continue around the loch in a clockwise direction, passing the fishing platforms and the boathouse. Pass in front of the house and around the northern end of the loch. Follow the lochside path (which is narrow in places), and remember to look for the crannog as you approach the south end of the loch. Turn right on to the track and return to the car park.

Monreith Estate is the seat of the Maxwell family, members of which include the artist and politician Sir Herbert Maxwell and the popular author and naturalist Gavin Maxwell. A fitting tribute to Gavin Maxwell is the handsome bronze otter memorial that occupies a commanding viewpoint over the beautiful Front and Back Bays near Monreith village.



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