

# MULLOCH HILL

- Circular farmland and riverside walk**
- 5km 3 miles**
- Allow 2 hours**
- Hard surface and grass tracks, roadside verge and grass path, soft in places. Gates and stiles.**
- Moderate**
- Boots recommended**

**PARKING** is available at the roadside in the centre of Dalry.

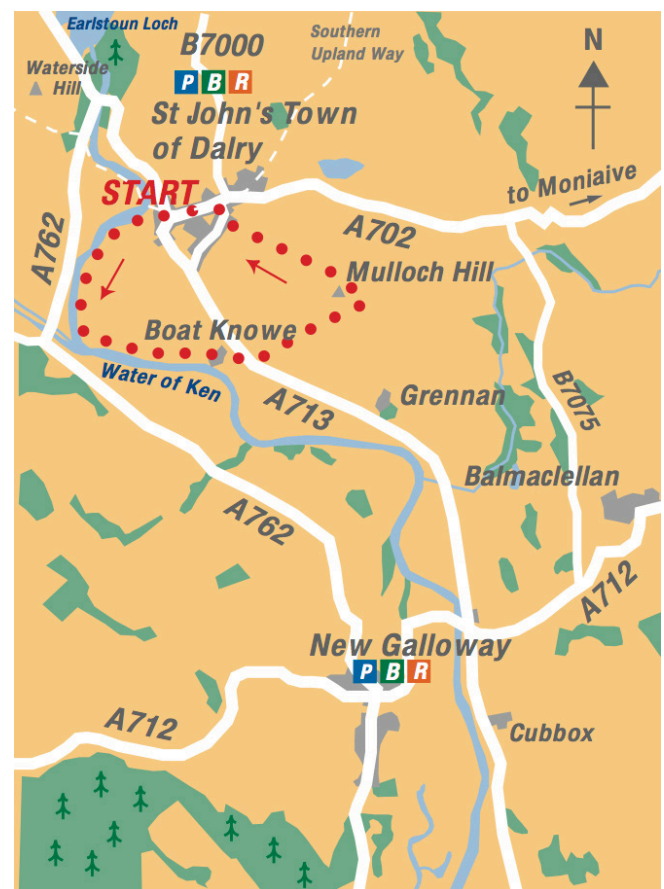
**START** at the Southern Upland Way information shelter to the rear of the town hall. Go through the gate on your left before the suspension bridge then follow waymarkers along the flood embankment. Take the first track on your left, leading to the A713. Carefully cross the road to reach a layby then follow waymarkers to the triangulation point on Mulloch Hill. From here, follow waymarkers downhill, through the fields towards Dalry.

Despite its diminutive height, on a good day Mulloch Hill (170m/556ft) offers extensive views over the Ken Valley. Towering behind Dalry stand the Carsphairn hills and across the Water of Ken sits the smaller peak known as Black Craig of Dee. The villages of Balmaclellan and New Galloway sit nestled in the valley.

Also visible from the summit are power stations at Glenlee and Earlstoun, part of the Galloway Hydro-Electric scheme.

From Loch Doon in the north of the region, to Kirkcudbright in the south, there are a host of dams, reservoirs and buildings which make up this pioneering scheme. These features have transformed the landscape and provide an ideal habitat for wildlife.

South of New Galloway, the Water of Ken has been dammed to form Loch Ken. This is now a major wintering ground for wild geese, including the locally rare Greenland white-fronted goose, and is one of the most environmentally significant sites in Scotland.



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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.