

# NITH BRIDGE RIVERSIDE WALK

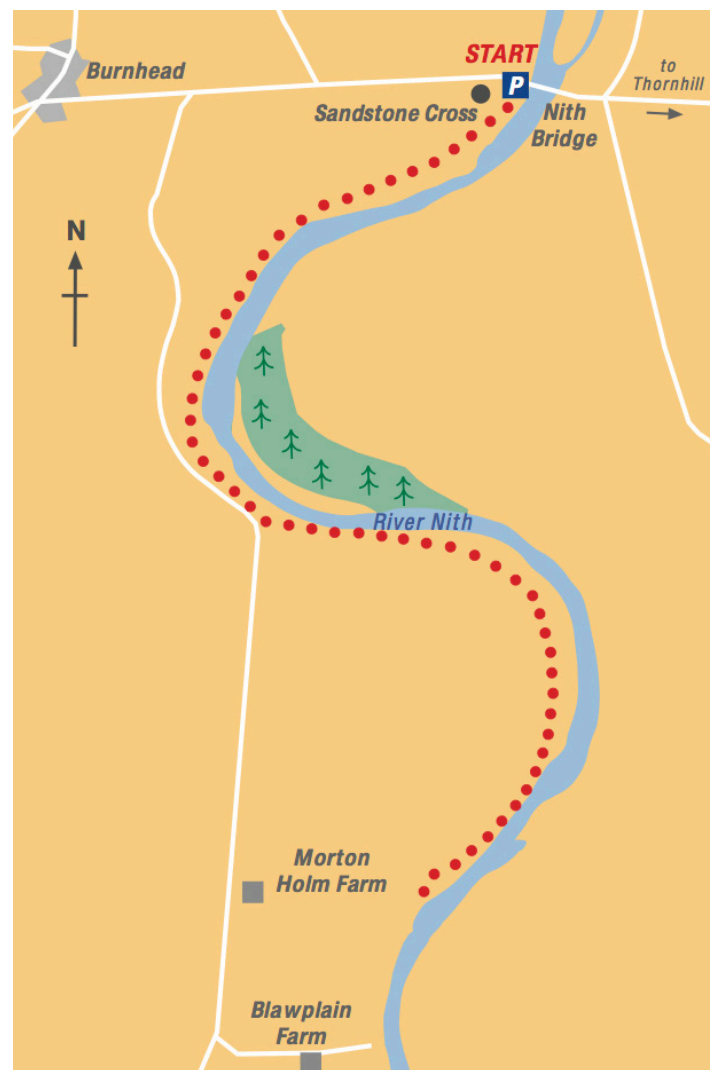
- Linear riverside walk**
- 5 km/3miles**
- Allow 1 ½ hours**
- Paths and tracks soft in places with gates and stiles**
- Easy**
- Boots**

**PARKING** From Dumfries follow the A76 Glasgow Road through Closeburn and take the second turning on the left signed for Penpont and Moniave. After 1 1/2 miles you will reach a T-junction. Turn left, cross the bridge and park in the lay-by.

**START** Look across to the sandstone cross in the field alongside the lay-by. This is the most complete Anglian sculptured cross in the region. Descend the steps from the lay-by and head towards Nith Bridge. Pass through the unusual metal gate with the latch striker and turn right along the riverbank. This linear Nith-side walk gives you a feel for the broad expanse of Nithsdale. The wide meanders enclose gravel beds that are favoured nesting sites for oystercatchers.

The prominent cone shaped hill to your right is Tynron Doon, an impressive hill fort that is well worth visiting (see Walk No 1). Continue along the riverside path, which in some stretches runs along the gravel track. You will cross two stiles before you draw level with Morton Holm farm, visible across the fields to your right. At this point you reach a secondary river channel which will probably be dry. This marks the turning point of your walk.

Return along the same route.



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