

HEUKSLAND GREEN LOANING AND COW'S WYND

Circular road and farmland walk

4km/2½ miles

Allow 1 hour

Minor roads, tracks and paths

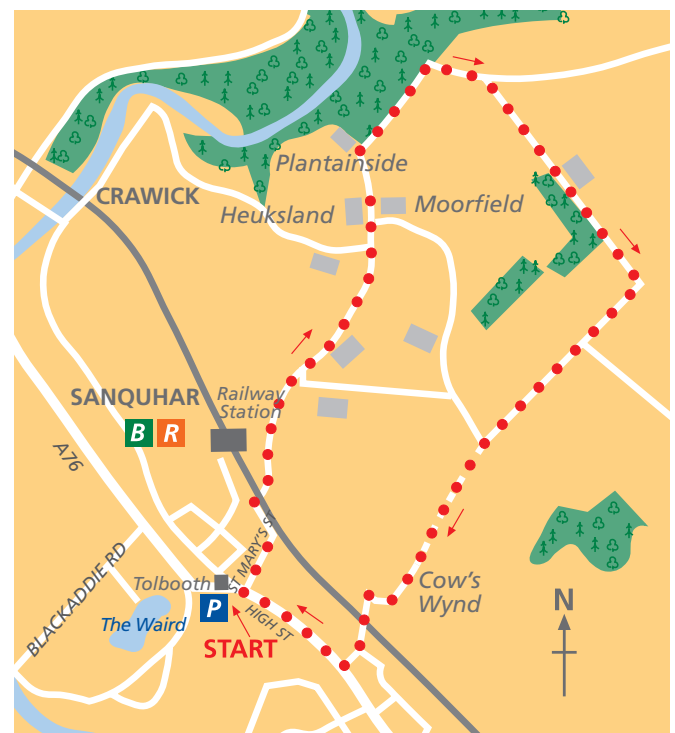
Moderate

Boots recommended

PARKING From Dumfries follow the A76 Glasgow Road to Sanquhar. Continue along the High Street and turn left in front of the Tolbooth Museum to reach the public car park. There are toilets further along this street.

START To the side of the car park you will find an interesting sculpture representing natural materials that have been important in the shaping of Sanquhar. Cross the High Street and walk up St Mary's Street (Helen's Wynd) as it snakes uphill crossing the railway and on past the civic amenity site and the underground reservoir. If visibility is good you will be able to see the wind turbines on Windy Standard to your left. Pass Moorfield and Heuksland farms. At the next house (Plantainside) the road runs alongside a pinewood before turning uphill. At the Y-junction bear right along the track. The track narrows to a path after the cattle sheds.

At the T-junction with the Southern Upland Way turn right. After a short distance the route merges with the track leading away from Lochside farm. When the track turns right, take the path off the corner for a steady descent down Cow's Wynd. This linked the town with the burgh's lands on the Muir and was the route taken by the town herd leading the townsfolk's cattle to common grazings. Pass under the railway to reach Sanquhar High Street and turn right to return to the Tolbooth.



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