



The Roundhouse Loop incorporates Ness Glen, a hidden gorge and Site of Special Scientific Interest for its rare mosses and ferns. Take a magical walk and enjoy the feeling of stepping back in time. Please note that the Roundhouse car park is for customers only. There is plenty of space in the lay-bys nearby.

1 ROUNDHOUSE LOOP

APPROX 5KM
1.5 HOURS



Head out into the wilds on the fabulous Loch Finlas Loop. Park at the bottom of Loch Finlas Road, just before Garpels Bridge at Loch Doon. Please be sure not to obstruct access.

2 LOCH FINLAS LOOP

APPROX 5KM
1.5 HOURS



The Castle Loop can be extended to incorporate the Wee Hill of Craigmulloch and the falls at Carrick lanes. Leave your car in the car park at Loch Doon Castle and take some time to explore these atmospheric ruins. The castle was built in the late 1200s either by Robert the Bruce's father or by the Bruce himself. Originally located on an island in Loch Doon, the entire castle was moved to its current location stone by stone to protect it from water level changes in the 1930s.

3 CASTLE LOOP

APPROX 6KM
2 HOURS



4 HURRICANE SITE

APPROX 10KM
2 HOURS

This walk heads up to the memorial cairn marking the crash site of a Hawker Hurricane MkIV, which impacted the hillside only seven minutes after departing Ayr in March 1944. Start your walk from the car park at the bottom of Loch Doon and do not drive past the forestry gates if they are open, as they may be closed when you return.

DISCOVER LOCH DOON



WALKING YOUR DOG ON FARMLAND?



- ✓ Be prepared - have a secure lead, bags for waste, and know your route.
- ✓ Be safe - consider hazards such as cattle and look for alternative routes.
- ✓ Be responsible - keep your dog on a lead around livestock.
- ✓ Be accountable - clear up after your dog and take it away. Dog waste can spread disease to cattle and sheep.

Wherever we go and whatever we do here in our UNESCO Biosphere, we have an impact. So, let's make that impact as positive as it can be. Use the QR code to visit GSA Biosphere and 'Our Visitor Charter' to find out more...



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Loch Doon and the wider area invite exploration. Windswept and wild, there are endless tracks and trails for hiking, rambling and mountain biking that reach far into the Galloway Forest Park, including remote, unspoilt lochs and hills.

Loch Doon sits in a wild landscape at the heart of the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere. The area borders Merrick-Kells and Silver Flowe, two ecologically important sites that contain large areas of blanket bog and are home to rare species of flora and fauna. Bogs are precious carbon stores, keeping atmospheric carbon locked away for centuries.



Loch Doon is home to a nesting pair of ospreys, large birds of prey that migrate an amazing 3000 miles from West Africa every spring. The adults raise 2-3 chicks each year in their huge treetop nest. Ospreys are supremely adapted to hunting fish in rivers and lochs, plunging feet-first into the water before using their powerful wings to fly away with their catch.



The location of Loch Doon makes it an access point for experienced walkers who wish to take on some of southern Scotland's most challenging ranges, including the Dungeon Range and the Rhinns of Kells.



A Spitfire crashed into Loch Doon in 1941, during World War II. While the pilot's body was sadly never found, the aircraft was recovered and restored and is now held at the Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum.



Whatever the length of your walk, wear sensible footwear and carry waterproofs in all but the most settled weather conditions. Make sure someone knows where you have gone and what time you expect to return.

All walks and trails in the natural environment are subject to wear and tear, please look out for up to date signage as you go.