



Start



End



Trail direction



Access & Parking



Seat / Table



Warning!



Mill Loch – Walk 1 – Distance 3 kilometres – about 50 minutes

Description:

To the right of the Town Hall walk along Queen Street and Townhead for 500m to reach the Mill Loch on the left where there is a small park.

The Mill Loch gets its name from the fact that there were mills on the burns that feed into and flow out of the loch. To the north was a Lint Mill for processing locally grown flax and to the south on Mill Road was a Corn Mill.

Mill Loch is the deepest of the 3 main lochs being over 14 metres deep. In its waters, the rare Vendace fish lived but unfortunately, the last one was caught in 1966. Specimens can be seen in the Annan & Dumfries Museums. Scottish Natural Heritage would like to reintroduce it sometime in the future.

Go through the park to a path which leads around the Mill Loch, passing through 4 gates on the way. At the end of the third field with reed beds on the right, there is a choice of 3 routes back to Lochmaben. Be aware that you are passing through farmland and some fields may contain livestock – Dogs MUST be kept on leads.

The most direct is to turn right through another gate and over a small bridge. (At this gate see the two alternatives for a longer walk).

A well-made path continues round the Mill Loch for 350 m to reach a lane. Turn left up the lane and in 100 m reach Nethermill Road / Mossvale and turn right to return to the start of the walk around the loch. Retrace your steps to the Town Hall.

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