



Start



End



Trail direction



Access & Parking



Seat / Table



Warning!



## Mill Loch – Walk 2 – Distance 4 kilometres – about 1 hour 15 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.

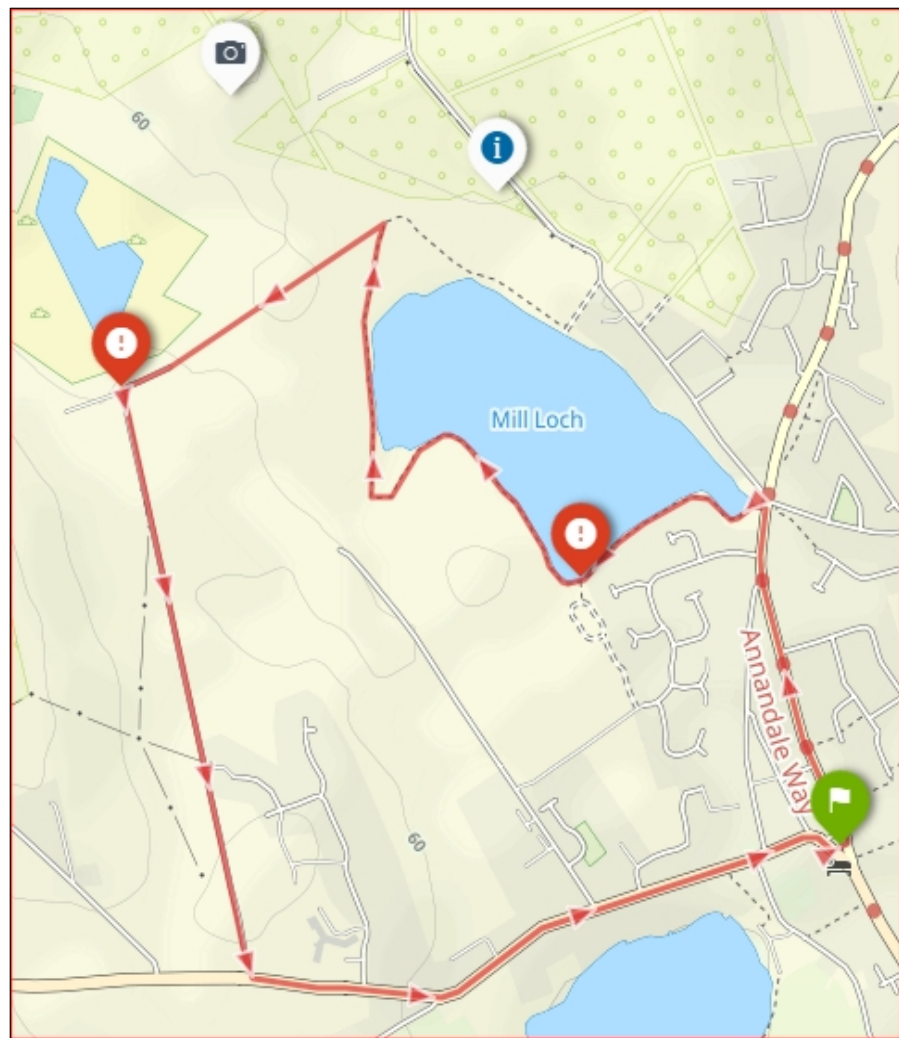
Go through the park to a path which leads around the Mill Loch, passing through 4 gates on the way. At the end of the third field with reed beds on the right, there is a choice of 3 routes back to Lochmaben. Be aware that you are passing through farmland and some fields may contain livestock – Dogs **MUST**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

At the end of the third field turn left (signpost “Public Footpath”) and walk parallel to the fence on the right on a faint path.

Just as you leave the sign, there is a gate on the right. Across the burn is the site of the Lint Mill. From this point, the cottages are thought to be the route of a Roman road. Behind the Lint Mill site on the horizon is Woody Castle, an Iron Age Fort.

Just after Upper Lochhead Cottage turn left along the road past Maxwellbank Farm and continue to the main Lochmaben-Dumfries road (A709) where you turn left to return to the Town Hall via Dumfries Road, Halliday Terrace and Bruce Street

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