

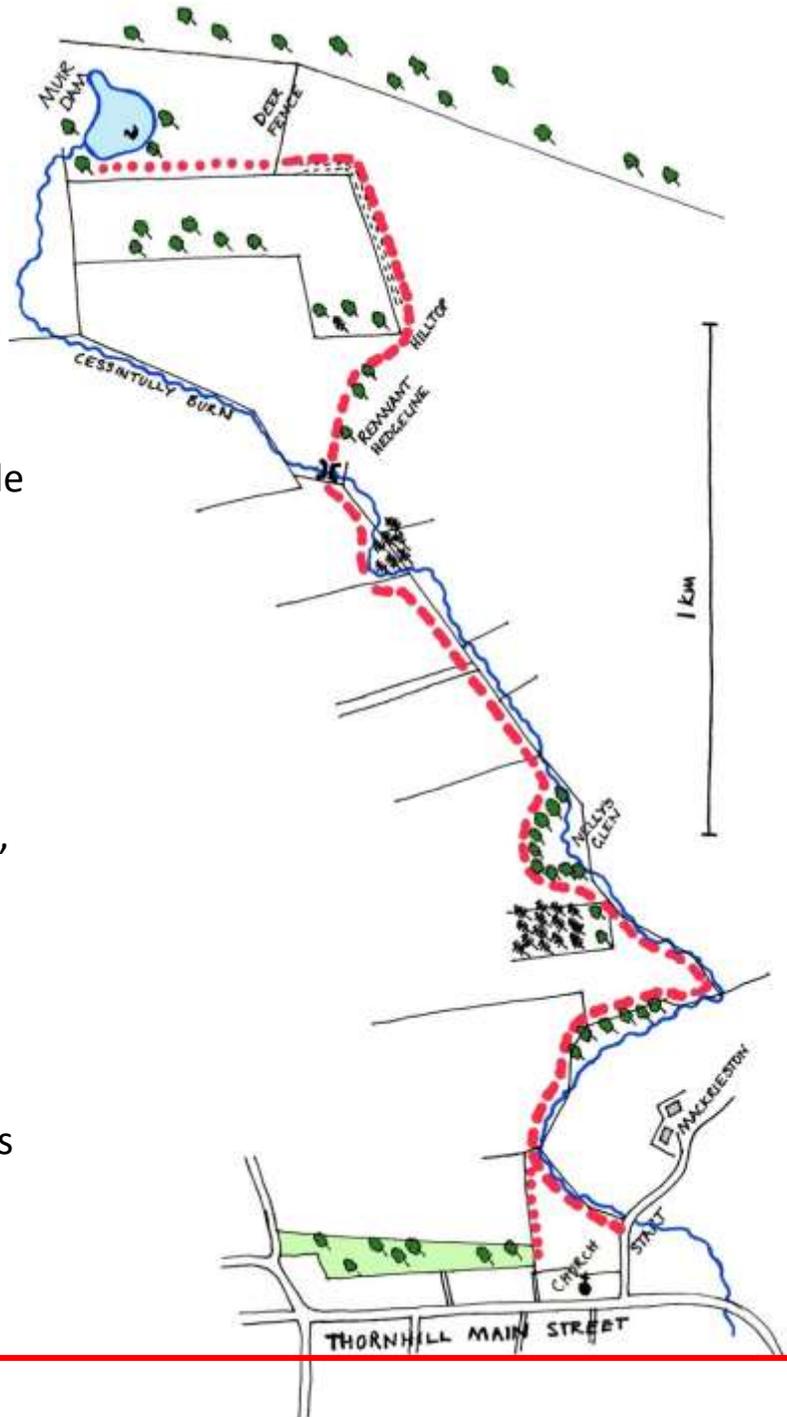
Walk to Muir Dam Loch

This walk heads north from the village, follows the Cessintully Burn up through Nelly's Glen and over the Boquhapple Ridge to reach the loch.

The distance there and back is about 6km.

The path is over rough ground and is often wet, so you'll need walking boots or wellies.

Please only attempt the walk if you are able to negotiate the numerous stiles on the route.



Please remember:

This walk is over farmland

- Choose another walk at lambing time (end March to mid-May).
- Keep dogs under close control and on leads in any field with livestock. Take away dog poo.
- Stick to field edges to avoid trampling on growing or newly seeded crops, including grass cropped for hay or silage.
- Muir Dam and other parts of this walk are environmentally sensitive.
- Tread carefully and leave nothing behind.

Route Description

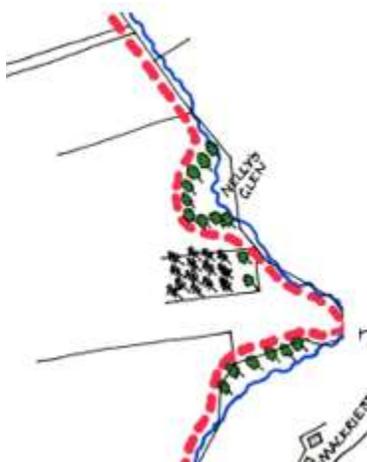
Start from the field behind Thornhill Church.
You can reach this field from the North Common or the Church Hall car park, or by taking the Mackrieston road to the right of the Church Hall and turning left through the gate after 100m.



Walk to the corner of the field furthest from the church where you will find this gate by the burn.



Follow the field edge uphill with the wooded burn to your right (avoid during lambing end March to early May) till you find this stile.



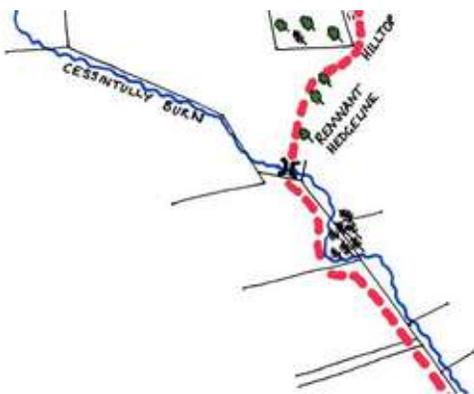
Keeping the wooded gully and burn to your right, follow the field edge for 500m all the way round the field till you find this gate and stile.



Follow the field edge keeping the wood and burn on your right ...



... to this gate and stile.



Keep the fence and burn on your right to this double stile.



Keep following the fence and burn on your right until you reach this stile and cross the ditch on the other side.

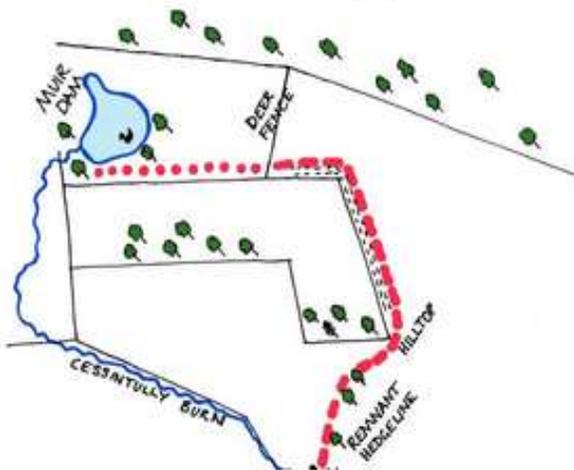


Keep following the burn on your right past a blackthorn thicket to this strange stile.



Then immediately cross the burn on this plank bridge onto boggy ground and follow the old hedge line to the top of the hill (lambing field – avoid April to mid May).





Just over the brow of the hill turn right at woodland edge and after 50 metres turn left along an old stone track (very boggy).



After 250 metres you'll see the remnants of a broken-down wall. Follow this old wall line gently uphill until you see an oak tree with a deer fence stile underneath.



Climb the stile and keep heading in the same direction. Stay high for 200 metres, following a very faint path winding through tussocky ground then when you can glimpse Muir Dam loch through the trees turn downhill to your right on a faint path, through bracken, heather and trees to the loch.

