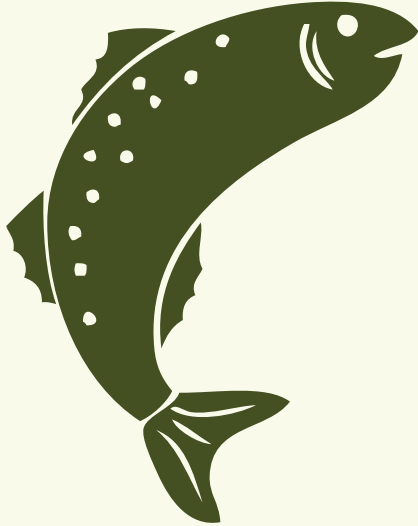


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# AFTON WATER ROUTE



This route offers the opportunity to walk along both banks of the Afton Water. The path follows the river bank, rising up via steps to gain good views of the river and its valley. While crossing the Afton Water at Danny's Brig, why not spend a minute looking for trout swimming beneath you or to take in the sounds of the river.

If you are quiet as you travel you might catch a glimpse of a small black and white bird bobbing up and down on a rock. Watch and see if the dipper dives under water to chase down insect larvae.

The route back is through fields occupied by cows and calves from April to October. The fields can be muddy in places but it is worth the effort to get close to this beautiful, wildlife-rich river. Alternatively you can return to the town along Afton Road.

Time = 45 minutes

Length approx. 2.4 miles or 3.87km

Route – Walk towards the river and follow the trout waymarkers.

Follow the riverside path to the main road (A76). Cross at the pedestrian crossing and turn into Mason Avenue, towards the Greenhead playing fields from where the path follows the river bank. Cross over the river at Danny's Brig and turn right over the stile. The path stays close to the river bank through fields and woodland. After exiting over the second stile continue straight past the buildings to return to the main road.

Note that the path is rough in places with grass routes through fields and some steps.

Navigation (1 least skill/5 most skill) = 2

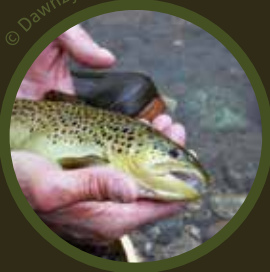
Stamina (1 least/5 most) = 2

Mobility (1 least/5 most) = 3

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Mossmark of Oldmill

Greenhead Playing Field

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