

EAST AYRSHIRE
COALFIELD



ENVIRONMENT
INITIATIVE

MINERS WALK



This popular walk takes you through Knockshinnoch Lagoons reserve and along the Connel Burn close to where the Connel Park Miners' Rows were located during the early 1900s. The route passes the Knockshinnoch Disaster Memorial, commemorating thirteen miners who lost their lives on 7th September 1950. The way back follows the west bank of the Afton Water but you can return via its east bank if you wish.

Farming has a strong influence on this landscape and on this walk you will see a network of hedges, woodlands, ancient trees and wetlands amongst the farmed fields.

Time = 1 hour 20 minutes
Length approx. 3.2 miles or 5.11km
Route – Walk towards the river and follow the A-frame waymarkers.

Cross through the car park, round past the shops and over the main road at the pedestrian crossing. Turn right then left up Castlehill. Take this road, passing the Arthur Memorial Church, to its end at the entrance to Knockshinnoch Lagoons. Follow the A-frame waymarkers through the reserve to a farm track past some ancient beech trees. Carefully cross the road (no pedestrian crossing) and head towards the memorial by crossing a field and joining the surfaced path. To return you can turn left along Afton Rd or via either bank of the Afton Water.

Note that the path includes un-surfaced sections, the ground can be boggy and stiles with dog gates are present. There are horses, sheep and cattle in some of the fields.

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

Stamina (1 least/5 most) = 3

Mobility (1 least/5 most) = 4

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Greenburn
Junction

Knockshinnoch
Lagoons

Auld Kirkyard

New Cumnock

Mossmark
of Oldmill

South Boig
Farm

Greenhead
Playing Field

Knockshinnoch
Disaster Memorial

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