

EAST AYRSHIRE
COALFIELD



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This walk takes you to the comunn ach “the place of the confluence” referring to the confluence of the River Nith and the Afton Water. Close to this spot Comenoc Castle was built, the ancient seat of the Barons of Cumnock.

Centuries later the parish of Cumnock was sub-divided into two new parishes, Old Cumnock and New Cumnock. The new parish church for New Cumnock was built on the site of Cumnock Castle, a few hundred yards from where the Afton Water flows into the River Nith at the comunn ach.

The Afton Water is lined with trees which provide dappled shade for fish and other aquatic species as well as protecting the river banks from erosion. There are great views, particularly on a sunny day, where these two significant rivers meet.

Time: 15 minutes to the confluence and back

Length approx. 0.7 miles or 1.15km

Route – Walk towards the river and follow the water waymarkers,

Cross through the car park bearing right along the surfaced path, when you reach the substation the path continues to the right through the trees. After exiting the trees continue along the river bank, the path runs around the edge of the New Cumnock running track until

it reaches the point where the two rivers meet. From here you can continue to join the main road (A76) near to New Cumnock Railway Station or return by retracing your steps.

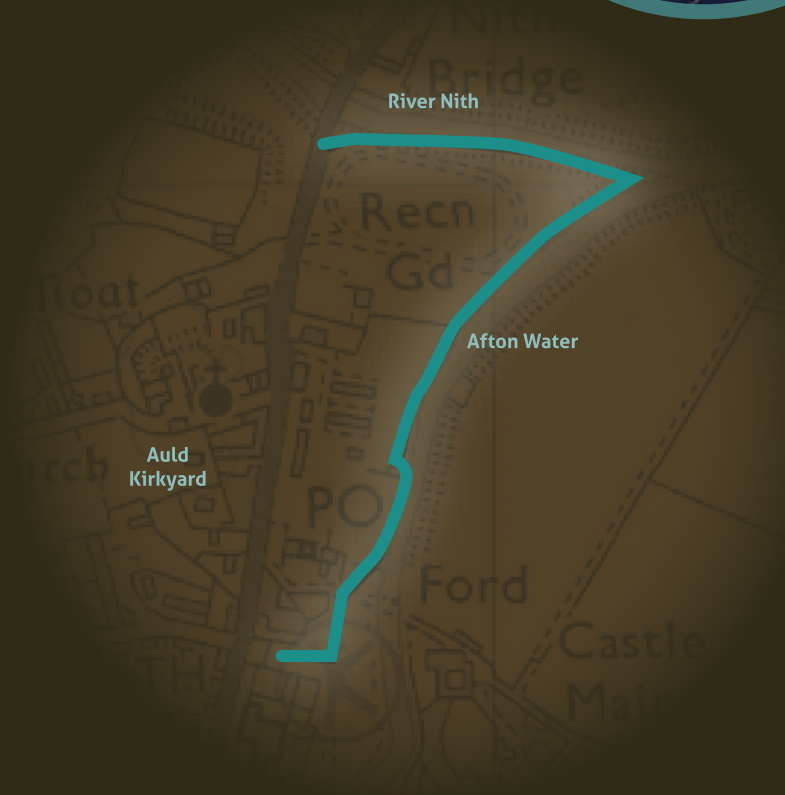
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Stamina (1 least/5 most) = 1

Mobility (1 least/5 most) = 1

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The East Ayrshire Coalfield Environment Initiative (CEI) is a partnership between local authority, conservation bodies and industry, working together to enhance, conserve and promote the environment in East Ayrshire.





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