

Directions



- Start:** Parking area near Whittriggmoor House.
- Distance:** 6.6 miles (10.6 km) with an optional 1-mile (1.6 km) detour to Drumburgh.
- Grade:** Easy, mainly level. Uneven and muddy in places. Some road walking required.
- Refreshments/ Toilets:** Highland Laddie pub at Glasson and La'al Bite snack shed at Drumburgh (Easter to October only)
- OS Map No:** 314, 1:25 000 scale.
- Dog walkers:** Dogs should be under close control and always on a lead around farm animals and on the nature reserves. Please bag, take away and bin your dog's poo.

From the car park near Whittriggmoor House, walk towards Glasson. The entrance to Glasson Moss is on the left. Follow the footpath to the parking areas. Fork right here and follow the boardwalk to the viewing tower. Turn right onto a track passing Glendale Caravan Park. At the end, turn right again and follow signs for Hadrian's Wall Path (HWP) to Glasson. In Glasson, turn right and walk along the road until you spot another HWP sign on the left. Continue across fields passing Walker House to a T-junction.

Here, turn left to detour to Drumburgh where there are toilets and a snack shed (Easter to Oct only) or turn right onto Drumburgh Moss Nature Reserve. Follow the main track through the reserve, ignoring the access road to Whiteholme by taking the left-hand track. Go through a pair of wooden gates and follow the track to enter another part of the moss.

At this point, keep to the boundary around this section until you come to a gate and a track heading south west. Follow the track to the road. Turn right here and at every junction thereafter until you reach Guard House. Turn right here and follow the road back to the parking area.



Drumburgh Moss
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Remember the Countryside Code

Respect other people:

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and be prepared

Please note this is a suggested walking route. Solway Coast National Landscape is not responsible for issues arising as a result of conditions on the footpaths and roads.



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Drumburgh Moss viewing tower.



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Glasson and Drumburgh

A self-guided walk in the
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A level walk linking two national nature reserves and picking up threads of ancient Roman history along the way.

Glasson Moss

This national nature reserve is a rare example of a lowland raised peat bog. Over hundreds of years, accumulated layers of sphagnum moss have compacted to form a raised dome of peat. Peat has been used for fuel and as a fertiliser for many years, and large scale extraction has damaged the site in the past. Today, under the care of Natural England, the moss is being restored to provide a healthy habitat for an array of bog-loving plants, insects and animals.



Large heath butterfly

Glasson Moss



River Wampool

The tight meanders of the Wampool provided irrigation to the drained fields and defended the settlements of Angerton and Kirkbride. In Roman times, the river was probably tidal. It is thought there was a Roman jetty here where supplies were unloaded and taken to the nearby fort at Kirkbride.

Roman Vallum

An earthwork associated with Hadrian's Wall runs along the far side of the hedge fronting the track to Glasson. Originally it was a deep ditch with two embankments on either side, but nowadays it can only be discerned as a shallow linear depression in the landscape.



Roman road

The track leading through Drumburgh Moss is part of a Roman road that linked the earlier Stanegate fort at Kirkbride with the later Hadrianic fort at Drumburgh.

Drumburgh

Here lay the small Roman fort of *Congavata* on the line of Hadrian's Wall. Nearby, the imposing edifice of Drumburgh Castle dates from 1306 and is built almost entirely out of Roman stone.



Drumburgh Castle

Drumburgh Moss

A fine example of a lowland peat bog managed by Cumbria Wildlife Trust. Specialised communities of bog plants can be seen including sphagnum moss, cotton grass and the carnivorous sundew. Short-eared owls hunt over the site, whilst curlew, snipe, reed bunting and grasshopper warblers breed here. You might also spot Exmoor ponies and longhorn cattle whose grazing habits help to maintain the diversity of the moss.



Grasshopper warbler