

LANGHOLM

I came across the Langholm Initiative by accident when I was researching for the next walk, "Meggat Water". Now I have found them I will be back again and again, for they have researched, mapped and waymarked many of the walks, some more accessible than others, around Langholm. An excellent little book, called Langholm Walks, describes 12 of these walks. I was very fortunate in having a member of the Langholm Initiative to guide me on their All Ability trail.



All ability path, Langholm

This trail is known as walk number 7, Jenny Noble's Gill, and starts at Kilngreen Car Park (north Langholm). Walk towards the town centre and turn right over the road bridge across the River Esk. Take the first left (Elizabeth Street) and go right at the end. As I had parked in the middle of Langholm I joined walk number seven at this point, having crossed the suspension pedestrian bridge to get here. Turn left into Buccleuch Park, where there is a chicane, which I managed on my large countryside scooter, but only just. Follow the path through the park and take the left, riverside route up a well maintained, but fairly steep (1:9) track for another mile. The path then joins a farm track which takes you back to the A7. Unfortunately, at this point it becomes quite hazardous as the pavement over the bridge has no dropped kerb, and I was forced onto the road. However, as there are traffic lights at the bridge I was at least in single lane traffic. After 200 to 300 yards there is the opportunity to rejoin the River Esk path, returning on the east of the river to

the beginning.

Langholm is a beautiful town known as the "Muckle Toon" due to its history of being an important market town and centre of textiles and agriculture. Today there are only two textile firms which continue to provide much of the town's employment. It lies at the confluence of the River Esk and the Ewes. This walk offers an excellent variety of birdlife, some fine areas of woodland, and beautiful wildflowers in spring and summer.

Further information from:

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FACTFILE	
MAP	Ordnance Survey map 79
GRID REFERENCE start/finish	NT 364849
PARKING	A7 P north & middle of Langholm
PUBLIC TOILETS	A7 P north W/C (R) radar A7 P middle W/C (R) attendant
DISTANCE	3 miles
LANDSCAPE	Water, wood and town