

Holm Community Council Walking Loops

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The walking Loops:

- Explore more of your local area with these five walking loop suggestions.
- Discover a wealth of flora and fauna.
- All walks are easily accessible and around 1 hour long (depending on your start point).
- Paths may be subject to change depending on the status of the current building works at Ness-side, Ness Castle and Whin Park

Parking:

The availability of parking is limited and with restricted space. Please do not block entrances and allow priority access for disabled users.

Be responsible*:

- Do not disturb livestock or wildlife.
- Keep dogs under control**.
- Do not block gateways.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Take all litter home.

* Full information on access rights and responsibilities can be found at:
www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

** Further information for people walking dogs can be found at:
www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/practical-guide-all/dog-walking

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Paths around Holm Community

 Holm Community Council boundary

Suggested walking loops:-

Holm Dell:-

 Route 1:- 2.75 kms / 1.7 miles / 1 hr

 Route 2:- 2.2 kms / 1.4 mile / ¾ hr

Ness Castle - Old Golf Course

 3.0 kms / 1.85 miles / 1 hr

Ness-side

 Route 1:- 3.5 kms / 2.2 miles / 1 hr

 Route 2:- 2.5 kms / 1.5 miles / ¾ hr

Ness Island and Whin Park

 3.7 kms / 2.3 miles / 1¼ hr

Note: all times are approximate
separate maps are available for each route



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-  Main road
 -  Minor road
 -  Track
 -  Path
 -  Other paths
 -  All abilities
 -  Café
 -  Play park
 -  Litter bin
 -  Parking*
 -  Woodland
 -  Park land
- * Restricted space.
Priority for disabled users.

Holm Dell

Terrain:

A level walk on a mix of pavements, tracks and woodland paths. There is a slight incline going up Holm Road and the track from Dore Road to the top of the Dell. The Dell path has exposed roots in places.

Parking:

Restricted space at the top of the Dell.
Please allow priority for disabled users.

Route Summary:

Walk these routes in either direction or, for a longer time in the Dell, walk back along the smaller path that hugs the burn. A walk through Holm Dell will not disappoint the nature lover. Spot the many tree species and wild flower varieties and watch out for the dippers on the burn or, if lucky, a kingfisher. The bluebells are particularly stunning in May.



Ness Castle - Old Golf Course

1.85 miles / 3.0 kms 1 hour

Terrain:

A level walk mostly on earth and grassy paths with some uneven surfaces.

Parking:

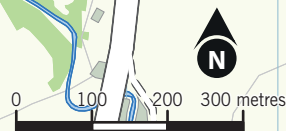
Restricted space at the top of the Dell and Torbreck Woods. Please allow priority for disabled users.

Route Summary:

This walk goes through what was once Ness Castle private golf course. Start at the top of the Dell or at the layby at Torbreck Woods. Meander through the open woodland and grassy meadows watching out for wild flowers and ancient trees. It is a great place to spot squirrels and roe deer and, at night, watch for bats and badgers.



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Ness-side



3.5 kms / 2.2 miles
2.5 kms / 1.5 miles



1 hour
¾ hour

Terrain:

Mostly level on pavements, hard surfaced paths and grassy paths. Holm road has an incline and there are steps up behind Holm Primary school.

Parking:

At Tesco, Holm Mills and small layby on the distributor road.

Route Summary:

Good loops right in the heart of Holm Community with easy access to the river or across to the canal. There is currently a good grassy path across the fields behind Tesco with a nice broad view across to Dunain Hill. Down by the river, you might spot a heron or occasionally an otter.



Ness-side

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Whin Park and Ness Islands

●●●● 3.7 kms / 2.3 miles ⌚ 1¼ hour

Terrain:

A level walk on pavements and hard surfaced paths, with some rougher surfaces going through Whin Park.

Parking

At Holm Mills.

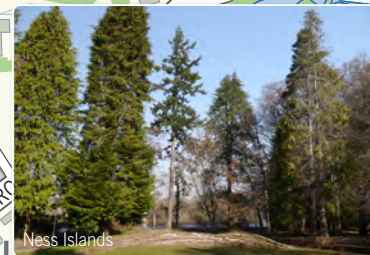
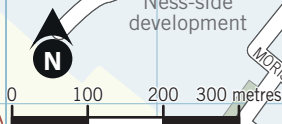
Route Summary:

Whin Park and Bught Park are easily accessible from Holm over the Holm Mills Bridge. Head back the same way or make a loop and include the Ness Islands. Heron, and ducks can be spotted along the river. You might catch a glimpse of the kingfisher. Seals and otters may also be spotted, especially when the river is high.



Whin Park

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- Parking
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- Paths suitable for all abilities



Ness Islands

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