



Allanton Mill

RIVER NITH WALK

 **Distance:** 5 miles

 **Time:** 1.5 - 2 hours

 Please note that this walk requires a good level of fitness and walking shoes as there are hills and off-road paths.

 It is also recommended to wear waterproof trousers if it has been recently raining, as much of the path is overgrown with grass.

1 Turn right out of Allanton Mill driveway and follow the road down the hill towards Auldgirth.

2 After approximately half a mile, turn left past the Gardener's Cottage towards Blackwood Sawmill (note: private road but access is allowed for walking)



3 Follow the path until you pass a small collection of cottages. From here continue straight on up the track into the forest.

4 Keep following this track for approximately 1 mile.

5 You will eventually come to a patch of tall pine trees where the path starts to run downhill and wind to the right.

6 Keep on following the path. Eventually the river Nith will appear on your left.



7 After a short while, you will come across a gate into the farmers fields. Cross the gate and continue along the farmers track, avoiding the sheep!

8 Keep following the path, and cross over two more gates.

9 Follow the main path into Blackwood Estate. Head past the sheds, and by turning right, you will end up back at the small collection of cottages from Step 3.



10 Work your way back down past the Gardener's Cottage and back up the hill to Allanton Mill.

Whether you curl up with a book in front of the wood burner or put your feet up out on the private decked balcony, Allanton Mill is the perfect place to relax after your walk!

Enjoy!

