

ANNAN WALKING GROUP

Walk No 252

Saturday - 26th July 2014

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET

Distance	About 5 miles
Duration	Allow about 4 hours
Description	From the car park, turn left over the River Fleet for about 400 yards then cross the road before the sharp turn to pick up the sign for Venniehill and follow the arrows leading to a gated private garden path then over a stone stile, joining the hill paths - a mix of stone steps and grass. A short climb to Trusty's Hill provides a first view of the Fleet and surrounding countryside. Next point of interest is Rutherford's Monument standing 55 foot high providing fine views over Fleet Bay. Route then heads down to the Old Kirk at Anwoth joining minor country roads leading back to Gatehouse for lunch. The remainder of the route will provide a relaxing walk in Garries Wood along forest pathways within Cally Park
Travel	Leave Murray St car park at 9.00am. - note early start - Mini bus available From Annan join A75 west to Gatehouse approx 48 miles distant turning off at Gatehouse sign on the right
Parking and Walk Start Time/Point	All day free parking in car park in centre of this small town Walk starts at 10.30am within the car park
Toilets	Toilets (free) located in car park (inc lunch break)
Dogs	No dogs – may be cattle on part of the hill
Equipment	Usual outdoor
Refreshments	Bring lunch and drinks

Gatehouse is a most attractive small town with an industrial heritage dating from the 1700/1800 period when it had three cotton mills and a growing population. The old watermill - Mill on the Fleet - remains and is a notable feature of that era. Farming, tourism and related activities are the main employers now. Less active members might enjoy a few hours here enjoying the flat little streets, parks and coffee shops on offer rather than doing the full walk.

**Walk Leaders: John Martin Tel: 01387 257671 (Mob: 07946 373 530)
Jack Newell Tel: 01461 203905**