

ANNAN WALKING GROUP – WALK 437

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY 2023 THREAVE ESTATE, CASTLE DOUGLAS

Walk Leader(s)	Craig Duggan (07756 654 315)
Distance	Approx. 5.5 - 6 miles
Walk Time	Approx. 3 - 4 hours.
Walk Description	The first section of the walk takes us around the National Trust for Scotland, Threave Estate, owned and maintained paths. Then further along the old railway track path into Castle Douglas passed the football ground. Then pavements and a couple of road crossings to Carlingwark Park for lunch at the picnic benches, toilets available here. Then on around the loch on D&G core paths to a stretch of quiet road with wide grass verge for car passings, through mid Kelton and on to the Threave Gardens entrance drive and back to the vehicles. Good underfoot, a few muddy patches and a few road crossings that require caution. Low lying and mostly flat. No open field crossings so minimal interaction with farm animals. Cafe and toilets available at visitor centre on our return.
Travel	Leave Annan and head west towards Castle Douglas on the A75. After approx. 32 miles at roundabout take 1st exit onto A745 signposted Castle Douglas. After ¾ mile at roundabout take 1st exit. After ½ mile at roundabout take 2nd exit onto Queen Street. (Public toilets in car park on right) Continue down Queen Street to T-junction. At T-junction go left onto King Street B736. After ¾ mile take left signposted Threave Garden and Estate, follow road for ¼ mile round bend entrance to Threave Gardens on right. Continue up driveway to the top and into carpark. Mini-bus available for 16 passengers. Murray Street car park, Annan at 9.30 a.m.
Walk Start Point / Toilets	Start Point – Threave Gardens Visitor Centre Grid Ref :- NX 752 606 What3Words:- munched.trophy.outsiders Nearest Post Code :- DG7 1RY Start Time – 10:30 a.m. Toilets – Public toilets at Market Street Car Park, off Queen Street, Castle Douglas (opposite tourist information centre) .
Dogs	Dogs OK on short leads only.
Refreshments	Bring snacks, lunch and drinks.
Equipment	Usual outdoor gear for the time of year.