

Edenmill to the Whangie

ROUTE TYPE: Walk

DISTANCE: 8 miles/13 km

AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE: 3 Hours

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: ■■■ Moderate distance over hilly terrain



THE ROUTE

Starting and finishing at Edenmill Farm, this walk provides a taste of the most remote John Muir Way section, without the need to walk all 18 miles of it!

Start with a gradual climb to Kilmannan Reservoir before following the John Muir Way along the southern edge of Burncrooks Reservoir. The track then departs the Way, turning right to continue around the reservoir.

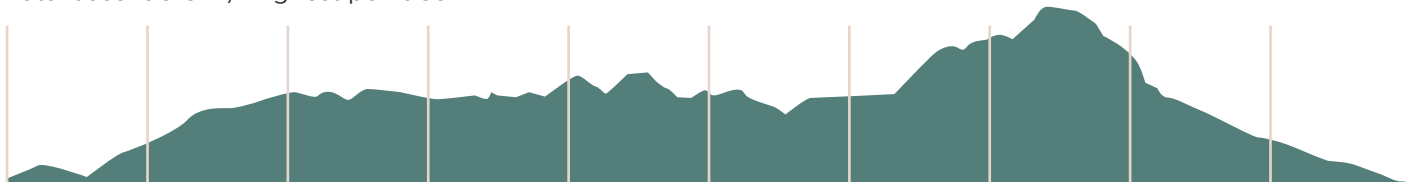
Just as you leave the reservoir behind, you have the choice to turn left up the grassy and often muddy track to the strange rock formations of the Whangie and Auchineden Hill, or continue straight on to shorten this route and head back on the main track to Edenmill.

The extra climb to the Whangie is worth the effort though, as you'll be rewarded with panoramic views towards Loch Lomond, the Highlands and the Campsies.

Following the grassy unmarked path to descend from Auchineden summit, the trail rejoins the John Muir Way for the last downhill stretch back to Edenmill.

ELEVATION PROFILE

Total ascent 313m / Highest point 354m



View of the Campsies

PLACES OF INTEREST

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EDENMILL FARM

The start/finish of this route has a farm shop, café, accommodation and plentiful parking. You can also have your John Muir Way passport stamped here.

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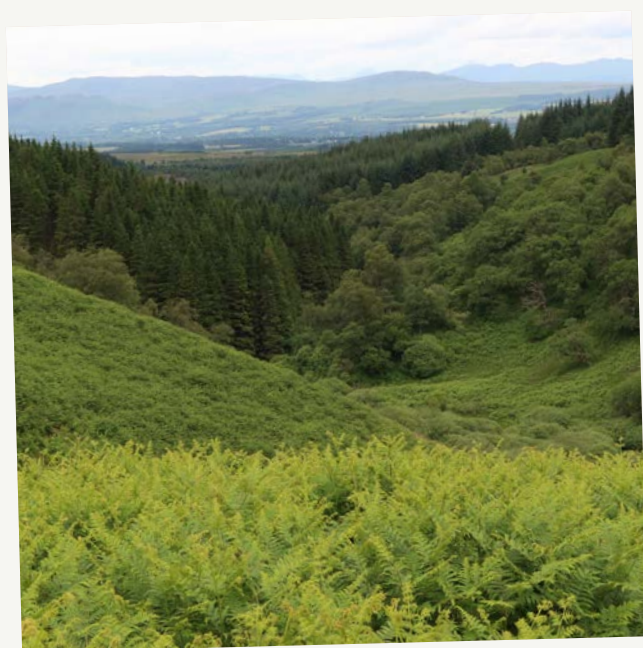
BURNCROOKS RESERVOIR

High in the Kilpatrick Hills, this is a popular fishing spot with its views of Ben Lomond. This was the last section of trail to be built, completing the John Muir Way as a coast to coast route.

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THE WHANGIE

An odd name for an equally strange rock feature near the summit of Auchineden Hill, this is a popular walking destination with its panoramic views towards Loch Lomond and the Highlands.

*Merkins Forest**Burncrooks Reservoir*

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AUCHINEDEN HILL

Although the Whangie is the most noticeable feature on this hillside, the actual peak to the east is Auchineden Hill at an elevation of 354m. There are several routes to its summit, the most popular approaching from the car park at Queen's View.

THE INSIDE TRACK

This is a great area to get away from the bustle of city life although this does mean there aren't any facilities once you're out on the route. However Edenmill is a great base for exploring the area and you can treat yourself to a wee reward in the café and farm shop at the end of your walk.

TERRAIN

This route is almost completely off-road and in fact the only tarmac section is the private road through Auchineden Estate on the final approach to Edenmill. It mainly uses well established paths and a section of the waymarked John Muir Way. The ascent up to the Whangie is on an unmarked and often boggy path from the northeast corner of Burncrooks Reservoir. Due to the hills and relatively remote location, we have graded it medium difficulty.

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GETTING THERE

BY RAIL: There are no train stations nearby.

BY BUS: Strathblane has the nearest bus service, on the X10 Glasgow-Stirling route.

BY CAR: There is ample parking at Edenmill Farm. Please take care on the private road leading into Auchineden Estate.

Plan your trip and find more routes at:
johnmuirway.org/day-trips