

## Greenock Cut Centre

### Opening Hours

Visitor Centre Café April – September  
Weekends only 11am – 4pm  
Trails Open every day all year.  
Toilets Open daily.

### Cornalees Bridge

near Inverkip

PA16 9LX

tel 01475 521 458

## Dogs can harm wildlife



Keep them under proper control to minimise disturbance to wildlife, livestock and other users.

## Footprints only



The narrow path is on a Scheduled Monument and is therefore not suitable for horse riding or motorised vehicles

## Wildlife Watching



In spring, listen for the cry of the **curlew** and the **skylark** song. Watch out for a passing **ravens** or **hen harriers** hunting low over the moorland.

Look out for **sundew** and **butterwort**, these plants trap and digest insects on their sticky leaves to survive on poor soil. Look out for **Tiger Beetles**.



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## The Park for People

Enjoy a healthy family fun day out or exciting outdoor activities in Scotland's largest Regional Park. From high heather moors and woodland glens to freshwater lochs and coastal shores the Park has something for everyone.

**Our friendly staff** are more than happy to answer any questions you might have about access to the countryside.

### Events & Activities

There is lots going on, look out for our 'What's On' guides or online.

### Other Park Sites

**Castle Semple Centre**  
in Lochwinnoch is popular for lochshore and woodland walks, coffee, outdoor activity courses plus bike hire.  
**Lochlip Road PA12 4EA**  
tel 01505 842 882

**Lunderston Bay**  
near Gourrock has a sandy beach, a coastal walk and a children's play area.  
**Cloch Road PA16 9LX**  
tel 01475 521 458

**Muirshiel Centre**  
near Lochwinnoch provides easy access to 'great walking country' including the family friendly 'Windy Hill'.  
**Calder Glen PA12 4LB**  
tel 01505 842 803

**Barnbrock**  
is 4 miles south of Kilmacolm with picnic site and group use camp area.  
**Nr Kilbarchan PA10 2PZ**  
tel 01505 614 791

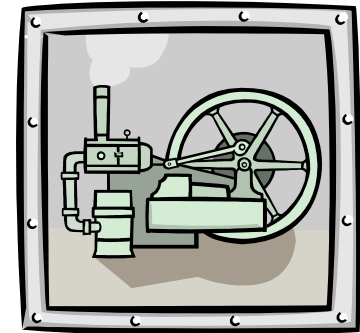
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## Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

### The Greenock Cut Walk



- 12km Circular Walk
- Scheduled Monument
- Fantastic Views
- Access from Cornalees
- Free Car Parking
- Exhibition in Visitor Centre

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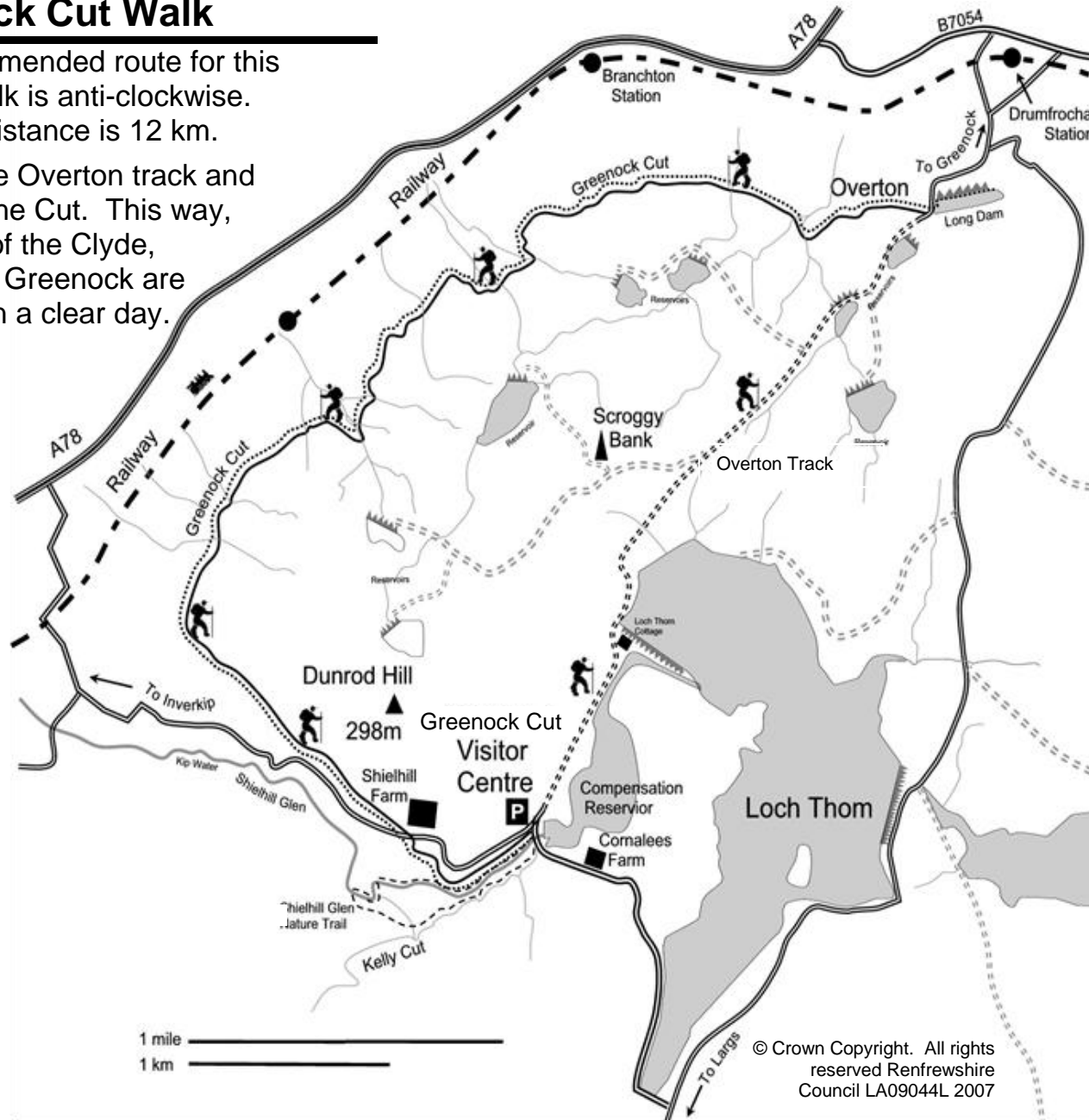


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## Greenock Cut Walk

The recommended route for this circular walk is anti-clockwise. The total distance is 12 km.

Start on the Overton track and finish on The Cut. This way, the views of the Clyde, Cowal and Greenock are fantastic on a clear day.



## The Story of The Cut

- The Greenock Cut is a 6.5 km aqueduct.
- It carried water from the Great Reservoir (Loch Thom) to the town of Greenock.
- During the 19<sup>th</sup> century The Cut supplied the people of Greenock with drinking water and the industries (woollen & paper mills, foundries) with water power.
- It was built in 1825 - 1827 by Robert Thom a civil engineer, who designed a similar scheme at Rothesay, with teams of contractors and labourers.
- Excavation and the building of 23 bridges over the Cut took 15 months.
- The 2 bothies on the side of the Cut provided very basic accommodation for the men who kept the Cut free of ice & snow.
- The Kelly Cut is another 19<sup>th</sup> century aqueduct, it carried water to Loch Thom.
- The Cut was used until 1971, it was superseded by a tunnel and designated a Scheduled Monument in 1972.
- A £1 million Heritage Lottery Funded restoration and access improvement project was completed in 2007.
- View the Greenock Cut Exhibition in the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre for the full story.