

171. Glen Esk

Distance **10 miles/16km**

Ascent **731 metres**

Start/Finish **Invermark car park, DD9 7YZ**

Follow the road over the bridge and then take the estate track past Invermark Castle, heading west along the northern shore of Loch Lee. Stay R at the junction at the west of the loch and take the track curving R, following the Water of Lee north-west to a L onto a footbridge (3.6 miles/5.7km). Cross the bridge and take a much smaller path west to reach the impressive Falls of Unich. Take the scrambly path to the R of the falls and follow this on the north and then west bank of the river up to the Falls of Damff. Continue up the burn then cross at a footbridge. Take the path south-east towards the col between Craig Maskeldie and Cairn Lick then turn R, navigating vague paths south to the estate track south of Cairn Lick. Turn L onto this and descend to Inchgrundle. Follow the track north from here back to the outbound track at the western end of Loch Lee. Turn R onto this back to the start.

Miles	Km	Directions
0.0	0.0	Follow the road over the bridge and then take the estate track past Invermark Castle.
0.3	0.4	Continue heading west along the northern shore of Loch Lee to a junction at its head.
2.2	3.6	Stay right at the junction at the west of the loch and take the track curving right, following the Water of Lee north-west to a left turn onto a smaller path over a footbridge.
3.5	5.7	Cross the bridge and take a much smaller path west to reach the Falls of Unich.
4.1	6.6	Take the scrambly path to the right of the falls and follow this on the north and then west bank of the river up to the Falls of Damff.
4.9	7.9	Continue up the burn then cross at a footbridge.
5	8	Take the path south-east towards the col between Craig Maskeldie and Cairn Lick then turn right, navigating vague paths south to the estate track south of Cairn Lick.
5.7	9.2	Turn left onto this and descend to Inchgrundle.
7.5	12	Follow the track north from here back to the outbound track at the western end of Loch Lee.
7.8	12.5	Turn right onto this back to the start.