

Balmossie

Distance: 1.5 miles **Time:** 45 minutes

Grade: 2

Comments

A pleasant circuit, with a 'countryside' feel, and tempting byways. Mainly tarmac underfoot, with a short stretch of unmade path.



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Directions

Start in North Balmossie Street, at the end of Inchkeith Avenue. Go north, down North Balmossie Street, and turn right, into Wyvis Road. Cross the bridge, and swing right, onto the footpath with the 'dead end' sign. At the junction, turn left and, at the roundabout, turn right, alongside the dual carriageway. (To avoid that stretch, take Lawers Drive, which also goes through.) At the next roundabout, turn right, into West Grange Road. Opposite Colin Gibson Drive, turn right, onto a tarred footpath. Go straight ahead at the path junction, and over the viaduct. Continue straight ahead at the path junction, and cross the paved road and the tarred road. Take the path up onto the bridge, and turn right, to cross it. This is North Balmossie Street: follow it up, swinging right at the T-junction. (To avoid the last stretch of path, which can be muddy, turn right, up the tarred road, which is Inchkeith Avenue, leading back to the start.)

Points of interest

- The burn is the Dighty Water, which flows behind Dundee and enters the Firth of Tay at the west end of Monifieth.
- The renovated buildings are the 18th-century
 Balmossie Mill. The Dighty ran many of the original Dundee mills including this mill.
- The viaduct is known as the Seven Arches. It was built in 1870 to carry the Broughty Ferry – Forfar railway line over the valley of the Dighty.
- Colin Gibson was a natural history illustrator who wrote and illustrated 'The Nature Diary' for the Courier.