

### Walks From The Town No 3

#### Moffat Community Nature Reserve – Annandale Way – River Annan/Moffat Water

**Length: 4-5 miles (options to shorten) Duration: 2 – 2.5 hours**

3. Once on the Annandale Way path keep the boundary fence to your right and head through the fields going through a series of gates until you get to a single track road. Turn left here and keep to the road. After a while you'll cross the Annan Water over a metal bridge and approach a crossroads.

4. At the cross roads you have **options to go left, right or straight on**. The map shows you how the paths link up.

If you fancy a short climb take the Southern Upland Way path **straight on** and follow the waymakers up the hill, giving you views over the Annan and Evan Water with Beattock in the distance. Once over the hill you have a nice view of Moffatdale and the hills beyond. Proceed through a couple of gates and head down to the single track road and at point 5 turn left .

Alternatively, a **right turn** is a flatter route which follows the road and the Annan and then turns left to follow the Moffat Water. The two rivers meet a little way beyond this road. Taking this route you end up at Point 5.

Or a **left turn** offers the shortest route back to Moffat by turning left and left again at the next 2 junctions.

5. Keep to the road which follows the Moffat Water. On reaching the junction with the Old Carlisle Road turn left.

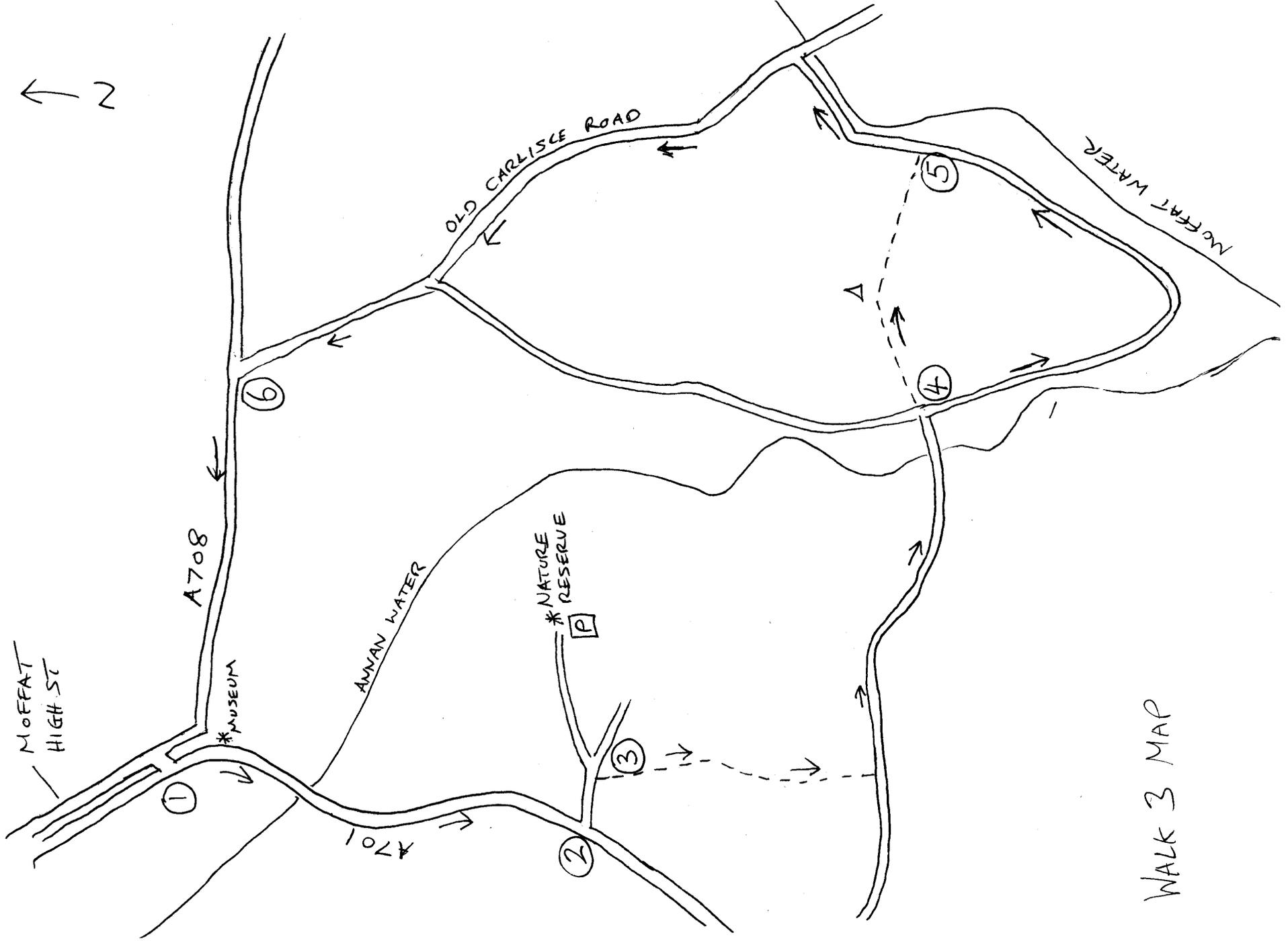
6. At the next junction turn left. Staying on this road (A708 ) takes you past the rugby and school playing fields and back to the centre of Moffat.

This mainly flat circular walk explores the area to the south of the town which is where the Moffat Water and Annan flow on their way to form the larger River Annan further south. The walk takes in the Moffat & District Community Nature reserve, small sections of the Annandale Way and Southern Upland Way paths. There are a few options to this walk and you can miss out the short hilly section if you want to stay on the flat. The terrain is roads, tracks and fields. Boots recommended.

1. Starting the walk in Moffat's High St. head south on the A701 signposted for Dumfries. As you head out of the town Moffat Museum is on the left hand side opposite St Andrew's Church. It is free to enter and well worth a visit. Keep to the main road as you head out of town for approximately 1 mile. As you exit the built up area look out for the Stannin Stanes, 3 unmarked stones placed in alignment on the grass verge on the right. It is thought they probably mark an ancient burial site. Keep to the A701 until you see the brown signs for the nature reserve and a road leading off to the left. \*

2. Turn left and head downhill and shortly you'll see a signpost on the right for the Annandale Way, and a gate taking you into a field. If you don't want to visit the nature reserve proceed through the gate. *If you do wish to visit the Nature Reserve, stay on the road and take the left hand fork down to the nature reserve. The reserve has a lochan and a water-meadow, with bird hides and footpaths to enjoy.*

**\*If you have transport you can park at the Nature Reserve and start the walk from there. Walking back up the access track until you see the Annandale Way path sign on the left and picking up the walk at Point 3. Once you reach point 5 retrace your steps back to the nature reserve.**



WALK 3 MAP