

## Lochs 1

### Lochs and Reservoirs - Gunknowe Loch in Tweedbank and link to Abbotsford House and Visitor Centre

Hard path all the way around the pond. Level tarmac paths in park area around park. A wide variety of wildfowl. The nature trail was created by Tweedbank Primary School.

**Start and finish:** Gunknowe Loch car park, Tweedbank or Abbotsford House Visitor Centre car park.

**Distance:** 1.5km/1 mile

**Terrain:** Flat hard surfaced tarmac paths.

**Parking:** Car park by loch. Ramp access is on left of car park if facing pond. Wide tarmac ramp to pondside.

**Toilets:** Nearest Wheelchair access RADAR lock toilets - Galashiels, Melrose.

**Facilities:** Bench seats, café, information boards.

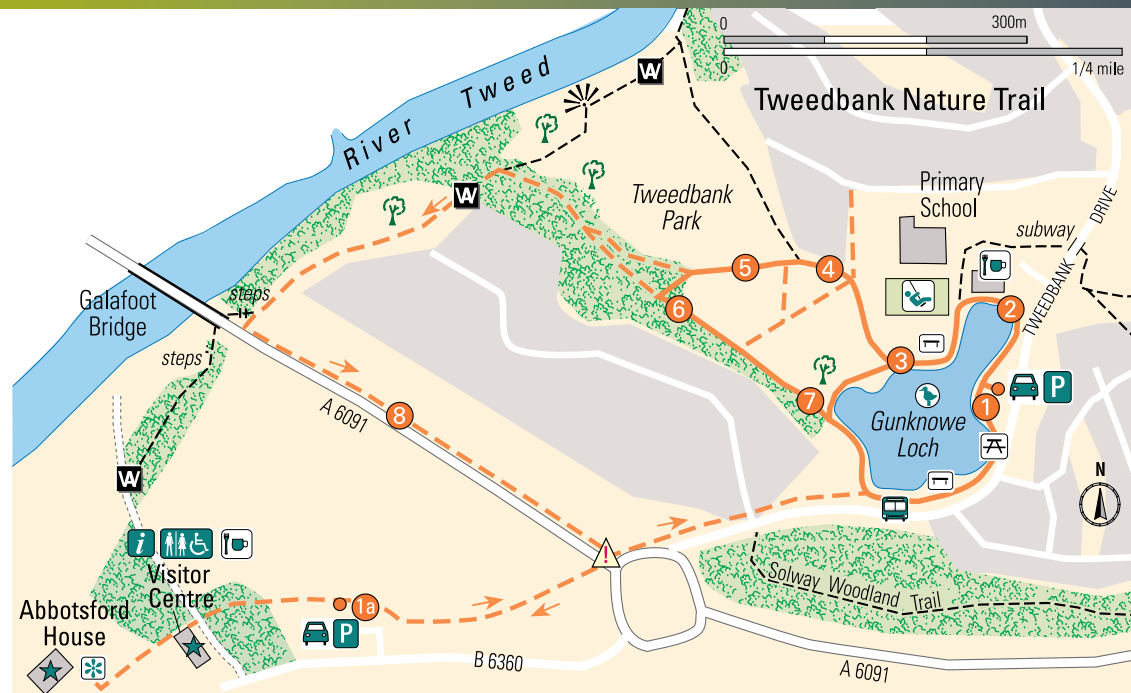
2. Turn right and walk around the side of the pond.
3. After an open area with bench seats by the pond, turn right, walk past the play area and take the second left.
4. Go straight on (The full nature trail turns left here).
5. Follow the tarmac path with the large grass area on your right. You join the trail again at the end of the grass area.
6. Turn left towards the pond.
7. Walk around the pond to the right, and back to the start of your walk. Turning left here would bring you back to the play park.
8. A path link can form a longer route on tarmac paths from point 6 turn right then when you meet the Borders Abbeys Way stay on the tarmac path to the left and turn left to follow the path beside the A6091 and return to your start point.

**Further information:** please see the Paths around Galashiels booklet at [www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking)

- 1a. From Abbotsford follow the paths to reach the pond and walk around the pond with the pond on your left.
1. From the Gunknowe Loch car park turn left to go down the gentle slope to the pond.

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1. Tweedbank Family Nature Trail 2. Walkit walks at Gunknowe Loch 3. Tweedbank Park 4. Tufted Duck.



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#### Route Information

- suggested route - mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other path
- steps
- caution, take care
- viewpoint
- Borders Abbeys Way

#### Facilities

- visitor information
- car parking
- toilets
- bus stop
- cafe or area with vending machines
- picnic area
- seat
- playpark
- gardens
- wildlife interest



#### Abbotsford House

Built in 1824, Abbotsford House was the home of writer Sir Walter Scott. A new visitor centre adjacent to the house was opened in 2012.