

## 4 Carmichael History Walk

■ The walk explores historic Carmichael Estate and traces the footsteps of Clan Carmichael back to the 14th century. The route offers a pleasant, family friendly walk with fantastic views to Tinto hill and across the surrounding countryside.

### Highlights

#### Carmichael Visitor Centre

The centre includes a heritage exhibition and a farm shop.

**Carmichael House** Built in 1734, the house replaces a tower destroyed by Oliver Cromwell. The corridor linking the two wings was added later and removed the need to have a carriage on stand-by to provide transport between them.

**Dovecot** Built in 1750, the ornate stone dovecot would have provided the estate with eggs and meat.

**Hyndford memorial** The monument sits on top of Carmichael hill and remembers



the 2nd earl of Hyndford, who was a distinguished diplomat.

**Barracks** The building dates from the time when major landowners were required by the crown to maintain a battalion.

### Route

- ▶ From car park make your way to the Carmichael Visitor Centre. Walk through to the courtyard and on your right hand side is a children's play area. You can pick the estate walk from here.
- ▶ Go round the fenced enclosure on to a red gravel path.
- ▶ Follow the red gravel track as it cuts through a strip of woodland.
- ▶ Follow track through woodland and turn steeply uphill past a red-brick cottage to reach a T-junction.

- ▶ At main drive, turn left. Follow the main drive around a walled area. Continue to follow the road to round a left bend, where you will be greeted with views of the Carmichael House ruins.
- ▶ Continue along the track past the front of Carmichael House and then along the gravel track past a dwelling on your right hand side.
- ▶ You will come to a crossroads with entrances to fields to your left and right. Take the track on the right.
- ▶ Pass through a gate and follow the quad bike track uphill.
- ▶ Continue to follow rising ground to Hyndford monument.
- ▶ From monument, make your way to strip of conifers. Go round the top of the strip and follow a deer fence steeply downhill.
- ▶ At the bottom of the hill turn

📍 Carmichael Visitor Centre , Warrenhill Road

🚆 Train: Lanark railway station 5 miles; Bus: service between Lanark and Thankerton (2 mile walk along Perryflats Road (not A73))

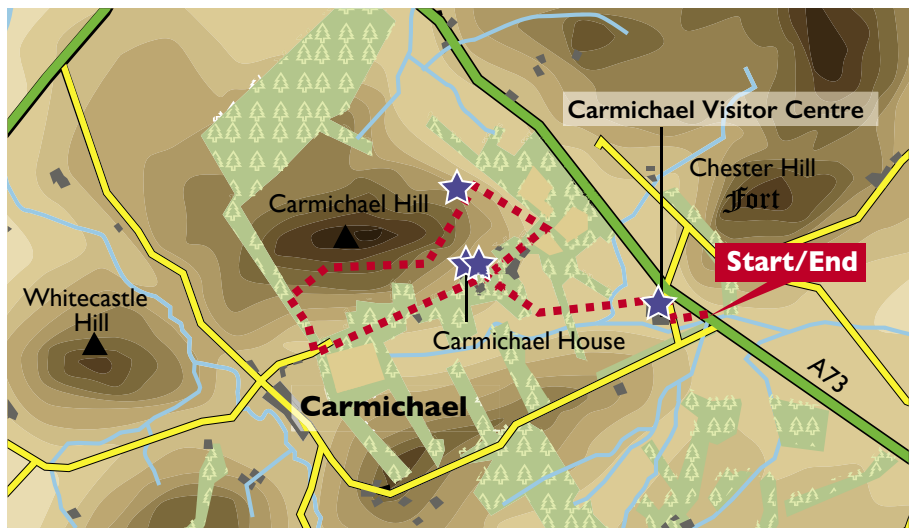
↔ 4 miles/6.4km

↑ 520ft/159m

🕒 2 to 3 hours

🚶 Moderate

⚠ Estate roads, hill tracks, open hillside. There is one steep slope to descend. There are only a few signposts.



right (second sign on the route) and go round to right at barracks on the gravel track, where you will come to a T-junction.  
 ▶ At the T-junction, turn right to return via outward route past red brick cottage.