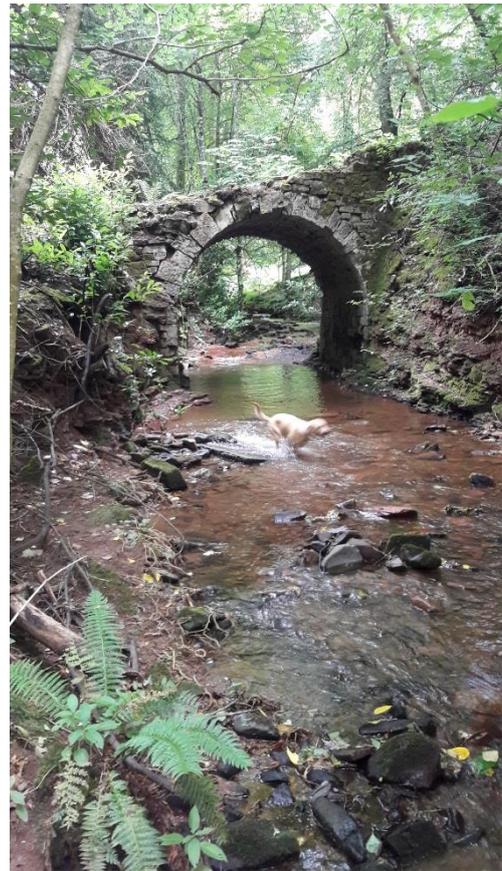


Gifford to Garvald

Start: Gifford village centre
Finish: Garvald
Distance: 9½km / 6 miles
Time: 2½ - 3½ hours each way
Terrain: Paths, tracks and quiet roads.

Description: This walk follows the Gifford Water through Yester Woods and then past the Donolly Reservoir and along the Papana Water to Garvald.

Directions: Opposite the village hall, follow The Avenue towards the gates to Yester Estate. Before the gates turn left and follow the signs for Yester Path. At the end of Park Road there is a gate leading into Yester Woods and the path is well signposted from there. After 4 kilometres, cross the road and follow the track past Danskine Loch and along the side of a field. Turn left when you reach the road and after 100 metres look out for the path going off to the right. For this next section you will be walking around the edge of a field which could contain cattle. Cattle can behave aggressively towards dogs and also take care if you have young children. The path then runs along the side of the Donolly Reservoir and then down a track through farmland. The last 800 metres of this walk is along a quiet road into Garvald.



Points of interest: **1. Gifford** – dating from the 17th century, the village was built to replace the village of Bothans, which was demolished to make way for a walled park around Yester House.

2. Yester House – Construction of the house started in 1699 for the Marquis of Tweeddale. There have been many alterations made over the years and the house remains a private residence.
3. Donolly Reservoir – Dating from 1889, the reservoir is no longer used as a water supply. It is a lovely spot for wildlife watching.
4. Garvald – Beautiful red sandstone village. There has been a church here since the 11th Century.

Public transport: There is an occasional bus service to Gifford. No public transport to Garvald.

Local Services: Gifford has various shops, pubs, coffee shop and public toilets. There are toilets and a pub in Garvald.

