



The Lagan Towpath

Points of interest

The full length of the towpath is eleven miles, running from Stranmillis through to Lisburn and extending as far as Union Locks, near Sprucefield. The towpath is a continuous off-road connection from Belfast to Lisburn forming part of the Ulster Way. This walk takes you along the river and canal system through a variety of wetland, riverside meadows and mixed woodland. The area is home to a variety of wildlife.

The canal system dates back to the late 18th century and many features from this time are still visible. At the Lock Keeper's Cottage, the lock gates and an old lighter have been restored.

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5.5miles, 8.8km, Linear

The map gives an overview of the six miles of towpath from Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park to Stranmillis. Beginning at Stranmillis the towpath follows the river past Lagan Meadows. On the opposite side of the river is Belvoir Forest Park. As you continue upstream enter Clement Wilson Park. This leads to Barnett Demesne. On the other side of the river is Minnowburn where you can find access to Giant's Ring and the village of Edenderry. As the towpath winds its way upstream, the next site is Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park. This leads to Barnett Demesne. On the other side of the river is Minnowburn where you can find access to Giant's Ring and the village of Edenderry. As the towpath winds its way upstream, the next site is Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park.

To walk along the towpath, you can begin at any of the sites. Connectivity along the route allows for smaller circular, looped walks.

