

## Micah Ministry



## Walk No. 1 – Birnie & Gaddon Loch, near Collessie

**Starting Point:**

Post code: KY15 7RF

Grid reference: NO283125

<https://what3words.com/gentlemen.history.nearly>

Stagecoach bus 94 and 94a

## Unnecessary beauty

God's world is beautiful. It is unnecessarily beautiful. There are many reasons why I believe in God, but one is that when I open my eyes, I see a world that is full of things that are unnecessarily beautiful.

Lockdown has been hard for all of us, but one of the benefits of travel restrictions for me, personally, has been the joy of discovering wonderful new walks within the Kingdom of Fife. Amongst these is the circuit around the Gaddon loch, just a few miles west of Cupar. It is an inspiring place to wander and wonder at the incredible diversity and beauty of the birds of the air that God has created (*Genesis, 1, 21*).

The attached map encourages you to walk, and to seek the Lord as you walk.

At point 1 on the map, where you park your car, look out on the loch and be amazed at how many different kinds of birds you can see. Now focus on just one bird and appreciate the detailed colours of its feathers, and its remarkable shape, allowing it to both swim and fly. Praise him for the beauty, the unnecessary beauty and diversity of the birds he has made.

At point 2, stop and look out on the glimmering light on the water. As you spy ducks, geese and maybe even a cormorant, think of all the references to birds in the bible and what these birds represent. Can you remember the verses about sparrows (*Matthew, 10, 29-31*), doves, eagles, owls, ostriches and storks to name but a few? Each one is referred to in the bible to reflect a characteristic of their creator (for example doves being released from the ark as a symbol of God's peace).



If God created and cares about even the most common of birds, how much more he cares for you. Have you paused today to meditate on the thought 'Don't be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows (*Matt, 10, 31*). And think how wonderfully you have been made by God for a purpose.

At point 3 you will be on a small hill overlooking the loch, facing west towards the glorious Lomond hills. The birds that I can see from here have changed with the seasons reflecting their seasonal migration. I am still amazed by the navigational abilities of birds following long (but far from random) and complex journeys. Thank God for guiding and providing for you on your life's journey across the years.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Psalm 23 v1-3



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THE GADDON LOCH WALK

To Auchtermuchty  
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A91 from Cupar

BIRNIE LOCH

GADDON LOCH

PARK  
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Railway from Ladybank  
to Perth

To  
Giffordtown  
+ Kingskettle  
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Path marked  
with this symbol --

The complete circuit  
of both lochs is 1.5 miles

You might see grey lag geese,  
widgeon, goldcrest, swans, and  
in season even kingfishers.

