

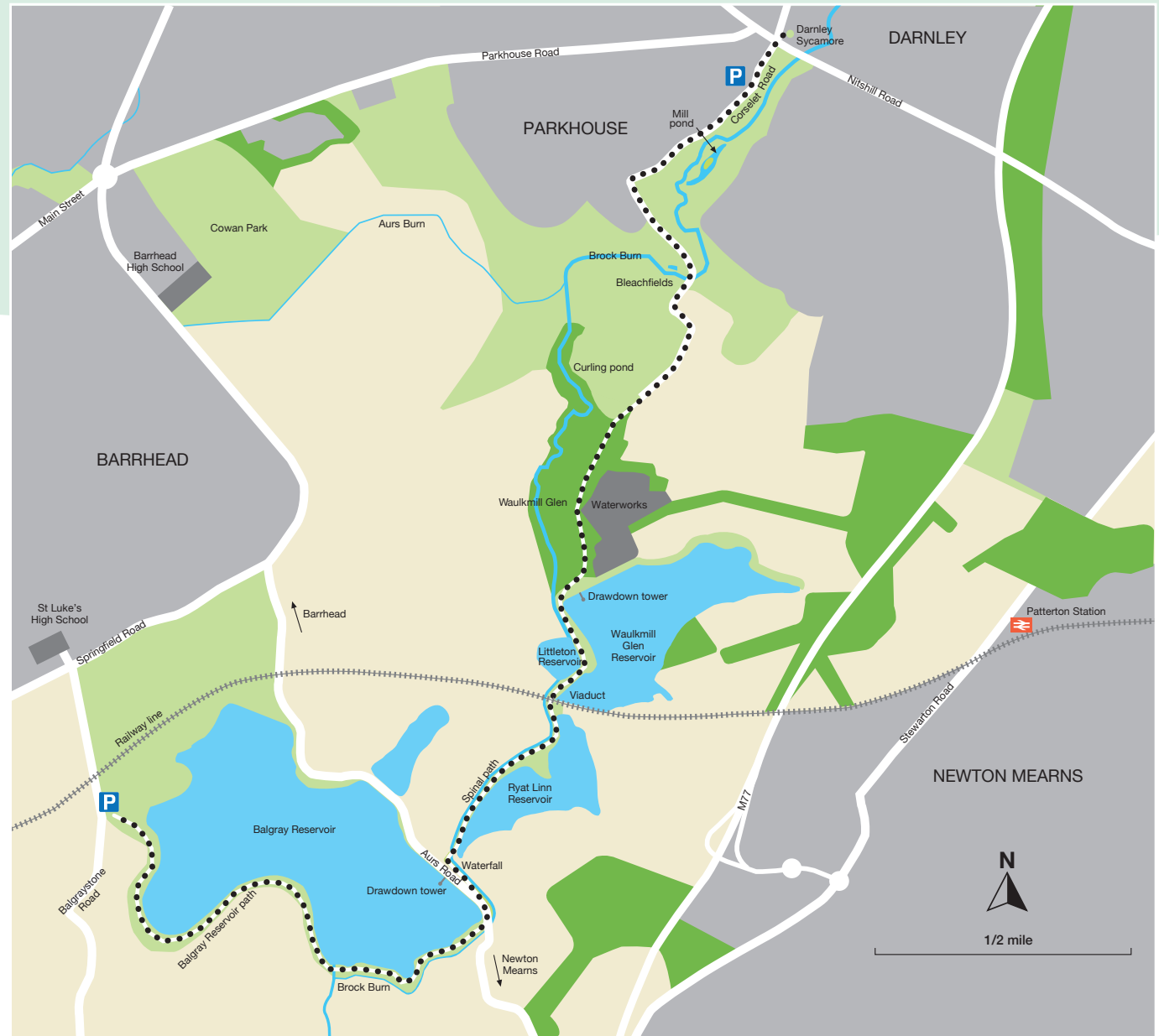
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Reservoir tour, Dams to Darnley Country Park

Located between Darnley, Barrhead and Newton Mearns, Dams to Darnley Country Park provides a range of walking and cycling routes to suit different abilities with stunning views of the Barrhead dams and over to the Campsie Fells. This scenic route travels along waymarked tracks through the Country Park and alongside the reservoirs of Balgray, Ryat Linn and Waulkmill Glen.

Distance	7 miles - out and back
Time	walk: 2.5 hours cycle: 1 hour
Start / Finish	Balgraystone car park
Grade	Easy to moderate
Local Shops	Barrhead/Newton Mearns

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Waulkmill Glen Reservoir



Railway Viaduct



Balgray Reservoir



Dams to Darnley Country Park

1.25 miles

1. Start from the car park on Balgraystone Road by turning left onto a path signposted for Balgray Reservoir. Follow the path anti-clockwise around Balgray Reservoir along a firm track and over three bridges, for just over one mile.
2. Carefully cross Aurs Road, then follow the path with the Brock Burn to your right until you reach the waterfall.
3. Turn right following the signpost for Waulkmill Glen Reservoir. Continue along this track, with Ryat Linn Reservoir on your right, for around a quarter of a mile.
4. Bear left, descend underneath the railway viaduct and continue along the path. Waulkmill Glen Reservoir is on the right and Littleton Reservoir to the left, until you reach a fork.
5. Waulkmill Glen Reservoir draw off tower to your right is a Grade A listed building. On a clear day you get the best view within the country park from the bridge over the Brock Burn to your left. You can see Barrhead below and the Arrochar Alps in the far distance.

2 miles

1. Take the left fork signposted for Waulkmill Glen and go down a solid track steeply into the woodland.
2. Follow the track to reach a barrier, go around this and pass by a cottage.
3. Look out for the old ruin on the left, it's thought that this was associated with the Darnley Bleachfields. From here a quiet single-track road leads out of the woodland (watch out for occasional traffic from here to Darnley as this section is open to vehicles) and travels through peaceful countryside.
4. A gentle slope provides a great run, continuing for 1-mile, to reach the outskirts of Darnley.
5. A final flat stage makes its way along a slightly busier section of road, passing some houses, to reach the A726.
6. Carefully cross the A726 at traffic lights to reach the Darnley Sycamore.

3.5 miles

1. To return to Balgraystone Road simply follow the same route taking into account a short, steep climb to reach Waulkmill Glen and Balgray reservoirs.

