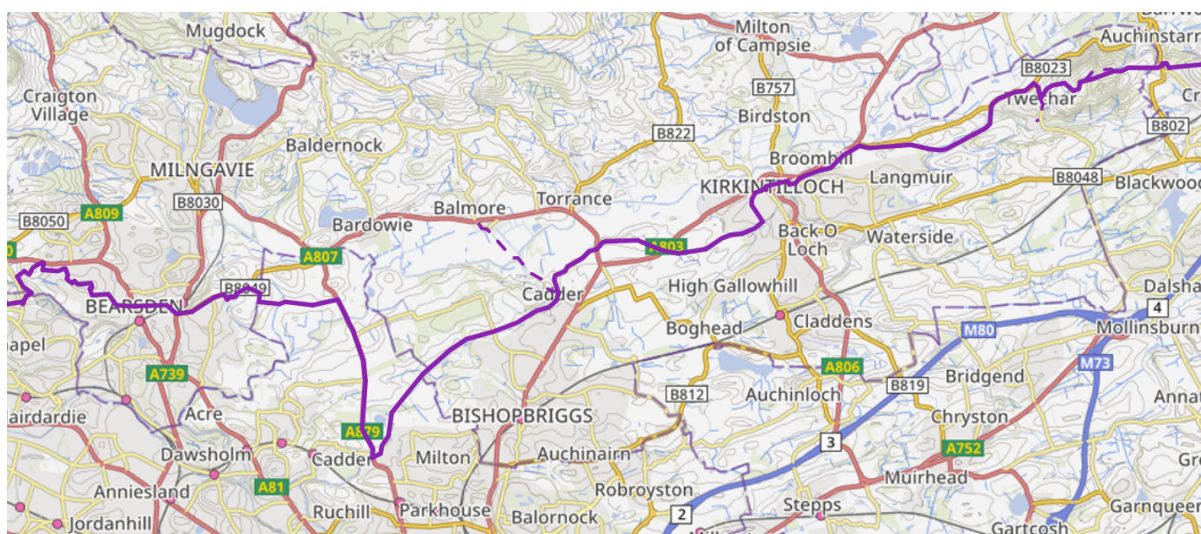


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Walk information

Start: Howe Rd, Glasgow G65 9JF

Getting there: From Croy Railway Station, it is a 1km walk to the start of this section.

Finish: Monymusk, Drumchapel, Glasgow G15 8HR. Bus 1C to Glasgow city [Plan Your Journey | Traveline](#)

GPX file for full section (step 4.2): [Download here](#)

GPX file for the Balmore Bus alternative from Cadder (step 4.1): [Download here](#)

Distance and terrain: between 24.5km and 30km depending on the option chosen for the Bishopbriggs section. The walk is mainly on asphalt paths with some farm tracks and woodland areas. Fun fact: this section starts and finishes with forts called Castle Hill!

Facilities along the way: There is a cafe in Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre. Shops, food and accommodation are available in Kirkintilloch, Bishopbriggs and Bearsden. There are railway stations in Bishopbriggs and Bearsden.

Pick up any litter and respect the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (<https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/>).



Maps are available at the end of the document.

Step by Step Walk description

Step 1

Follow the farm track to Bar Hill.

After 825 metres you have the option of following the military way straight ahead on an easy grassy slope. You can also turn right, join the ditch and climb up the much steeper slope ending at Castle Hill before coming down to the fort.

Both routes meet at the Fort. Explore the fort and walk across to the gate.

Step 2

Pass through two gates, turning right after the second one. Follow the farm road down to Twechar.

Once you reach the road, you can opt to turn left to see the replica distance stone and use the facilities at Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre (St John's Way, Main St, Kilsyth, Twechar). If you do not wish to do this, turn right to join the canal. Cross the canal and take the tow path to the left towards Kirkintilloch. The Antonine Wall will run mainly on your right, parallel to the canal. Once you reach the bridge and Hillhead Road leave the towpath and turn right. You are back on the line of the Wall.

Follow Hillhead Road away from the canal until you reach the roundabout. Turn right on Eastside to have a look at the Roman mural. Then turn around and walk straight past the roundabout on Eastside, across the river into High Street. Cross the A806 at the traffic lights and up the steps into West High Street. Turn left.

When you reach Cowgate you will see the line of the Wall and rampart represented on 'Gateway Plinths' street furniture. Here you will also find cafes, shops and public toilets in the shopping centre. Cross Cowgate toward the Auld Kirk Museum which is located on the line of the Wall. Peel Park is situated behind the museum. The Roman themed play park on the right is on the line of the ditch. A Roman fort was located where the Pavillion stands. Continue straight ahead and exit the park through Camphill Avenue. Here the Wall will continue through housing estates and fields and along a very busy road. We rejoin the Canal towpath here to have a more enjoyable journey until we join the Wall again.

Step 3

Exit Peel Park, walk left along Bellfield Road, then take Northbank Road. Turn right into Northbank Avenue and follow the path to join the canal on the left. Turn right on the towpath and continue. Once you have left Kirkintilloch, there was a fort on your right side in the field.

Continue until you reach The Stables pub car park. The wall crosses the canal at the gate for the car park and continues the other side. Stay on the towpath as it curves where it becomes parallel to the Wall once more. This time the Wall is on your left.

Continue along the towpath. After walking under a bridge, you will reach a Roman bench and replica distance stone, Cadder Fort was located across the canal. Continue until you reach the small car park at the marina.

From here the Wall crosses farmer's fields for 4km. You have 2 safe options available to you:

Step 4.1 (dotted line on the map)

From the marina car park, take the road on the right, past the church and continue straight ahead. Continue on the path until you reach the bridge over the river Kelvin and continue straight ahead until you reach Balmore. Take bus 47A to New Kilpatrick Cemetery and follow Step 5. Please check bus timetable for McColls Bus 47A in advance. [Plan Your Journey | Traveline](#).

Alternatively

Step 4.2 (plain line on the map)

Walk along the Canal until you reach Lambhill Stables. Turn right onto Balmore Road and walk 3km until you reach Millichen Road on your left. Balmore road has a pedestrian path running alongside it. This is a very busy road and care should be taken, especially on the stretch just after the bridge over the river Kelvin as the path is narrow and not very well maintained. Once you reach Millichen Road turn left.

Continue onto Millichen Road. Pass the new housing development and continue to the farm using the track on the left.

Follow the path to the right. Where the track bends sharply to the left is where we rejoin the Wall. Following the track to the left we are now walking on the Wall. Continue until you reach Bocclair Road.

This road does not have a pavement. There is a small path between the field fence and the bushes to your left. This can be overgrown and rocky but is only approximately 40 metres long. You will then reach a path to the right taking you to the housing estate and onto Crieff Avenue. Turn right onto Birnam crescent, then left on Methven Avenue and then right onto Ardoch road.

Follow Ardoch road until you get to Bocclair Road. Cross with care to reach New Kilpatrick Cemetery on your left.

Step 5

The Antonine Wall Base is clearly visible in two locations within the cemetery.

After viewing the Wall Base come out of the cemetery and turn right along Bocclair Road. You are walking parallel to the Wall which runs through the houses on your right. When you reach the crossing, cross at the lights and follow Roman Road straight ahead. Then turn left, staying on Roman road.



You will reach the Roman Bath House on your right. There are also information boards at the Baptist Church on your left where the fort was located. You can enter the grounds on both sides. Once you have finished exploring continue west.

You are now in Bearsden with many cafes, shops and Bearsden Railway Station.

At the crossroad go straight ahead and follow Thorn Road.

Turn right onto Westbourne Drive, take the steps on the right to Westbourne Crescent, turn right and take the path on the left. In the park turn left. The base of the Antonine Wall is visible here inside a fenced area. Continue through the park until you reach steps leading to Iain Road. Turn right onto Westbourne Crescent and follow straight ahead until it becomes a footpath and takes you to Abbotsford Road. Turn left onto Dryburgh Road and then left on Rosslyn Road. After the bend you will reach another park. Take the path and walk straight ahead on the line of the Wall, until you reach the aptly named Antonine Road. Turn right and then left to reach Castle Hill Fort.

Step 6

Turn left to walk up the slope towards Castle Hill and its distinct tree circle. This used to be a fort. Take the path and turn right to follow the fence of the golf course. It soon turns left downhill. The ditch would have been on your right.

Following the fence, you will reach a new path on the left. Take it, still following the fence. Follow this until you get to steps on the right. Follow those to reach the Drumchapel Way. Turn right on the path and follow it down.

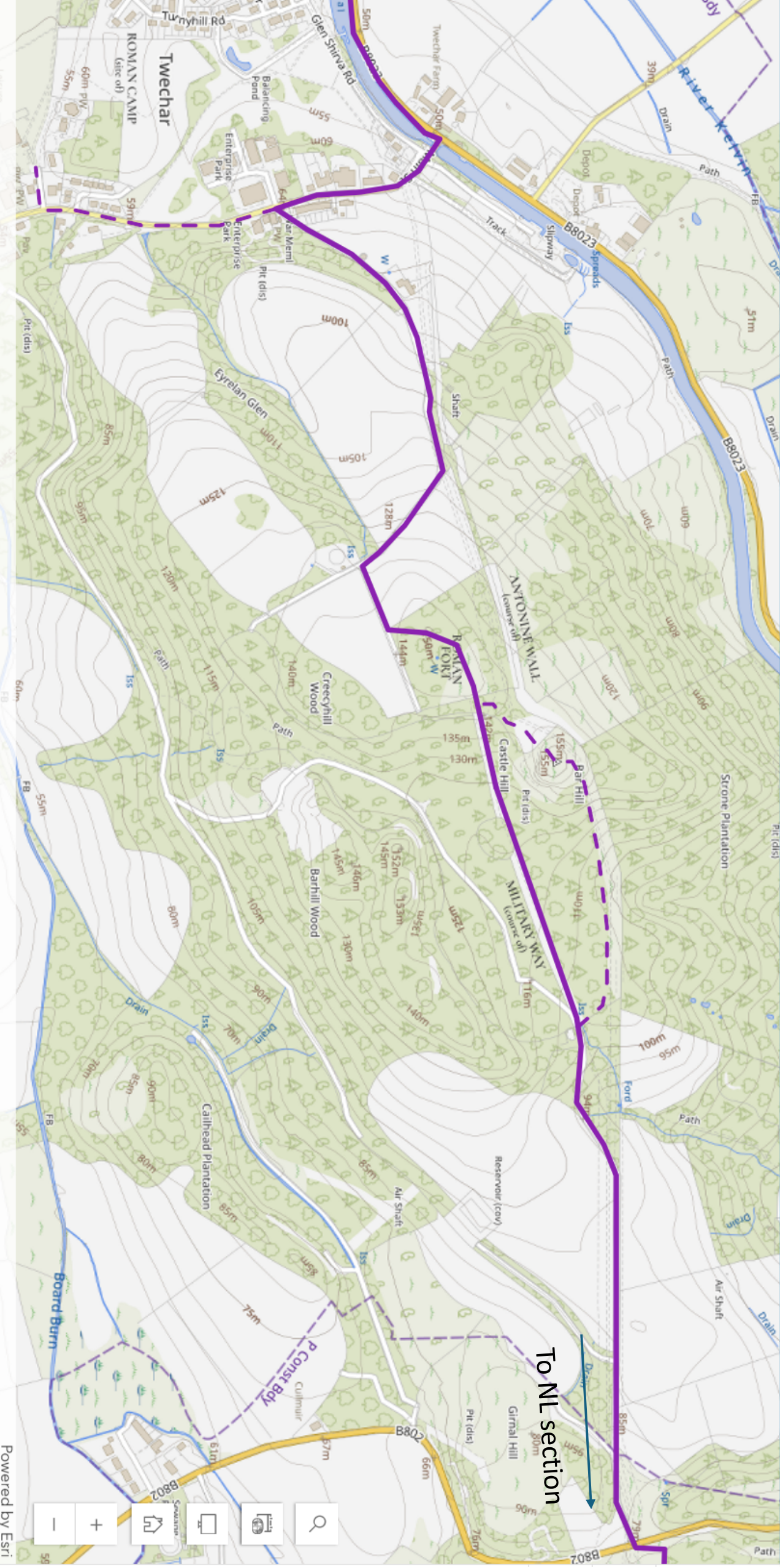
Step 7

Cross Glen Road and continue on the Drumchapel Way.

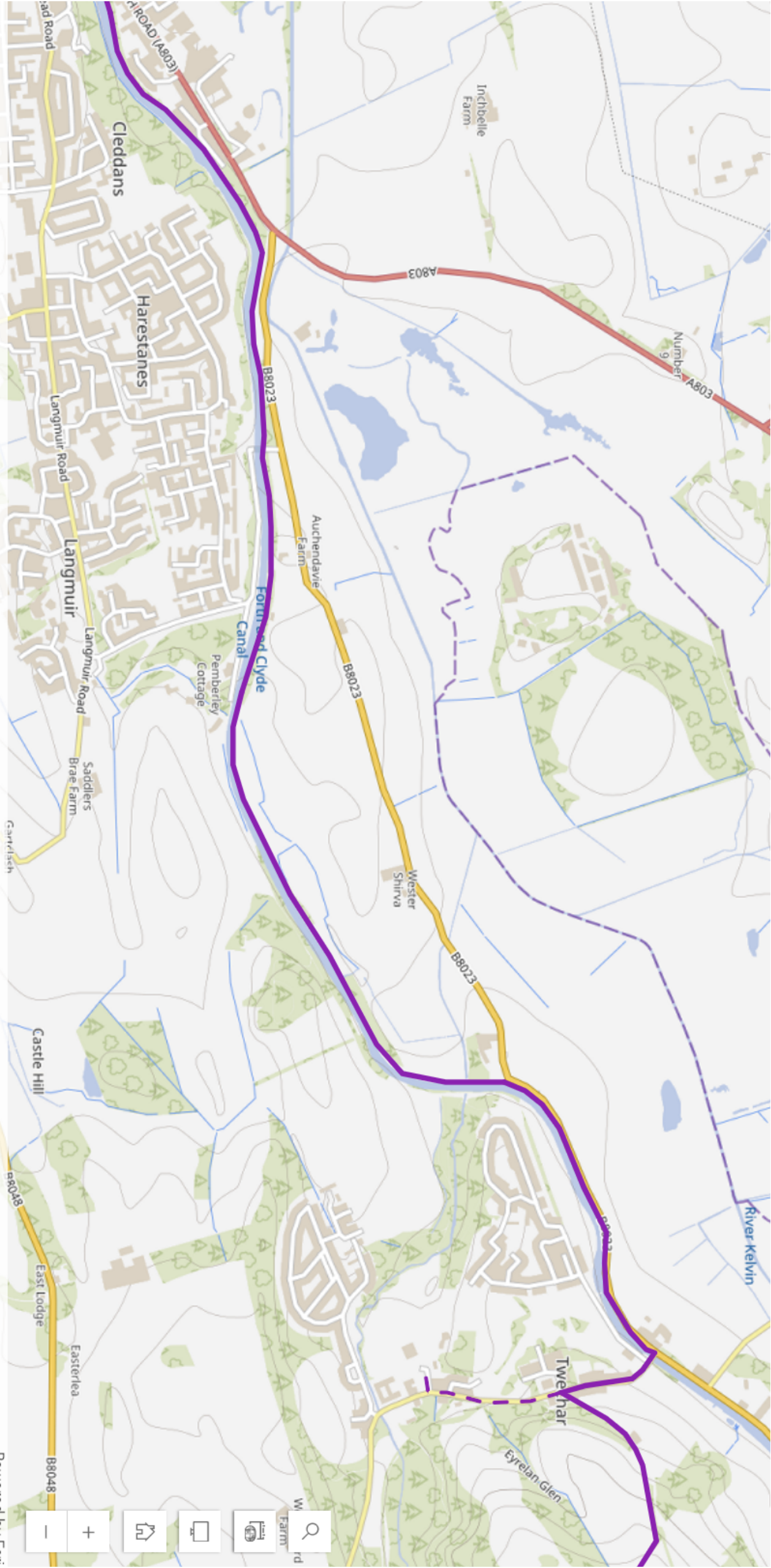
After 500 metres, at the clearing, take the path to the right until you reach the fence. The Wall is in the field here. Turn left and continue on the track along the fence, now walking parallel to the Wall.

Once you reach the junction, you can take the track ahead going up on a farm road to continue your journey into West Dunbartonshire or turn left along Monymusk place to reach the bus stop to travel back to Glasgow with line 1C [Plan Your Journey | Traveline](#)

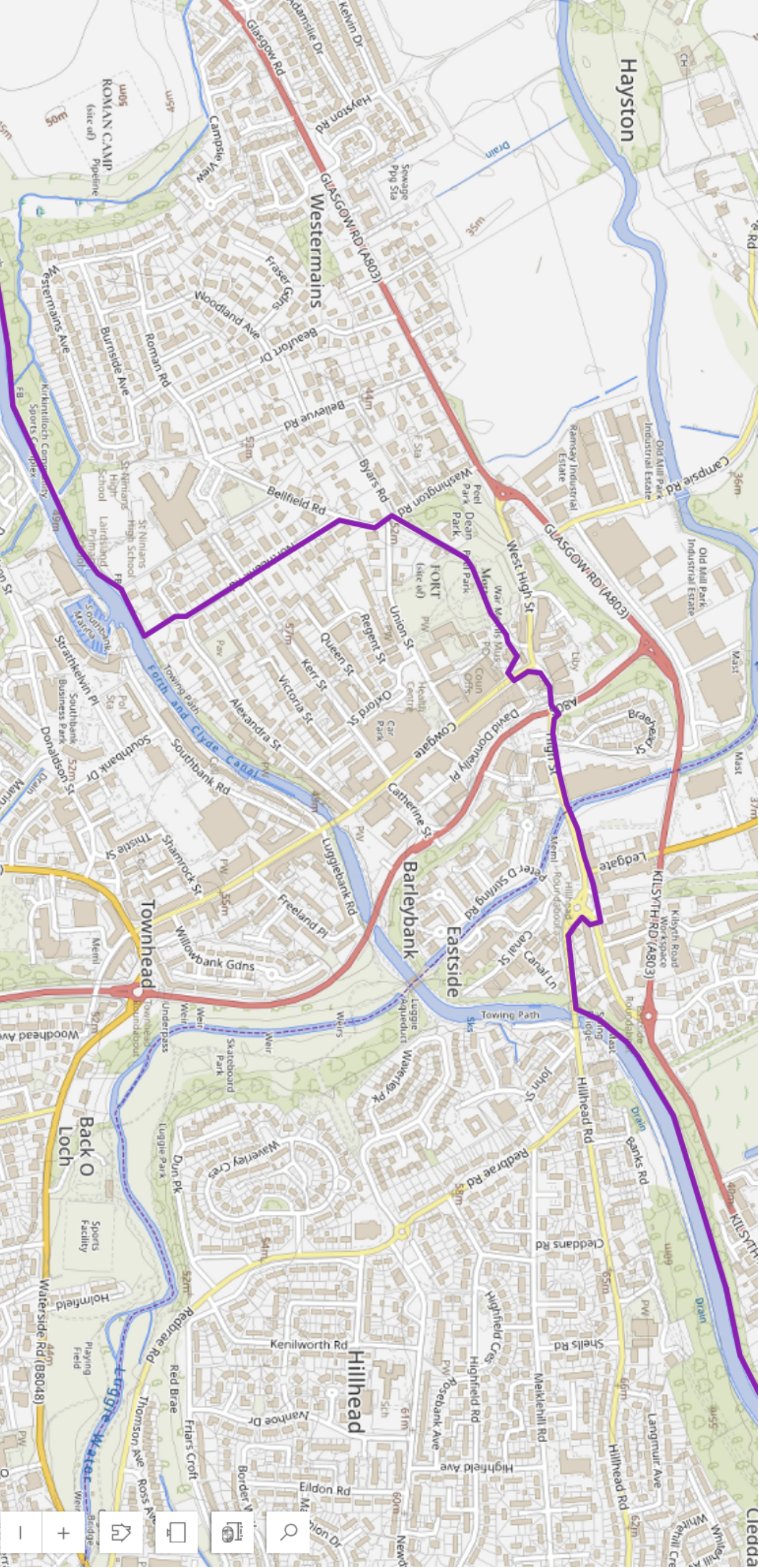
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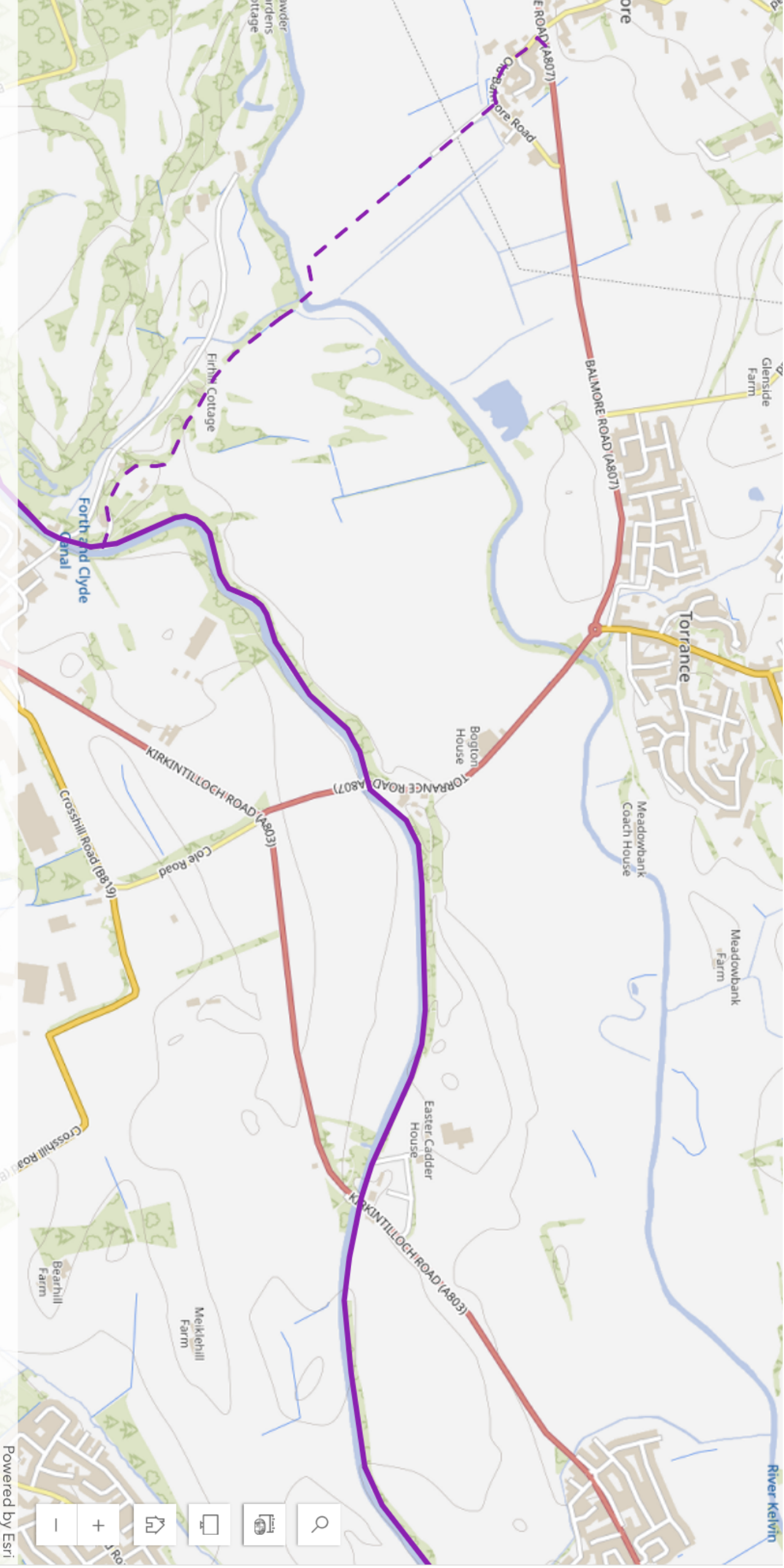
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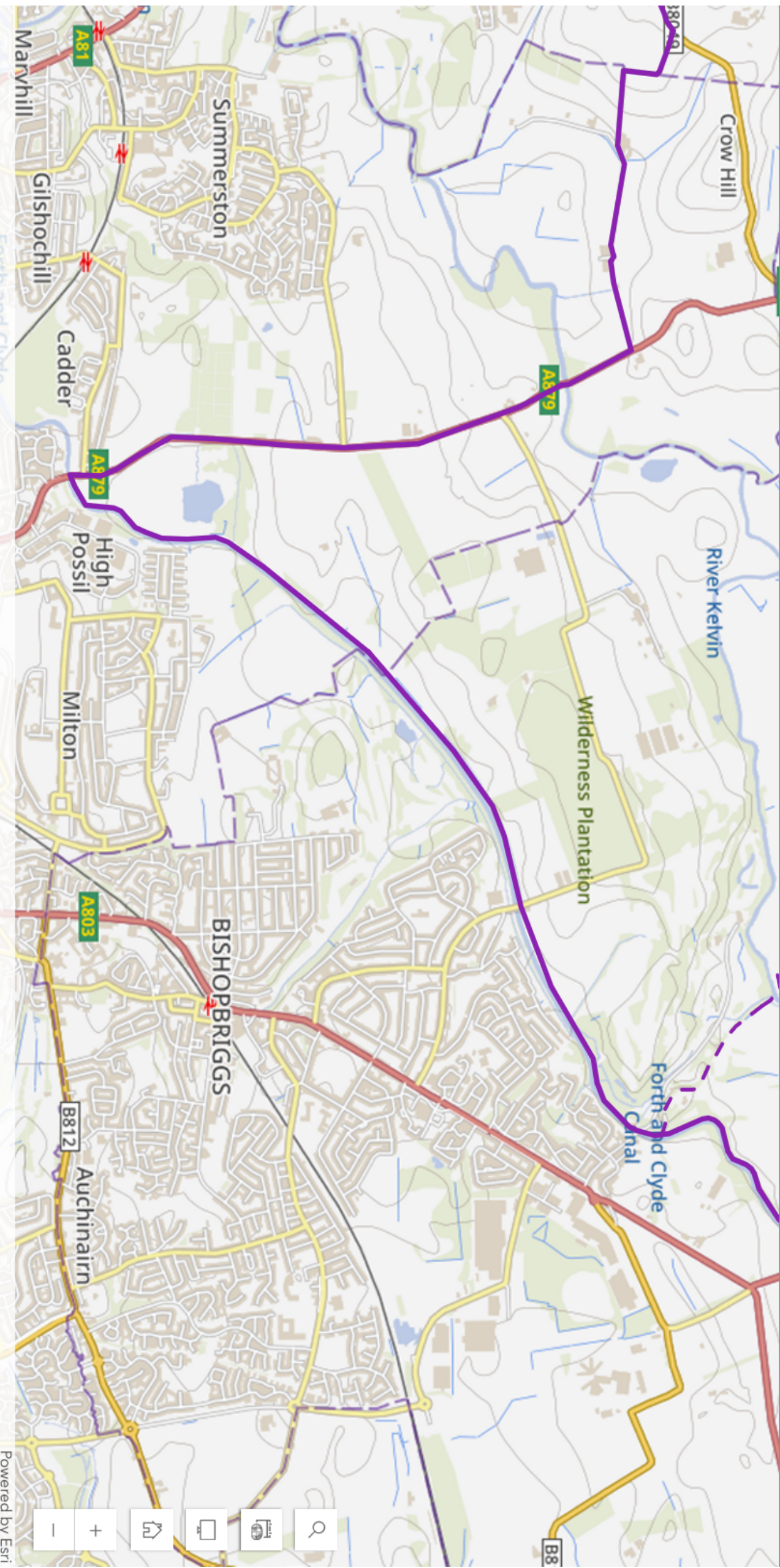
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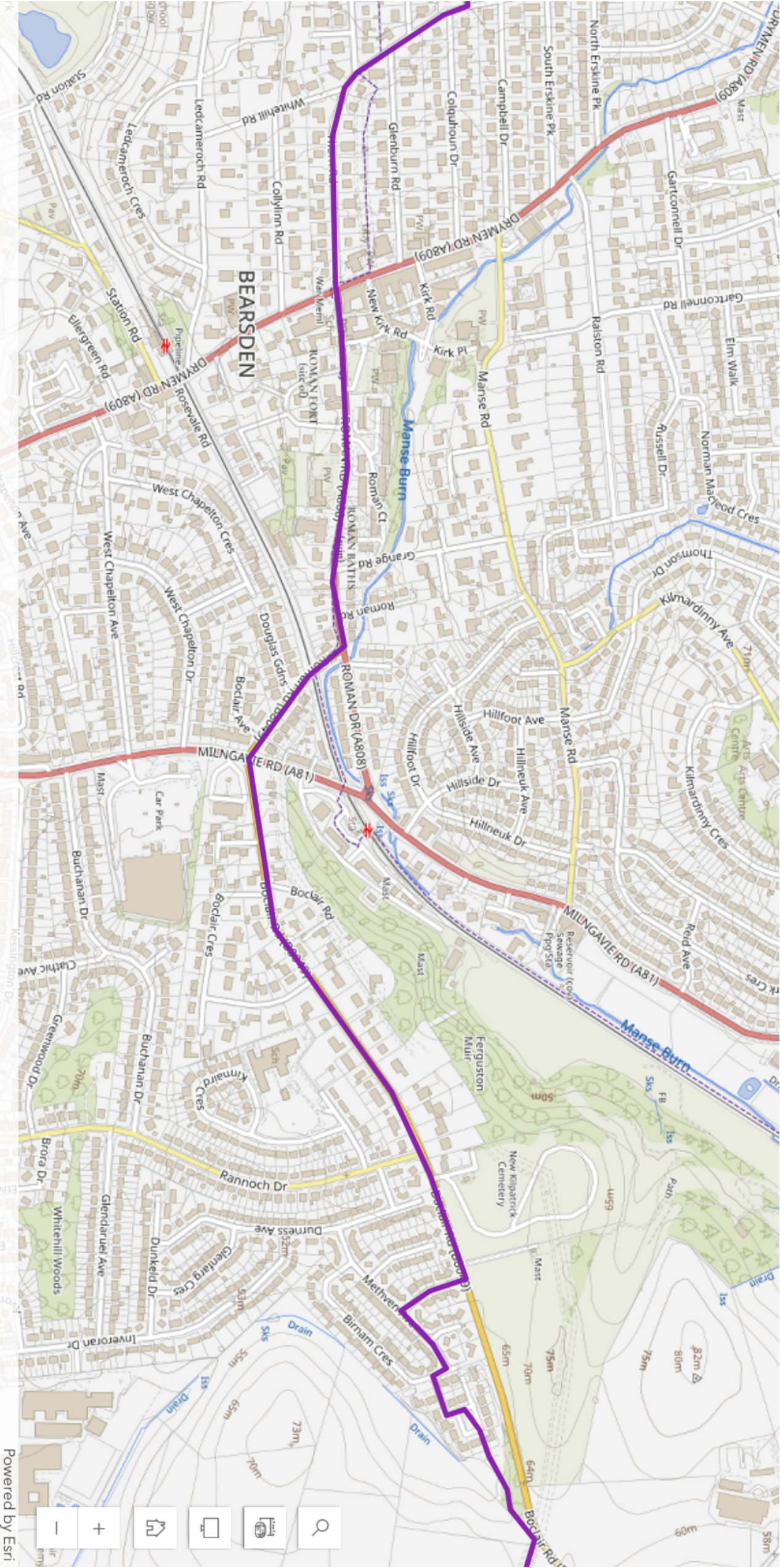
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