As the path curves round the bay, just before the tidal beach, you will pass a jetty used for access to moored boats in the bay. This is Carnie’s Quay, built by Doctor Carnie to provide access to his yacht. A retired Doctor, he built a beautiful house above the grass of Broomfields, Curling Hall, and devoted much of his time to sailing and curling. So fond was he of the latter, that he created the first ever man-made Curling Rink in the grounds of Curling Hall, and is recognised worldwide as the Father of Curling. Flats have now replaced his home, but a Curling Hall, and is recognised world wide as the Father

Please note this walk contains a strenuous climb but can be more approachable with some planning. It is a good idea to check the weather forecast for the day and ensure you are dressed appropriately for any conditions. With its many viewpoints, this walk is strenuous on the day, stopping if you wish to admire the view of the surrounding hills by using the directions on the map. It is strongly advised to make a detour to your left and view the surrounding hills by using the directions on the map. It is strongly advised to make a detour to your left and view the surrounding hills by using the directions on the map.

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As you follow the Promenade northwards, you pass two points of interest: the R.N.L.I. Slip, originally built as Catalina (seaplane) Slip, to enable Catalinas to be brought ashore for servicing and repair in Barrfields during World War II. Vanduara, is important as H.Q. for communications at the planning of D-Day. Follow the path by Noddsdale Water and cross the main road into Barr Crescent.

Keep to the path by the burn until you reach Brisbane Glen Road. Opposite the cemetery you pass gates that once marked the entrance to the home of the Brisbane family, important landowners and benefactors to Largs, the most famous being Sir Thomas MacDougall Brisbane, soldier, renowned astronomer, and at one time Governor General of New South Wales. Take the farm road on your left to Brisbane Mains Farm, a C-listed building with its annual archway. As you follow this path upwards you are strongly advised to make a detour to your left and climbing to the top of Knock Hill you will enjoy a wonderful panorama of the Clyde and its islands, a view not to be missed. Should you choose to take the longer route to the top, by the spiral path, think of the grand ladies who travelled there by horse-drawn carriage, to picnic, while their husbands were shooting in the Brisbane Estate below. The conical hill is a stratified fort of volcanic origin, with traces of prehistoric rampart walls. On the main Greenock road again, notice the gatehouse to Netherhall, once the baronial mansion of Lord Kelvin, renowned scientist and mathematician.
The hill walks in this leaflet are within Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, which offers additional facilities and walking areas from visitor centres at Cornales (by Loch Thom), Muirshiel and Castle Semple (both near Lochwinnoch).

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