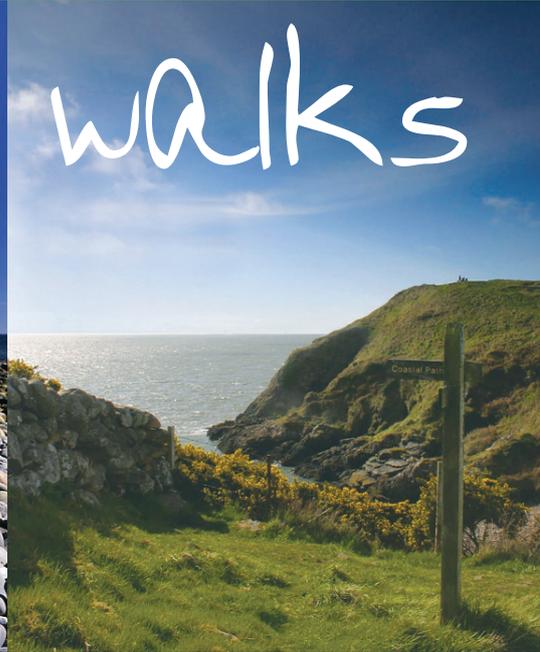
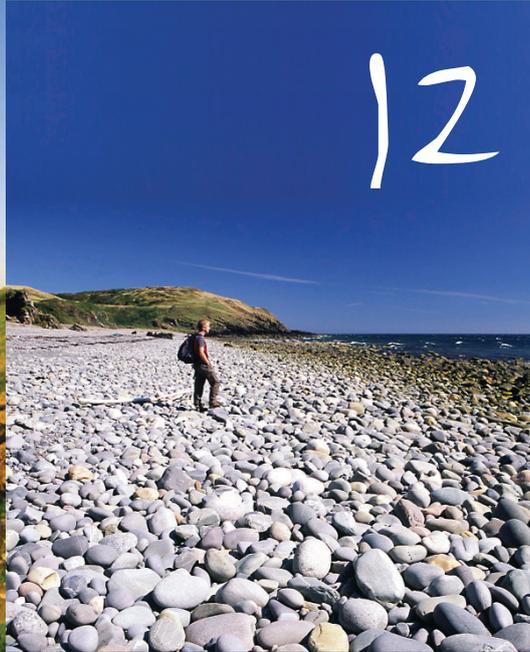


Dumfries & Galloway



12 walks



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Walking Festivals

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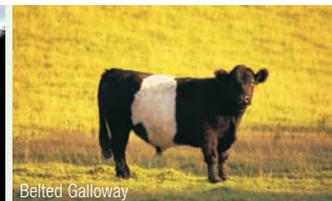
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You are sure to find flexible meal times, a packed lunch - should you request one - or your flask filled, and somewhere to dry your gear should it rain. Other useful things you'll find are: information on local walking routes, local public transport and even a daily weather forecast.

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Loch Trool



Belted Galloway

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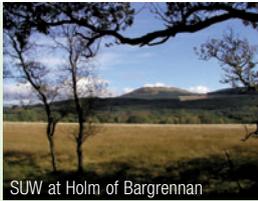
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Road above Moffat



SUW at Holm of Bargrennan



East Mount Lowther, Crawstone Shout and Nether Pot

Introduction

Dumfries & Galloway is closer than you think.

Before you know it you'll be here enjoying our invigorating landscapes and stunning views.

Relax in our welcoming pubs and meet our friendly locals. Enjoy the finest food, fresh from local farms and lochs. Then, suitably recharged, discover a few new trails to walk. You'll find a taster of our best walks in this guide. We have hundreds of different walking routes, so why not check out

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The Southern Upland Way

Three of the short walks within this booklet provide a taste of the Southern Upland Way, one of Scotland's national trails and our only coast-to-coast long distance footpath. 212 miles (340kms) of glorious, unspoilt and varied terrain, from Portpatrick on the south-west coast to Cockburnspath on the east coast. Crossing the South of Scotland, through Dumfries & Galloway, South Lanarkshire and the Scottish Borders, you will also encounter an amazing array of cultural attractions. Experience country steeped in history, filled with warm, friendly communities and bejewelled with artisans and local food producers. The route crosses land rich in natural heritage and wildlife and you are sure to spot wonderful examples of Scotland's flora and fauna.

The Way provides real variety for all: an exciting challenge for experienced walkers, whilst the shorter sections are ideal for all ages and abilities.

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Portpatrick to Lighthouse



Details:

- Distance:** 10km/6 miles
Time: 3¹/₂ hours
Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous Coastal Walk
Location: From A77, head into Portpatrick and to the seafront, where parking is available.

* **Why not... Visit Logan Botanic Garden, where tropical plants flourish out of doors in Scotland's most exotic garden.**

The Route

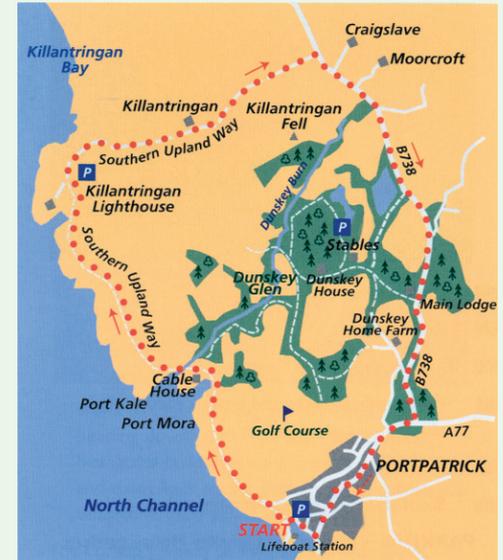
Walk to the northern end of the harbour, towards the lifeboat station. An interpretation board here marks the start of the Southern Upland Way. This long distance, coast-to-coast route runs from Portpatrick to Cockburnspath, covering an impressive 340km/212miles and a fabulous range of scenery. Follow the signposts and waymarkers along the coast then head inland until you reach the main road. Leave the Southern Upland Way, turning right to follow the road back to Portpatrick, then right again into the village.

The coastal scenery on the first part of this walk is breathtaking, with towering cliffs and secluded, sandy bays. In spring and summer the cliff tops are a blaze of colour with wildflowers such as thrift, spring squill and yellow rattle. Kittiwakes and fulmars nest noisily on the cliffs below, jostling for the best sites. Views along the coastline are stunning and on a clear day you can see overland to Ireland.

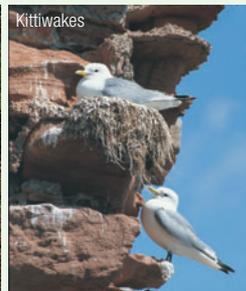
The Southern Upland Way 

Soon you cross open moorland and Killantringan Lighthouse lies up ahead. Built in 1900 to warn ships away from rocky coastline, dangerous crosscurrents have still caused many a shipwreck. The remains of the Craigantlet, a container ship that ran aground in 1982, can just be seen at low tide beneath the lighthouse.

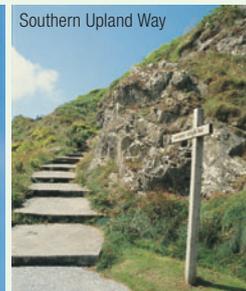
Continue on past the lighthouse, enjoying views of hills, forests and woodland as you make your way back to Portpatrick.



Near Portpatrick



Kittiwakes



Southern Upland Way



Portpatrick

Wood of Cree



Wood of Cree

Details:

- Distance:** 3.5km/2 miles
- Time:** 1¹/₂ hours
- Difficulty:** Moderate to Strenuous Coastal Walk
- Location:** From Newton Stewart, follow the signs to Minnigaff then to the Wood of Cree RSPB Nature Reserve. The car park is on your left after 4 miles.

The Route

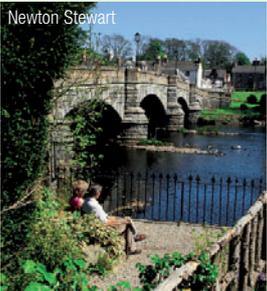
Start from the car park, cross the road to reach the start of the walks. From the interpretation board, follow the path uphill to reach a waymarker for the Woodland Trail. Follow the Cordorcan Burn past a series of waterfalls rushing down the steep gorges they have created over thousands of years. The Wood of Cree, thought to date back over 5000 years to the last ice age, is the largest remaining woodland in southern Scotland. It is home to a wide variety of wildlife and particular specialities are pied flycatcher, redstart and wood warbler. Continue to follow signs for the Woodland trail until you come to a junction where the two trails split.

*** Why not...** Visit Creetown Gem Rock Museum, and admire the beautiful collection of gems, crystals and rocks.

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From here, follow signs for the Scrubland Trail through more varied woodland with open scrub and stands of mature trees. Since the establishment of the reserve in 1984, some conifers have been removed and natural regeneration of the woodland has been encouraged.

Following the path, you soon come to a viewpoint, giving great views of the waterfall and over the River Cree. From the viewpoint, follow the path back to the start.



Murray's Monument



Details:

- Distance:** 2.5km/1½ miles
- Time:** 1½ hours
- Difficulty:** Strenuous Forest Walk (steep climb to monument)
- Location:** From the A75, just east of Newton Stewart, follow the A712 to the Galloway Forest Park. After approximately 11km/6½ miles, the car park for Grey Mare's Tail is on your left.

* **Why not... Take the Queen's Way and stop for a coffee at Clatteringshaws Visitor Centre.**

The Route

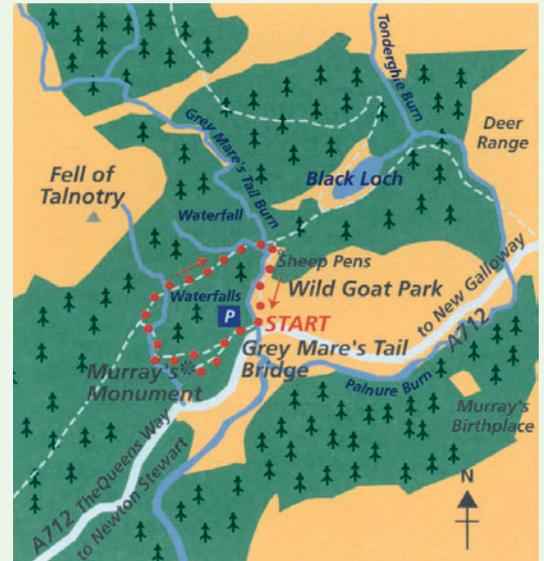
From the car park, follow the red waymarkers along the Talnотry Trail. The stretch of the A712 through the Galloway Forest Park is known as the Queen's Way, in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee. It is a very scenic stretch of road, winding through forests and moorland with rugged hills rising on either side. Other attractions include the Red Deer Range and the Goat Park, large areas of hillside fenced off to contain some of the red deer and wild goats that roam these hills, and Clatteringshaws visitor centre on the shores of the loch (open April to October).

The steep climb up to Murray's Monument is well worth the effort. The monument was erected in 1835 in memory of Alexander Murray, a local shepherd boy who later became professor of oriental languages at Edinburgh University. It stands in a prominent position on the hillside with commanding views of the valley and the northern slopes of Cairnsmore of Fleet.

The trail continues through the forest and joins the old Edinburgh Road, once used by pilgrims on their way to Whithorn. After crossing the Grey Mare's Tail burn follow the path downhill, through old sheep pens where eerie faces await you. These unusual carvings, set into stone walls of the pens, are part of the Galloway Forest Park arts programme.

Follow the path down craggy, heather clad slopes to the car park. A viewing point here is the best place to see the Grey Mare's Tail waterfall as it cascades over rocks before meeting the Palnure Burn.

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Clatteringshaws Loch



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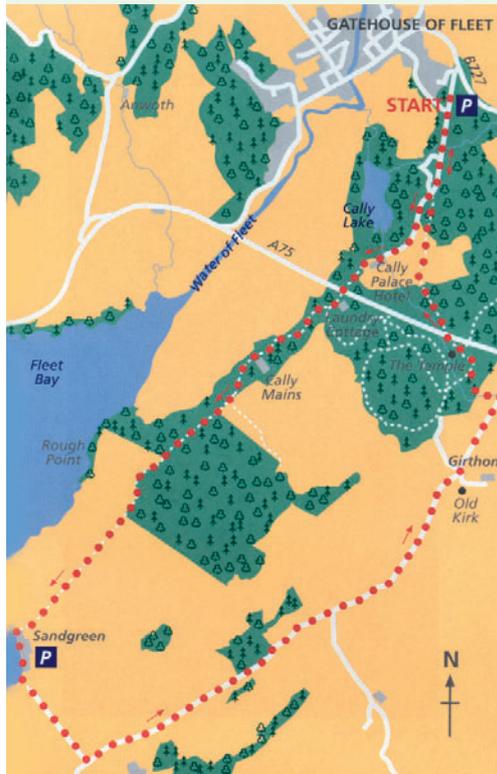


Wild goats



Murray's Monument

Gatehouse to Sandgreen



Details:

Distance: 12.5km/8 miles

Time: 4 hours

Difficulty: Moderate Woodland, Countryside and Coastal Walk

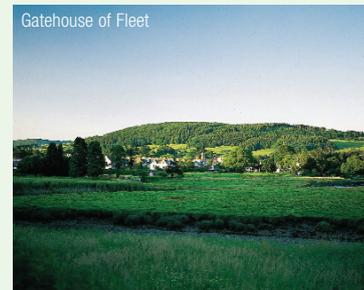
Location: Head out of Gatehouse on the B727 towards Kirkcudbright for a short distance then follow the Forestry Commission signs to Cally Woods and the Murray Centre, where parking is available.

Take particular care on the shore - the Solway Firth can be deceptive, with fast tides, strong currents and deep hidden channels.

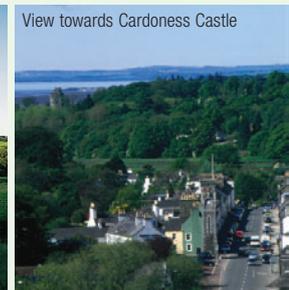
The Route

Turn left down the main avenue and continue past the Cally Palace Hotel. This magnificent building once served as the seat of the Murray family and during the war the house was used as a school for evacuees from Glasgow.

Beyond Cally Palace go under the main road and on the left note 'Laundry Cottage' which once served the main house as a laundry. Continue past Cally Mains Farm, ignoring the track to the left signed to the farm. Cally Mains was originally the Home Farm. Beyond Cally Mains you pass through some very fine oak and beech woodland and may be lucky enough to see treecreepers and spotted flycatchers. In the spring this



Gatehouse of Fleet



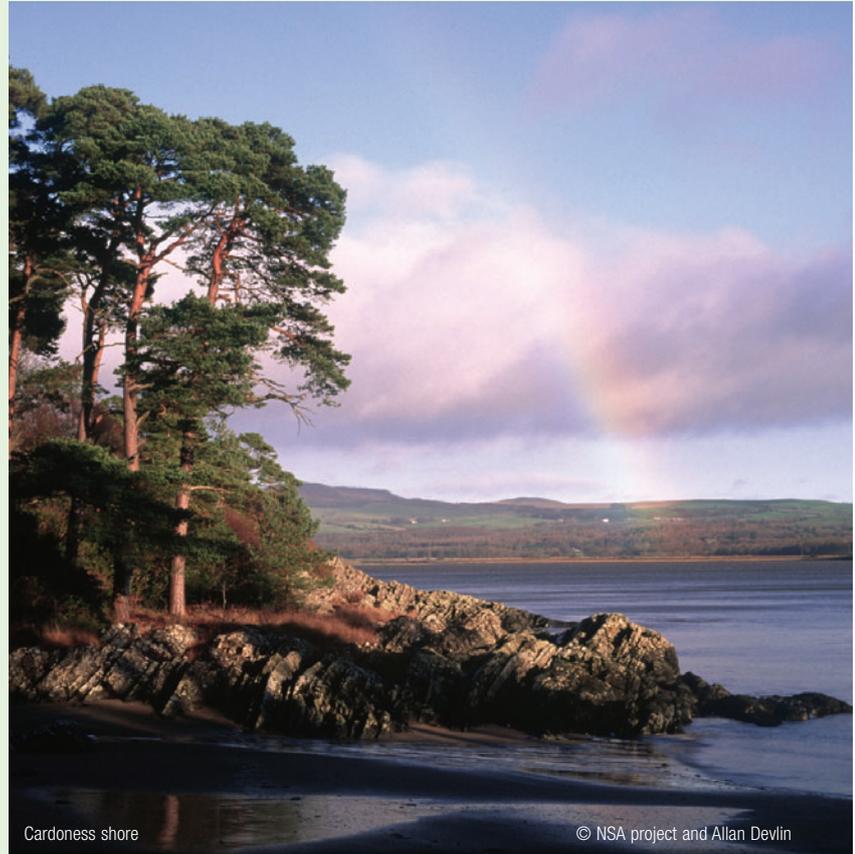
View towards Cardoness Castle

* Why not... Visit Cream o' Galloway, with its walks, adventure playground and 30 flavours of ice cream.

woodland is alive with newly arrived warblers and their varied song is a delight to hear. Follow the track down to Sandgreen and enjoy fine views across the Fleet Estuary, with the hills Ben John and Cairnharrow dominating the scene. Sandgreen is a good place to stop for a picnic before setting off on the return journey.

From Sandgreen follow the tarmac road past the shop and telephone box for about half a mile then turn left at the T-junction. Continue along the road to the Clauchan of Girthon. Note the ruins of the Old Parish Church on your right.

From Girthon, continue along the road to the National Cycle Route 7 sign. Turn left onto the cycle path and re-enter the woods. At the junction turn right then watch out for a path and clearing to the left where you will find The Temple - an amusing Gothic folly built as a ruin in 1778. On leaving the Temple, return to the main path and go under the A75 again. Follow the path back to Cally Avenue via Belvedere Lodge and Cally Gardens then retrace your steps to the Murray Centre.



Cardoness shore

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Scree Hill



Details:

- Distance:** 5.6km/3¹/₂ miles
- Time:** 2¹/₂ hours
- Difficulty:** Strenuous Hill Walk
- Location:** The foot of Scree is located on a minor road between Gelston and Auchencairn, 10km south of Castle Douglas.

* **Why not... Visit Threave Castle. Situated on an island in the River Dee. Ring the bell and the custodian will ferry you over.**

The Route

Start from the small Forest Enterprise car park, the route is waymarked from there. Follow the road uphill until the path leaves the track and enters the forest on the left. Here the ground gets rougher underfoot and the path gets steeper. Continue to follow the waymarkers and soon you come out of the forest into an area of heather and bracken with rocky outcrops. Listen for the distinctive croaking of ravens as they soar above you and watch out for red grouse, which you might come across along the way.

Follow the well-worn path to the top of the hill where, on a clear day, you can get spectacular panoramic views. To the north east is the Queensberry range and to the north west you can see Cairnsmore of Carsphairn and the Rhins of Kells. There are also views over the Solway Firth. Auchencairn Bay and Orchardton Bay are in the foreground, along with Hestan Island. This island lies midway between Almonness and Balcary Points and is joined to the mainland at Almonness by a causeway.

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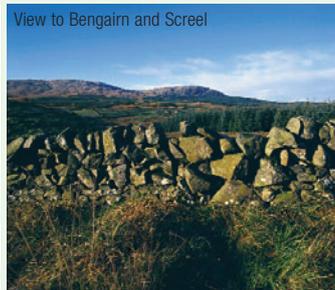
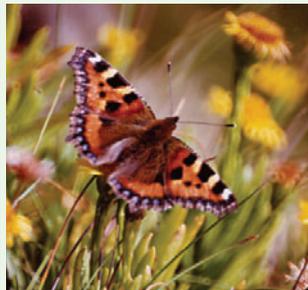
Looking across the Solway, see if you can pick out the towns of Silloth, Maryport, Workington and Whitehaven, which lie from left to right along the Cumbrian coastline. You should also be able to pick out the high peaks of Skiddaw, Grasmoor, Great Gable and Scafell Pike!

From here, follow the path along to the Cairn at the other end, where you can look across to Bengairn. Screel Hill and its neighbour Bengairn dominate this part of the Solway

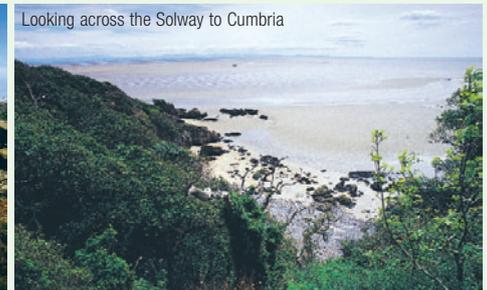
coast. The path then heads downhill into the forest, through a natural archway and soon joins a forest track that takes you back to the path you started on. You can then retrace your steps to the car park.



Screel & Rough Island



View to Bengairn and Screel



Looking across the Solway to Cumbria

Jubilee Path



Walking at Kippford

Details:

- Distance:** 3km/2 miles
Time: 1¹/₂ hours
Difficulty: Easy Coastal Walk
Location: From Dumfries, follow the coast road (A710) and take the signs for Rockcliffe. Car park is on the left side of the road as you enter Rockcliffe village.

* **Why not...** Refresh yourself at one of the waterside pubs in Kippford.

The Route

Take the pavement down into the heart of the village. Consult the information boards in the village. Rockcliffe first became a popular spot for relaxation and recreation in Victorian times when many of the houses along the seafront were built. The nearby ancient hill forts of Castle Hill and Motte of Mark testify to occupation long before this with the Motte of Mark once being the centre of the ancient Kingdom of Reghed.

There is a network of minor paths between Rockcliffe and Kippford and exploring any of these is recommended. Taking a detour onto the top of the Motte of Mark is well worthwhile for an excellent view of the Rough Firth estuary.



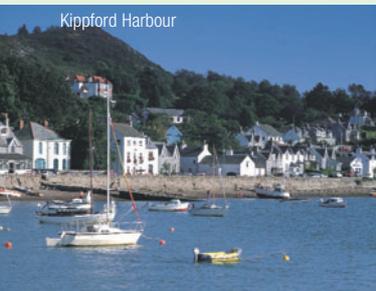
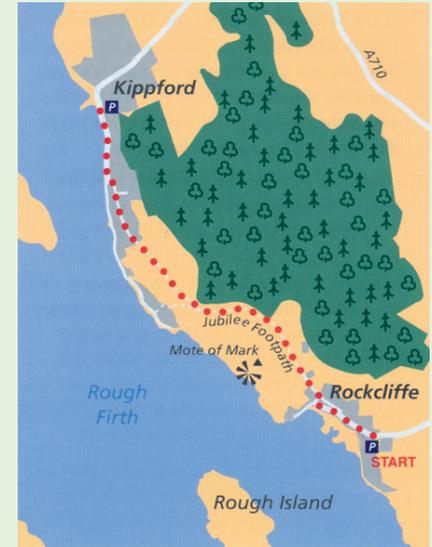
Dusk at Rockcliffe Beach

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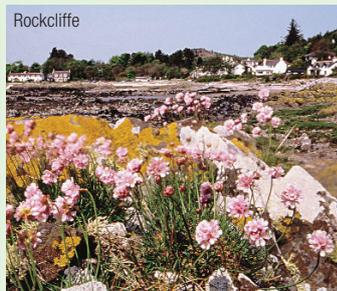
The Jubilee Path is the main path between the two villages and was named to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The land you walk through is managed by National Trust for Scotland (NTS) for wildlife and recreation and in summer you will see beautiful flowering meadows alongside the path. These are carefully mown and raked to encourage a diverse range of flowers, which support the local butterfly population.

Kippford developed as a shipbuilding centre and today remains a popular base for sailing. NTS organises many Ranger led guided walks at Rockcliffe during the year.

Consult the information boards on site or the Tourist Information Centres for details. Return by the same route or by following any of the minor paths back to Rockcliffe.



Kippford Harbour



Rockcliffe

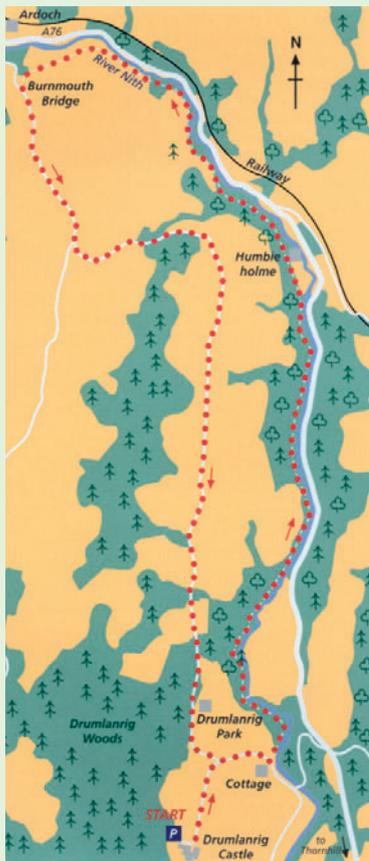


Sea cliffs on the Colvend coast



Reflections at Kippford

Drumlanrig Castle to Burnmouth



Details:

Distance: 15.5km/9¹/₂ miles

Time: 4 hours

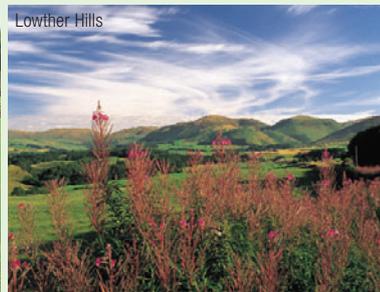
Difficulty: Moderate Riverside Walk

Location: From Dumfries, take the A76 Glasgow road, through Thornhill and Carronbridge. Continue for just over a mile, and then take the left turn, signed for Drumlanrig Castle, following the road to the pay and display car park.

The Route

From the car park, retrace your approach route along the lime avenue and round the right hand corner. Turn sharp left at the bench opposite the cottage and descend the track to the field gate. Ignore the small gate on the right and follow the woodland track through the field gate.

Keep right until you reach the four-way junction above Humble Holm. Pass through the left hand gate onto the track above the cottage. At the next fork in the track, keep straight ahead (the lower track is very wet). On reaching the edge of the woodland, pass through the gate to the rough grazing ground and follow the track alongside the Nith. Avoid the tracks off to the left.



On leaving the riverside trees of alder and willow, the path starts to traverse upslope giving good views across the valley to Ardoch Farm. Pass through the gate by the sheepfold and on to the gate to the public road. Turn left and continue alongside Burnslands Burn. At the first road junction, turn left just before the cottage.

This quiet and elevated road gives good views back to Lowther Hill, topped by a golfball shaped radar station (built for the Civil Aviation Authority), and across to the crescent of hills hiding and enclosing Kettleton reservoir.

As you cross the cattle grid at Drumlanrig Park, look straight ahead through the trees to Drumlanrig Castle. Descend past the Estate Office and turn right along the main avenue to return to your start point.

***** Why not... Allow extra time to visit the wonderful art collection in the castle.



Drumlanrig Castle

Wanlockhead to Sanquhar



Lead Mining Museum

Details:

Distance: 12km/7¹/₂ miles

Time: 3¹/₂ hours

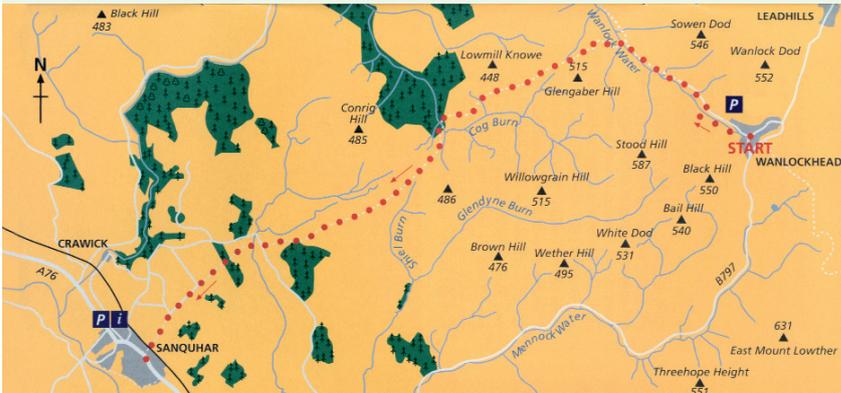
Difficulty: Strenuous Southern Upland Way Walk

Location: Sanquhar, on the A76, Dumfries to Glasgow road. Park in one of the car parks in Sanquhar High Street.

The Route

Catch the Wanlockhead bus from the shelter on the post office side of High Street. Bus times are available from the Tourist Information Centre inside the world's oldest working post office. Alight from the bus at the stop opposite the Museum of lead mining in Wanlockhead. This is well worth a visit before you set out along the Southern Upland Way. The interesting industrial heritage sites along this route will be more rewarding with your newfound knowledge.

Cross the road and the burn below the museum and turn left along the Southern Upland Way. Pass the Lochnell mine, the beam engine and the churchyard, and continue along the quiet road alongside Wanloch Water. At the waterworks the tarred road finishes. Continue along the track to the fingerpost, cross the footbridge and climb the stile to the open hill.



*** Why not... Take a trip on the Leadhills and Wanlockhead Railway, passing through the old mine workings.**

The Southern Upland Way

Follow the waymark post past the corrugated sheepfold on the track that zigzags uphill. At the top, cross the fence at the stile and follow the causeway to another stile followed by a series of burn crossings. Soon you will see a stone sheep shelter and a ruined steading. Cross the stile and turn right along the track away from the ruin to descend towards the forest. Climb the stile by the fingerpost and turn left along the forest road. Cross the burn and pass the lay-by before turning left off

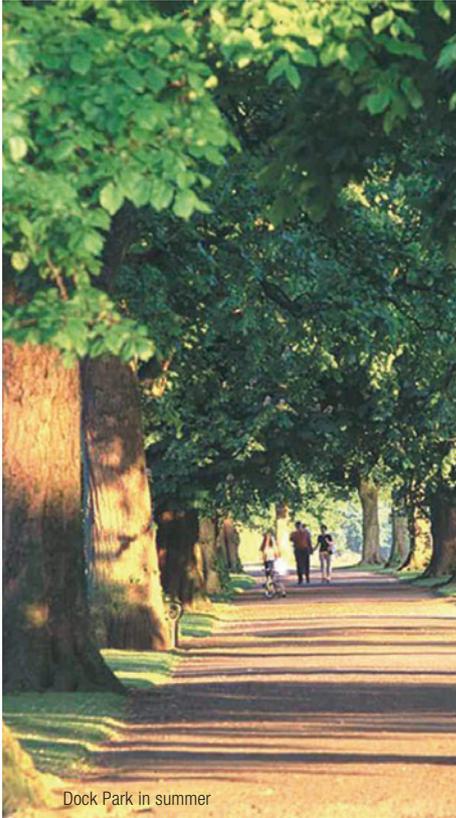
the forest road to reach another stile. Walk uphill following waymarkers and, as you near the top, enjoy the opening vista of Upper Nithsdale. Climb the stile to reach the downhill path following the fence line. After a long straight section the fence turns to the left but the Southern Upland Way waymarkers and stile lead you to a track on the right of the plantation. Join the tarmac road after the farmhouse and turn left over the stile, just before the gate and cattle grid across the road.

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Descend the slope to the footbridge and cross to the stile followed by boardwalks. The route climbs to a replanted wood. Follow the waymarkers, stiles and kissing gates to reach the track running past the public water supply. When the track turns right, take the path straight ahead to drop into Sanquhar down the steep and wide Cow's Wynd Pass under the railway to reach the High street and turn right to the Tolbooth.



The Parks - Dumfries Riverside



Dock Park in summer

Details:

- Distance:** 6km/3¹/₂ miles
Time: 1¹/₂ hours
Difficulty: Moderate, Circular park and riverside walk
Location: Dock Park, off St Michael's Bridge, Whitesands, Dumfries

* **Why not... Visit Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura at the Observatory.**

The Route

Follow the pedestrian/cycle track between the metal arches at the riverside entrance to Dock Park. These arches represent Sweetheart Abbey and were used to promote 'Dumfries in miniature' at Glasgow Garden Festival during the 1980s. Continue downstream alongside this tidal section of the River Nith, exit the park and cross the road opposite the entrance to Castledykes Park.

Follow the main path through the park in a broad anticlockwise sweep, take time to visit the sunken garden and look out for the site of the Royal Castle of Dumfries, built in 1186 by William the Lion. On leaving the park turn right along the public road, then take the first left and enter the grounds of the Crichton Royal Hospital.

The Victorian landscaped estate, as the grounds for a pioneering psychiatric hospital and the handsome sandstone buildings and gardens, are now home to the Crichton University Campus and Business Park. The higher ground at the Crichton affords good views across the Nith to the granite mass of Criffel. Take the main/middle drive that sweeps to the right.

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On the corner turn right onto the gravel garden path. At the end of this section bear left on the flagstone path and pass under the stone and hedge archway. Pass through the water garden, up the steps and along the gravel path that skirts the topside of the playing field.



Climb the embankment steps and turn left across the staggered junction, heading for the Crichton Memorial Church. Take either route around the church and turn right at the top of the hill (signed 'University Campus'). The building straight ahead is Easterbrook Hall.

At the end of the car park turn right down the tree lined footpath. At the end of this path turn left and immediately right between the 'no entry' signs and continue to the

public road. Turn left to the roundabout, then right, down Kingholm Loaning to Kingholm Quay. Keep hard in to the left hand side to avoid oncoming vehicles as you round the sharp right hand bend.

Continue through the village to the harbour, and turn left onto National Cycle Route 7, which is a shared pedestrian and cycle path. This will take you past the cricket pitch and back to Dock Park.

Grey Mare's Tail



Grey Mare's Tail

Details:

- Distance:** 4km/2¹/₂ miles
- Time:** 1¹/₂ hours
- Difficulty:** Strenuous Hill Walk
- Location:** From Moffat, take the A708 Selkirk road. Continue for 9 miles to the car park and National Trust for Scotland's visitor centre, which is open April to September. You may be able to view nesting peregrine falcons on CCTV.

The Route

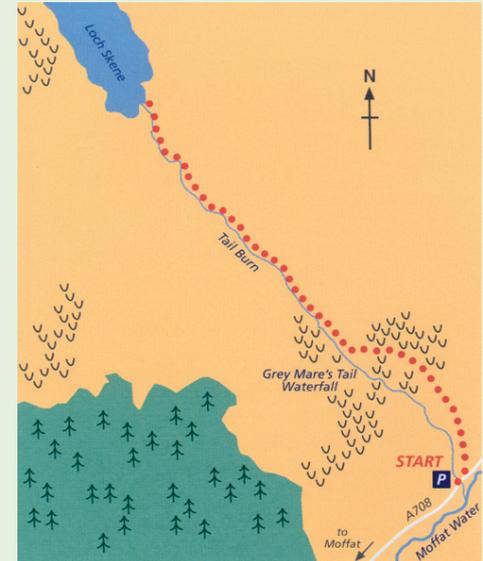
From the visitor centre, cross the Tall Burn on the stepping-stones, and turn left following the burn side path to the stell seating area where you get a good view of the impressive 61m waterfall. Turn right just before the seating area and climb the stone pitched path up the valley side. Make the most of any rest stops to take in your surroundings.

The area supports the greatest range of rare upland plants in southern Scotland. The varied bird life includes peregrines, heron, dippers, grey wagtails and skylarks. At the top of the falls, the old march dyke leads your gaze towards White Coomb, a popular summit with hill walkers and an excellent viewpoint for Moffat Dale. This path is a good example of glacial erosion. The path levels off, leading you past the remains of a shepherds' bothy and enters a landscape of drumlins (glacial deposits) before reaching the delightful vista across Loch Skene. The clean waters are now populated by vendace, Britain's rarest freshwater fish, recently introduced as part of a species recovery programme.

Stay safe in the hills – leave details of your route on
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On descending by the same route you can fully appreciate the forces of the last Ice Age. The glacier that deeply scoured Moffat Dale chopped off the end of this side valley, giving us today's dramatic feature of the Grey Mare's Tail. The falls have eroded back from their original line on their slow journey towards Loch Skene.

* **Why not...** Spend some time browsing the many shops in Moffat



The Southern Upland Way



River Annan



River Annan in summer

Details:

- Distance:** 10km/6 miles
Time: 3 hours
Difficulty: Moderate Riverside Walk
Location: Annan, on the A75 Dumfries to Carlisle road, 8 miles west of Gretna. Park at Battery Street car park at the north end of Annan.

* **Why not...** Go back in time to WW1 and visit the greatest munitions factory exhibition at The Devil's Porridge.

The Route

From the Battery Street car park, follow the riverside path upstream through the Everholm Park. The park is beautifully laid out, with shrubs and trees sheltering the sports pitches and athletic ground. At the far end of the park, the path leads through a gate into woodland. The river is never far away, and the whole atmosphere is calm and restful. Coming out of the trees, the Cuthbertson Memorial Bridge appears ahead. This footbridge was built as a tribute to those who died during the Second World War. On reaching the Cuthbertson Memorial Bridge, carry straight on up the right-hand bank of the river under the bridge, which carries the A75 road. Follow the riverside path to the 'Caul' or weir. In the autumn, salmon and sea trout can be seen moving up the river to spawn. Please take care here, as the water is fast flowing, deep and cold.

Further upstream you reach the Jubilee Suspension Bridge. The Jubilee Bridge was built in 1898 to commemorate the reign of Queen Victoria. From the Jubilee Bridge, continue up river past the pumping station. The path follows the river across a meadow

and then enters a wooded area. A stile over a wall on the left is the path to Warmanbie House Hotel, which can provide food and refreshment. This part of the river is wooded and abounds in wildlife. The path continues along the riverbank through the wooded area past a fishing shelter.

At this point join an estate drive, which continues up river towards Brydekirk. At the Lodge and the junction with the main road turn left and cross the bridge into the village. Food and refreshments are available at the Brig Inn beside the bridge.

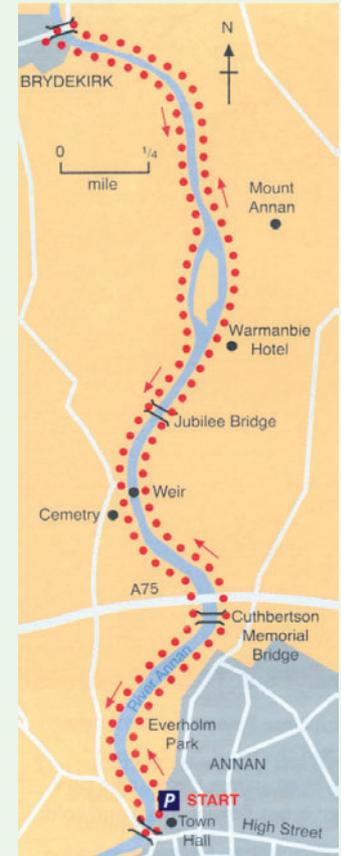
To return to Annan: turn down River Street beside the Inn, and keep straight on over grass where the road turns right. The riverside path strikes off on its own and enters woodland, which is a carpet of primroses and bluebells in spring and, in autumn, a natural larder with hazel nuts, brambles and sloes. Follow the riverbank path down through the woods and pastures, until the path reaches the Jubilee Bridge. Then walk down either side of the river to Annan.



Ducklings



Annandale



Potholm and Castle Hill



Details:

- Distance:** 9km/5¹/₂ miles
- Time:** 2 hours
- Difficulty:** Moderate Woodland & Hill Walk
- Location:** Park at Kilgreen Car Park, on the side of the river Esk, north of Langholm, town centre.

*** Why not... If you've got the time and energy, trek to the intriguing MacDiarmid Memorial.**

The Route

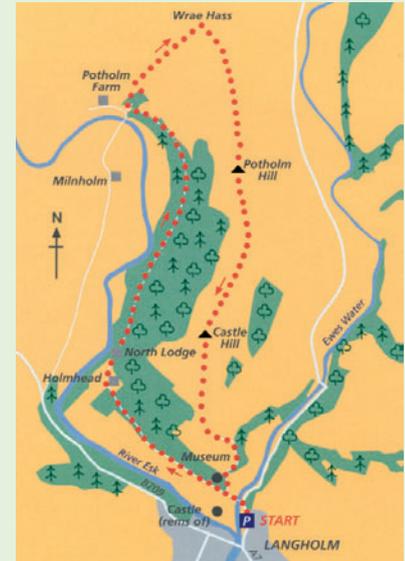
Cross the bridge over the Ewes Water (which you can see from the car park). At the Y-junction by the sawmill, bear left through the gate pillars and past the lodge. Continue along the estate drive, bordered by fine beech trees. At the Y-junction (for Langholm Lodge) keep to the main drive and you will reach Holmhead. Pass to the left of the steading but don't take the left fork. Continue past North Lodge and on through a gate, keeping to the main woodland track. Continue north through the woods for 1km, emerging into a clear-felled area with the Esk below and Potholm Farm visible ahead. Fork left down to the farm, keep right of the house, and at a T-junction, turn sharp right on a track that climbs steadily. Turn left with this track, go over a stile and turn right to follow the line of the fence, aiming for the saddle between Wrae Hill and Potholm Hill.

Just below the ridge turn right over the stile and follow the track to the next stile. Continue upwards, with the grassed over remains of a dyke to your left. You will cross over this green line and continue towards the summit with the tumbled down wall

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now on your right. On a clear day Potholm Hill affords excellent views including 18 ancient forts and settlements. Follow the dyke off Potholm Hill, climb the ladder stile and continue with a sturdy wall on your left. When the wall turns sharp left keep straight ahead, just off the ridge on a faint path, to the summit of Castle Hill. Descend the hillside aiming for Langholm and pass through scattered thorn trees.

When you reach the rough track, follow it down to the gate and ladder stile. Continue downhill to join the road passing Pathhead and winding down to the river plain. Pass the sawmill to reach Ewes Bridge that crosses the Esk just above Kilgreen car park.



Langholm Kilgreen



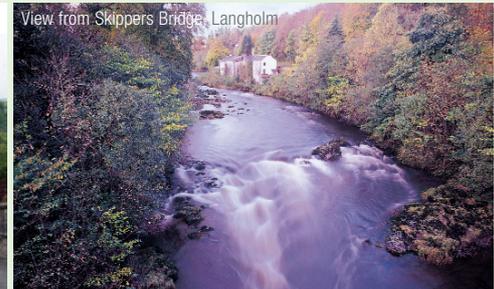
The Ewes Valley



Path towards Langholm



View from Skippers Bridge, Langholm



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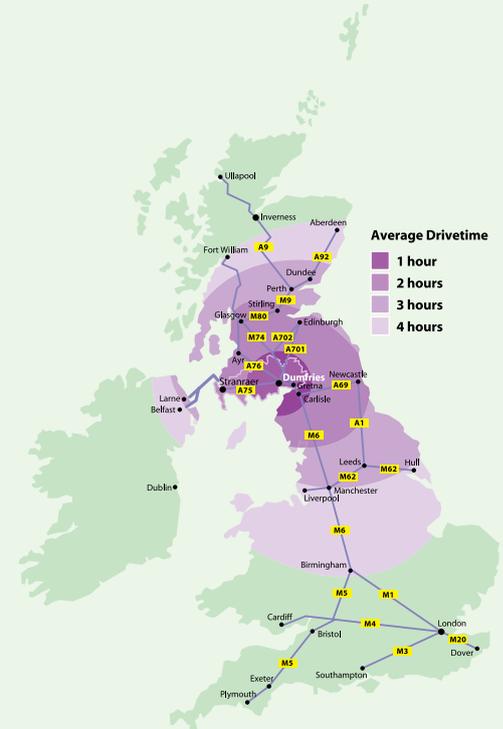
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