

THE BORGUE COAST

- **START** Kirkcudbright Tourist Information Centre, in main car park
 - **33km/20miles**
 - **Allow 4 hours**
 - **Fairly gently undulating, with a longer climb after Carrick Shore**
- On route, toilets are available all year at the Doon picnic site, Brighthouse Bay. Snacks are available in Twynholm and Borgue.**

Miles	Route
0.0	Leave car park towards the harbour and cross the bridge. Take the first road on the left and follow National Cycle Route 7 signs.
3.2	The Doon. This is a popular picnic site at Nun Mill bay. Continue to follow Route 7 to Borgue.
5.3	Borgue. Before continuing, you may wish to explore the village. Look out for the memorial to William Nicholson, 'The Packman Poet', and Borgue Academy, originally a boarding school 200 years ago. Otherwise, your route turns left uphill on Route 7 (signposted to Carrick).
7.3	Pass the turning to Kirkandrews on your left then 'Coos' Palace' on your right.
9.0	If you wish to visit Carrick shore, turn left at the next junction (signposted to Carrick). Pass Knockbrev Castle in the trees and continue to just past the end of the tarmac where you can enjoy views to Ardwell Isle. Return to the junction. Otherwise, continue straight to the T-junction. Turn left to meet the A755.
12.0	▲ A755. Turn right. Continue straight on then turn left (signposted Twynholm).
17.0	Twynholm. Dip down into the village if you wish to visit racing driver David Coulthard's museum. Otherwise, turn right before the church and continue straight on, over the bridge to meet the A762. ▲ Turn right and right again at the T-junction (signposted A711 Kirkcudbright).
20.0	Kirkcudbright.

Kirkandrews church, 'Coos' Palace', and Knockbrev Castle. A series of buildings built to a style based on Warwick Castle, by local landowner James Brown 100 years ago. The Coos' Palace was just that – an ornate byre.

Carrick Shore A very popular spot for bathing or just wandering and gazing. Ardwell Isle, the biggest of the islands, has the remains of a very early Christian chapel. There is also evidence of smugglers' booty holes.

Tongland Bridge was designed by Thomas Telford and built in 1807. It is famous for being his first built with hollow arches to save weight. If you wish, dismount and, from the pavement, enjoy views to the ruined railway viaduct and Tongland power station upstream and the Dee marshes downstream of the bridge.



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ON SHARED USE PATHS • Please be courteous and be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary • Give way to pedestrians, horse-riders and wheelchair users, leaving them plenty of room • Carry a bell and use it - not all pedestrians can see you • Always follow the Highway Code • Be seen - most accidents to cyclists happen at junctions • Fit lights, wear a helmet and light and reflective clothing • Respect land management activities such as farming and forestry and take litter home • Be self-sufficient - in remote areas carry food, repair kit, map and waterproofs.