

ECCLEFECHAN AND HODDOM

START Annan High Street

21km/13 miles

Allow 2 hours

A short easy route

Brydekirk was designed around 1800 as a model village for weavers. At one time it had two water mills. In the 1890s many of the Corsehill sandstone quarry workers lived here. The village inn serves meals.

Ecclefechan has several shops and a pub. It was a coaching village in earlier times. The house where the writer Thomas Carlyle was born is open to the public.

Hoddom Bridge. Nearby is the site of an early Christian church site linked with St. Kentigern. The caravan park at Hoddom Castle has a shop. A short walk to the top of Repentance Hill and its border signal tower is rewarded with fine views over Lower Annandale.

Miles	Route
0	Leave Annan crossing the River Annan towards Dumfries on the B721.
0.35	Turn right onto the minor road for Brydekirk.
2.5	Brydekirk. Turn right, cross the River Annan and proceed to a crossroads.
3.6	Turn left at the crossroads and continue to Ecclefechan on a section of the National Byway.
5.9	Ecclefechan. Leave for Hoddom Bridge on the B725 Dalton road.
7.9	Turn left at the T-junction to Hoddom Bridge.
8	Hoddom Bridge. Cross the bridge, turn right on to the B725 uphill towards Dalton. Hoddom Castle caravan park is signposted just after the bridge.
8.4	Turn left onto a minor road past Hoddom & Kinmount Estate Offices.
9.1	Uppermoor Farm. Turn left onto a minor road.
10	Lowermoor Farm. Turn right when rejoining the B723 for Annan.
13	Arrive Annan.



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Bikes on Buses – the 500/X75 carries bikes along the A75 www.dumgal.gov.uk/timetables