

FAIR HELEN'S GRAVE AND EAGLESFIELD

START Annan High Street

27km/17 miles

Allow 3 hours

A short easy route

Hollee and its neighbour Irvington were the homes of workers who quarried sandstone in the nearby Cove quarries. After crossing the Kirtle Water, the 16th century fortified tower houses of Robgill and Bonshaw can be seen above the steep river valley.

Springkell Estate where you can visit the grave of Helen Irving who was killed in the 16th century by the bullet which a rejected suitor aimed at her lover. The romantic story is told in the ballad 'Fair Helen of Kirkconnel Lea'. The estate is signposted just before Eaglesfield.

Eaglesfield is a small village with two pubs and a shop.

Miles	Route
0	Leave Annan going towards Carlisle on the
0.35	At the roundabout take the B6357 Kirkpatrick Fleming road.
5.6	Hollee. After the village turn left onto the minor road which passes through Irvington.
7.1	This is a section of the National Cycle Route 74. Continue straight ahead at this junction.
7.5	Turn right onto a minor road crossing the Kirtle Water and under the railway.
8	At the junction with the B7076 turn left onto the cycle track towards Lockerbie.
8.5	Turn off to the left (signed for Springkell) and proceed over the A74(M) towards Eaglesfield. Keep left at the next junction.
10	Springkell Estate to the right. Fair Helen's Grave at ruined Kirkconnel Church.
11	Eaglesfield. Leave the village, crossing the A74(M) on the B722 for Annan.
17	Arrive Annan.



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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.

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