

KIRKCUDBRIGHT AND DUNDRENNAN

- **START** Kirkcudbright Tourist Information Centre, in main car park
- **26km/16½miles**
- **Allow 3 hours**
- **Moderately undulating, with short, steeper climbs**

Miles	Route
0.0	Leave the car park and go to the main crossroads at St Mary Street. Turn right, past St Cuthbert's church. If you wish, stop outside the museum to view the Cup and Ring marked rocks.
2.0	Mutehill. Leave the main road and continue straight ahead along the shore of Manxman's Lake, where Manx raiding vessels used to drop anchor.
2.9	At the next junction, turn left and enjoy stunning views across Ross Island to Burrow Head. Also look out for the Isle of Man, about 30km away.
5.7	Take the next public road on your right. ▲ At the T-junction with the main road, turn right again.
10.1	At the signpost for Port Mary you can choose to visit the shore at Abbeyburnfoot. A board here shows if it is accessible. It was from here that Mary Queen of Scots sailed into exile. This adds a total of 4.0 miles. Otherwise, continue straight on to Dundrennan.
10.5	Dundrennan. Just past the church, turn left into a minor road which climbs steeply. At the next junction, bear right then turn left at the T-junction. On your long descent, enjoy good views of woods, valleys and rolling hills.
14.4	At the signpost for High Banks, turn left and follow the track to a car park in the farmyard. Leave your bike and follow the signpost to see a major set of Cup and Ring marks. Retrace your steps to return to the road. This adds a total of 1 mile. Otherwise continue straight on, over the bridge and bear left.
16.5	Kirkcudbright.

Cup and Ring marked rocks. These are frequent only through south Argyll, Dumfries and Galloway and northern England and are around 5000 years old. You can see plaster casts of some outside the Stewartry Museum, which you passed at the start. It is much more rewarding, however to see them in situ, as you do along this route. There are many theories for their existence.

Military Range Here since the last war, it is now used mainly for infantry training. When the red flags are flying, military operations are underway and the countryside beyond the flags is out of bounds.

Dundrennan Abbey Completed for the Cistercian monks in 1142 by David I and/or Fergus, who was first self-styled Lord of Galloway.



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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.