

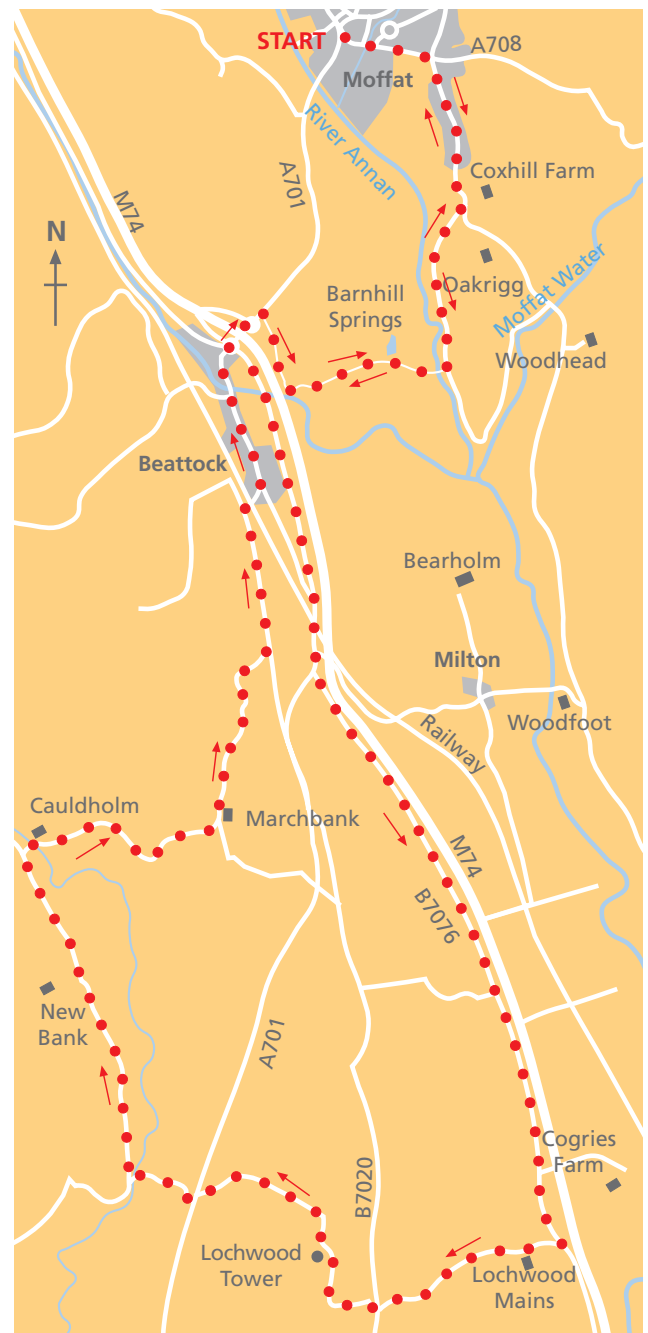
# LOCHWOOD TOWER

- START** Moffat Town Centre
- 27.5km/17 miles**
- Allow 2½ hours**
- A varied route with some modest climbs**

Miles	Route
0	Leave Moffat Town centre on A708 Selkirk Road. A range of shops, cafes and pubs are available in the town centre.
0.5	Immediately after passing the rugby pitch on the right, turn right into Old Carlisle Road (signposted to Newton Wamphray/Boreland).
1	After leaving the built up area, take the first turning right at the Y-junction in road.
1.5	Turn right and cross the River Annan on the metal bridge. Follow the minor road until you reach the A701.
2.8	Turn left on the A701 and straight across the roundabout, under M74 motorway, left at the second roundabout signed Dumfries and Route 74 (It is safer to use the cycleway for this section).
4.0	After passing Kirkpatrick Juxta Church on your right, follow the cycleway across the A701 and join the B7076, signposted for Johnstonebridge, (Route 74).
7.0	Approximately 500 yards after passing Cogries Farm (on left), take the first signed right turn into a minor road, which climbs steeply uphill. Shortly afterwards it passes the entrance to Lochwood Mains farm on the left.
7.5	Follow this minor road straight over the B7020 road at a crossroads (signed for Lochwood).
8.0	Arrive at Lochwood Tower, situated to the left of the road, where the ruins can be explored.
8.5	Continue along minor road, through mature woods, to arrive at the A701 road. Please note care should be taken as this road can be busy with fast moving traffic. Turn left and then immediately right into another minor road that leads into the forest.
9.0	Pass over Kinnel Water and turn sharp right.
12.0	Continue along the minor road. Turn right in front of the 'Beattock by Public Road' sign, re-cross the Kinnel Water, then bear left at T-junction (Marchbank Farm).
12.5	Follow this road downhill. When it ends, turn left onto a larger road towards Beattock village. The former Beattock Primary School faces you at this junction. The entrance roadway to Kirkpatrick Juxta Church is also opposite.
13.0	Follow road through Beattock village.
17.0	Re-trace the start section by crossing the two roundabouts (signed Moffat) then turn right to return to Moffat by Barnhill Springs and the Wamphray road.

A route of approximately 17 miles on a range of quiet country roads through farmland, woodland and open hillside. The route involves some modest climbing, reaching a high point of 210 metres.

The main feature of the route is Lochwood Tower, a ruined castle which is thought to have been constructed in the second half of the fifteenth century and was the seat of the Johnstone Clan.



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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.