

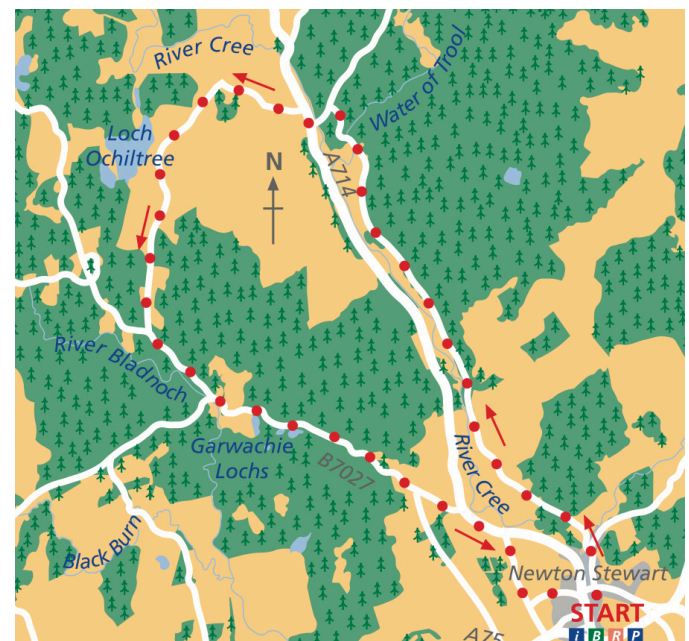
RIVER CREE AND THE LOCHS

- START** Newton Stewart riverside car park
- 34km/21 miles**
- Allow 4 hours**
- Undulating with some short, steep sections**

The Lochs The loch of Cree was formed by the broadening of the river cree. The route also passes Loch Ochiltree and the Garwachie lochs.

Wood of Cree is a large RSPB woodland nature reserve. It used to be coppiced, where trees were cut for a variety of products, leaving the base to regrow. Now it is being managed to encourage natural regeneration. The resulting diversity encourages a range of plants and animals and the woodland floor is carpeted in bluebells in spring.

Miles	Route
0.0	Leave the car park and cross the River Cree by the Sparling cycle bridge. Turn left onto the riverside path and continue to the crossroads. Go straight on, crossing the main road and continue to follow National Cycle Route 7 through Minnigaff and beyond. This is the Wood of Cree road, passing the RSPB reserve.
4.5	Waterfall.
8.0	At the T-junction, leave Route 7, turning left and crossing the attractive stone bridge to meet the A714 near Clachaneasy.
8.3	Turn right onto the A714 then take the first road on your left. You pass Loch Ochiltree on your right.
13.3	At the junction with the B7027, turn left (signposted to Newton Stewart), pass the Garwachie Lochs and continue straight on.
18.4	A714. Turn right then, in less than a mile, turn right again (signposted to Dumfries and Stranraer, A75). Take the first left after about a mile for a great view whilst descending.
21.3	Newton Stewart.



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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