

STRANRAER & PORTPATRICK

START Town centre car park. From the B737, follow signs for the car park from Hanover Street

27km/17miles

Allow 3 hrs

A big hill to start with, then moderately undulating

On route, toilets and snacks available in Portpatrick.

Stranraer has been a major ferry port and was the main road and rail link to Ireland. It is also the hub of west Wigtownshire, so it will sustain all your requirements.

Portpatrick At one time this was an important port for Irish trade. However, by 1849 its vulnerability to gales had caused trade to move to Stranraer. Nowadays it is a most attractive harbour town with a traditional air. It also has the best sunshine record in Dumfries and Galloway.

Dunskey Castle In a spectacular promontory setting, built in 14th and 16th centuries. Watch out for the “Hairy Man” ghost. To visit the castle, turn left at Portpatrick seafront to the farthest car park. Leave your bike then follow the sign to Dunskey Castle and Morroch Bay.

Miles	Route
0.0	Exit car park and turn right onto Millhill St. Turn left, then right onto Ashwood Drive (Gospel Hall on corner). At the end turn left. At the end of the speed humps, bear right, then turn right (signposted to Portpatrick). Continue on the old military road.
5.5	Junction with A77. Carefully turn right onto this busy road and follow it to Portpatrick.
7.7	Portpatrick. Take time to explore the town and harbour then leave by the A77 and turn left at the junction with the B738.
10.5	Turn right following the on-road section of the Southern Upland Way, then continue straight on ignoring side roads. Enjoy views over Loch Ryan and to the large volcanic plug of granite known as Ailsa Craig. At the T-junction turn right and take the next right (no signpost). Turn right on meeting the A718. Just after 30 mph limit, turn right on to Leswalt High Road. At the roundabout, turn right then left into Millhill St to return to the car park.
17.0	Stranraer car park



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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