

WHITHORN TO PORTWILLIAM

START Whithorn. Park in the centre of the town.
Route signposted as the “Machars Green Route”

31.5km/20 miles

Allow 4 hrs

Undulating with some short steep sections.
Coast, rolling farmland and woodland

On route, toilets and snacks available in Port William

Drumtroddan Standing Stones and Cup and Ring Marked Rocks

These are outstanding examples of their kind, especially the extensive display of Cup and Ring marked rocks which are up to 5000 years old. The purpose and meaning of the carvings remains unclear but the standing stones form an alignment which probably acted as a marker of significant time in the annual cycle of life.

Druchtag Motte Druchtag Motte is one of the many Motte and Baileys found in SW Scotland, which holds about a quarter of the total in Scotland. This one is curious - quite small on top with very steep sides.

Barsalloch Fort Remains of a promontory fort, in use during the Iron Age. The area has produced evidence of encampments of some of the earliest settlers colonising the area after the last glaciation at a time when the sea would have washed the base of the cliff.

Gavin Maxwell bronze otter A beautiful memorial to the famous naturalist. Continuing down to the shore, there is Kirkmaiden Church, a bathing beach, and amongst the wildlife are six-spotted Burnet moths and nesting whitethroats.

Miles	Route
0.0	Follow the Machars Green Route signs for the whole circuit.
7.0	Junction to your left. To visit Drumtroddan cup and ring marks, continue a short distance and turn right. Otherwise turn left at the junction.
8.4	Mochrum. To visit Druchtag Motte, turn right at the junction and it is on your right. Otherwise, turn left in Mochrum
13.7	After Monreith you can choose to turn right and visit the bronze otter, Kirkmaiden Chapel and beach. Return to route.
19.6	Whithorn.



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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.

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