



CTC
Kirkpatrick Macmillan Birthday Rides
Dumfries
29 July – 5 August 2006



Route - Dumfries Discovery, self-guided tour.

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| Scheduled day : any day | Terrain : easy |
| 10 miles (16 Km), no off tarmac | Map OS 84 or 321 |
| Emergency Phone 0777 189 5522 | |

| Miles (Km) | Route Description |
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| 0.0 | Exit College TL; take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave.); TJ TL then R into Sutherland Way to |
| 0.4 (0.6) | Caledonian Cycleway TL; follow thru 2 Toucan crossings to |
| 2.3 (3.7) | take to road before railway bridge; SO thru 2 lights & Pelican to |
| 4.0 (6.4) | Burns Statue ; to R, Greyfriars Ch. and floral designs inc. CTC one ; look back to “Headmasters” for statue of Henry Duncan, founder of the first Savings Bank at Ruthwell; was Greyfriars’ monastery here, where Bruce killed his rival, The Red Comyn, in 1306 on his way to asserting Scotland’s independence (quaint Friars’ Vennel down hill); |
| | proceed thru ped. zone (note “Closes”; mediaeval towns consisted of a main, broad street with narrow Closes off, with dense, tiny habitations, easily blockable under attack); thru Queensberry Sq.; pass Mid Steeple 1708 , Scots ell measure, 38” (verticle at head of stairs), and iron mileage board for the main places on the coach route to London on S side; SO to Fountain (original celebrated arrival of piped water in 1851); look to R for CTC plaque on Ottaker’s (formerly County hotel); look back on remarkable townscape , glorious in the morning sun (“none of it is parallel, none of it on the same level!”) |
| | just beyond fountain, find Close through Globe Inn 1610 (Burns’ favourite “howff”); as you walk thru, note murals and Tam o’Shanter ironwork, etc; zigzag down (Globe Theatre 1790 along to L; sadly, may be demolished) to cross one-way street, head to R and take 1 st L (between blocks of flats), dipping and rising to |
| 4.5 (7.2) | Burns’ house (where he lived latterly, now museum); SO; walk on pavement, view (recent) statue of Burns’ wife Jean Armour to L, cross road by pedestrian phase to St Michael’s Church in whose churchyard is Burns’ Mausoleum , graves of his |

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| | friends, massed grave of 421 cholera victims 1832, and Covenanters' obelisk; |
| | SO; rbt bear R; lights bear L up hill; pass hospital, thru rbt to |
| 5.8 (9.3) | Grierson Gate TR into Crichton Grounds ; most buildings erected under legacy of Dr James Crichton in 1833-9 as centre of excellence for treatment of "lunatics"; due to the modern emphasis on home treatment, most buildings now universities of Glasgow and Paisley, or business park; |
| | TR; explore further if you like, but our route passes Easterbrook Hall (scene for Birthday Tea) to (recent) statue of Elizabeth Crichton; then down past beautiful church to TJ TR (at lime avenue, tour on foot the remarkable rockery and trees to L); |
| 6.4 (10.3) | exit thru lower gate TR; TL into Castledykes Park (don't miss it!) (Bruce raised his standard here); zigzag down (bear L for gardens in old sandstone quarry) to bottom gate (will be cycleway soon); |
| | cross road, then river over Kirkpatrick Macmillan Br (erected Feb 2006, plaques to R before crossing) TR; SO to Jubilee suspension br. (1875, erected to enable workers at mills to get there on time!) TL (Suspension Brae); at top TR; SO to Dumfries Burgh Museum (Camera Obscura and observatory in old windmill, Thomas McCall replica of KM machine , " Old Mortality " group, feature on first steamboat which sailed on Dalswinton Loch 5 miles away , and much else); |
| 7.0 (11.3) | retrace down Suspension Brae TL; pass Burns Centre (café, cinema, etc, was Town Mills); TR over Devorgilla Br. 1450/1620 after 13 th century wooden one built by Lady Devorgilla, John Balliol (senior)'s widow; tiny Bridge House (1662) (museum of town life); (imagine this as the main road, continuing up the narrow Friars' Vennel!) |
| | (sorry about steps at end of bridge – used to be another 3 arches!) TR for 60yd to view carving this side of the river and image other side, of Devorgilla where ford used to cross; retrace to bridge; SO under Bucleuch Bridge (1794 Thomas Boyd), pass swimming pool, view another cycle bridge (2001); cross to road past rowing club, turning up to TJ TL (archway opposite); XR SO, then round to R to; |
| 7.7 (12.4) | XR TL (Doonhamer Café on R; Dumfries natives are Doonhamers) (cycle centre on R); SO over railway, to |
| 8.4 (13.5) | rbt TR, then L onto Cycleway and retrace to |
| 10.2 (16.4) | College. |



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**Miscellany – Dalscone Farm and Toy Shop, Children’s Activities and Burns River Path (cycle or walk);
 Ae Forest;
 Heathhall Wood for cyclocross, mountain bike practice and walking;
 Glenkiln Sculptures.**

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| Scheduled day : any day | Terrain : easy |
| Various, short, | Map OS 78, 84 or 320 ,321, 313 |
| Emergency phone 0777 189 5522 | |

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| | Dalscone:- |
| 0.0 | Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave) to TJ TL then R onto Sutherland Way to |
| 0.4 (0.7) | Cycleway TL; follow signs Lincluden to subway, then TR to |
| 1.7 (2.8) | Dalscone for farm shop and children’s activities. |
| | For Burns Path:- Follow signpost, then, at gate, TL onto path towards road bridge; SO on path to river. Option 1:- at golf course, take path across it; cross main road and follow cycle route back; total distance 4.7 (7.6). Option 2:- continue along path, under railway bridge, TL attaining tarmac; SO all J’s to TJ TL and find Cycleway back to College; total distance 6.5 (10.5). |
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| | Ae forest (map 78):- |
| 0.0 | Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave) to TJ TL then R onto Sutherland Way to |
| 0.4 (0.7) | Cycleway TR and follow to |
| 1.0 (1.6) | end TL (SP Ae Forest); SO to |
| 7.3 (11.8) | XR TL (SP Loch Ettrick) (pub to R; food from 12.00); T 1 st R (SP picnic site) to |
| 9.2 (14.8) | picnic site and cycle trails; reverse route to return |
| 18.5 (29.5) | College. |

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| | Aircraft Museum, and Heathhall Wood for Cyclo-Cross, Mountain Bike playabout and practice, and walking. |
| | Exit college TL (Herries Av); rbt SO (Twiname Way); |
| | RHJ TR (Bushby Ave); |
| | behind bus stop, take path for c100 yd, TL, TR; |
| | pass football ground and go onto road, TL; |
| | pass Aircraft Museum; SO to; |
| | enter forest at bend of road. |
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| | Glenkiln Sculptures; all routes approach the same way. |
| | Sadly, for security, the gates at the ends of the track through them will be locked. You can actually see all but two of them from the road, but one of these is generally held to be the most beautiful; so we have shown how you can walk to that if you are keen. |
| 0.0 | J with Bird Topiary; if you wish, TL up to Henry Moore's Reclining Woman and return (A,B,C riders pass this at other times anyway) (add 0.8 (1.3)); otherwise SO |
| 0.8 (1.3) | gated track to L; Moore's King and Queen (1953) can be seen from here; note, up on hill to L, Moore's Glenkiln Cross; |
| | Option: climb over gate; pass K&Q, go thru next gate; soon look for Thurber stone down to L (James Thurber, cartoonist) (no distinct path), and above road a cubical stone to Henry Moore; at c0.65 miles (c1000yd) from first gate, on L in a small clump of Scots Pine, The Annunciation (Jacob Epstein); model was Jewish woman, survivor of concentration camp); return to road; SO |
| 1.2 (2.0) | John the Baptist (Auguste Rodin); |
| 1.5 (2.4) | Moore's Standing Figure (1950); Moore helped to choose the siting of his sculptures. |



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Route Card Companion

This Route Card Companion introduces the format of the Route Cards and explains the abbreviations used. The routes have been devised and researched by local CTC members to show you many of the highlights of Dumfries and Galloway. Watch the notice board in the HUB for any last minute changes and confirmation of catering arrangements.

Catering. Pubs, cafes and shops are mentioned but they are scarce on some routes. In these cases, we have hired Village Halls for shelter, rest and toilets. Morning and Afternoon Breaks (**MB and AB for short**) and Lunch will be available at these places served by “local ladies” or a caterer. Payment is “as you go”.

Interpretation

Routes graded (approx):-

A >60 miles; B 45-65; C 30-45; D <30, Family <20, OR (Off-Road) variable

All cards show the College as Starting Point.

First column - Cumulative miles (Kilometres), Second column - Route Description

The italic bracketed capital letters in the Route Descriptions refer to the Points of Interest noted on the back page of the Route Cards.

Description of Junction

- TJ** T junction (you are approaching up shaft of T)
- RHJ** Righthand junction (junction with choice of SO or turn to R)
- LHJ** Lefthand junction (junction with choice of SO or turn to L)
- All J's** All junctions
- XR** Cross roads
- SXR** Staggered crossroads
- rbt** Roundabout
- lights** Traffic lights

Instruction

- SO** Straight on
- TL** Turn left
- TR** Turn right
- !!.....!!** Warning for fast traffic, dangerous road surface, give way to walkers, etc.

Identification Aid

- SP** Signpost or sign
- No SP** No signpost or sign
- Advance sign** Sign in advance of junction
- Retro sign** Sign for reverse travel, mentioned only where there is no forward sign.
- R7, R74** National Cycle Route 7, 74
- Byway** National Cyclists' Byway
- KM Trail** Route signed from Dumfries to Keir and Drumlanrig.