



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



Route F30/D30 Lochmaben/Lochmaben Castle.

Sorry that this could be rather long for some families; the trouble is that there is little in this direction to take your interest before Lochmaben.

Scheduled Day: Sunday	Terrain: Easy
F 23 miles (37 Km) D 26 miles (42 Km) no off tarmac	Map: OS 84, 78 or 321, 322
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave); at TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way to Cycleway; TR and follow to
1.0 (1.6)	end, TL (SP Ae Forest), SO to
3.0 (4.8)	XR TR (SP Amisfield); soon, after bridge, TR, then SO to
4.3 (6.9)	TL up steep hill to Amisfield village (playpark), where TL to
5.3 (8.5)	XR (!!Fast traffic!!); SO (SP Shieldhill); SO, thru Shieldhill
7.4 (11.9)	RHJ TR (SP Lochmaben), then immediately TL; SO to
10.5 (16.9)	TJ, main road, TL into
11.1 (17.9)	Lochmaben (*A*).
	F riders reverse the route to return to the College from here.
	D riders continue to the Castle :-
	Continue on main street, TR after church (SP Dalton)
	View loch (*B*) thru breaks to L, TL at sign for Castle. Arrive at
13.0 (20.9)	Castle (*C*)
	Reverse the route to return to the College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops

None. (MB: BYO or Lochmaben Pubs/Cafes).

Cafe/pub locations

Lochmaben :- the Bruce, the Crown and the King's Arms (with the CTC plaque), all open from 10.45.

Shop locations

Lochmaben:- several, but remember it's Sunday.

Points of Interest

A Lochmaben:- Bruce's Statue at townhall; King's Arms (opposite townhall) has CTC plaque; Kirk Loch thru alleyway next to café; large Motte next to loch was the original (wooden) castle location – now a fantastic choice for the 14th tee!

One of the “Royal Four Towns” (others are Hightae, Smallholm and Greenhill) whose inhabitants are the only survivors in Scotland of a mediaeval freehold system direct to the Crown; the belief is that this was a reward from Bruce for loyal service.

B Lochmaben Loch has sailing school, fishing (rare vendace) and bird interest.

C Lochmaben Castle – one of Bruce's strongholds; extensive ruins (certainly a place to let your imagination run riot), and nice picnic place.



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Route F31, D31 – Kirkpatrick Macmillan Day – Keir, Drumlanrig
Option 1; bike-bus to Keir and follow Route from mile 15.0;
for bus times and fares, enquire at HUB.
Option 2; motor yourselves to start at Auldgirth (parking opposite the
Auldgirth Inn), start at mile 8.3.
Option 3; cycle all the way, possibly transferring to Route C1 for
return.

Scheduled day : Monday	Terrain : gently undulating, with one long hill.
Option 1, 11 miles (18 Km); Option 2, 24 miles (39 Km); Option 3, 41 miles (66 Km).	Map : OS 84, 78 or 321
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

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0.0	Exit college TL, then 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave.); at end TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way; to
0.4 (0.6)	Cycleway, TR and follow to
1.0 (1.6)	end of Cycleway, TL (SP Ae Forest); at 1 st LHJ after suburb TL (no SP, but immediately after entrance to Kilblane Quarry on R)
2.8 (4.5)	Kirkton village (*A*) TR, SO all J's to
8.3 (13.3)	TJ Auldgirth (A76 !!take the utmost care - fast traffic!!). Option A: Go straight across road to take “exemplary” cycle path!; interesting old listed br. at top; TL for shop and tearoom, otherwise TR to join main route. Option B: TL, then R at shop/café, (shortly, on R, interesting old listed bridge); RHJ TR (SP Penpont); SO all J's (at summit, look for ancient “Dangerous Hill” sign – probably a CTC one; this <i>was</i> a dangerous hill in a cycle guide of 1898!)
15.0 (24.0)	Keir village (*B*); morning break at hall; Courthill (Macmillan's) Smithy SO; return to village, TL to his grave (follow fingerposts from roadside); then follow KM Trail & Byway signs to
20.5 (33.0)	Drumlanrig Castle (*C*); many attractions.

Miles (Km)	Route Description
	Reverse the route to return, but :-
	at RHJ (SP “Dalswinton Plants”), TR for 0.3 miles to loch (*D*), Park beside main gate (without obstructing it), cross road and go thru small iron gate, follow path round shore for ship replica. On exiting, fork R on tarmac track; TR on to public rd; SO all J’s to TL onto Caledonian Cycleway
41.0 (66.0)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Monday only)

MB: at Keir Hall , van 09.30-12.00.

Cafe/pub locations

Auldgirith: tearoom and Inn; Drumlanrig Castle: various catering facilities.

Shop locations

Auldgirith: store; Drumlanrig (not provisions).

Points of Interest

A Kirkton conservation Village – orchard on village green (rare for Scotland)

- B Keir – 1. Go forward to Courthill Smithy; 1990 plaque refurbished; to give the occasion atmosphere, member Tony Mynott expected to be present with his own KM replica cycle;
2. Return to village, TL and follow fingerposts from roadside to grave which has new plaque relating KM to his community;
3. Get MB 09.30-12.00 at the village hall.

C Drumlanrig Castle, etc – 1690 by 1st Duke of Queensberry, who only slept one night in it! Castle open with large collection of paintings. Beautifully situated; craft shops; cafes; cycle museum, gardens, walks and tree trail.

D Dalswinton Loch - where the **world’s first steamship** sailed with none other than Mr Robert Burns as passenger! **So that’s two Scottish firsts that you will have been acquainted with today!**



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Route F1 – Mabie Farm Park
D1 – New Abbey, Mabie Farm Park

Scheduled day : Tuesday	Terrain : F1 easy; D1 easy/undulating
F1 16 miles (26 Km) D1 24 miles (39 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84 or 313
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave); at TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way to
0.4 (0.6)	Caledonian Cycleway TL; follow to 2 nd Toucan crossing, TL into Moffat Road; SO all rbts and lights to lights at river, where TL; get into “car park” lane, go SO into carpark, pick up R7 thru park and beyond to cross cycle br.
3.6 (5.8)	after br. TL (East Riverside Dr.); continue by path to West Riverside Dr; XR SO (Hill Ave.); XR SO thru. black bollards to TJ TR (no SP); TJ TL (Geo. Douglas Dr.); RHJ TR (Atkinson Rd.); TR onto path towards school; at sch. TL (Hamilton Ave.); TJ TR (Priestlands Dr.) to
4.5 (7.2)	TJ TL (end of 20 zone) !!main road, fast traffic on bends, single file!! (sorry, no alternative!); For D1, jump to 4.5 (7.2) overleaf; For F1, SO to
7.3 (11.7)	RHJ TR (SP Mabie Farm Park), then LHJ TL into
8.1 (13.0)	Mabie Farm Park. Exit; return to public rd TL.
9.7 (15.6)	TJ TR (!!fast traffic!! – sorry again!)
10.3 (16.6)	LHJ TL (SP Nat. Cycle route), then immediately R thru. gate on R7 follow cycleway to past 2 nd rbt, then take to road; at fork, bear R (SP Hospital); all J’s, SO; SXR, SO (Rotchell Rd; shop on far RH corner); fork R (Rotchell Park); all J’s SO; SXR, SO (Pilgrims’ Way); over Suspension Br., TL (R7) to

Miles (Km)	Route Description
12.8 (20.6)	Opposite Royal Bank; cross to R, go up Bank St; at top, TL, past clock tower (Mid Steeple), TR past sandstone column, SO past bus shelters on L (Great King St), SO across at lighted crossing (walk where necessary); SO (Newall Ter.) to TJ, TR, then L at station entrance into
13.5 (21.7)	Caledonian Cycleway; retrace to
16.2 (26.1)	College.
	Route D1 continued:-
4.5 (7.2)	TJ TL (! main road, fast traffic! –sorry, can't avoid!); all Js SO to
8.0 (12.9)	LH fork TL (stone gateposts); pass Kirkconnel Flow (A) and Kirkconnel House (B) (best view looking back on it), TJ TR.
11.3 (18.2)	TJ TL (main road) (C), to
11.7 (18.8)	New Abbey village (D – G). Return on A710 towards Dumfries
14.7 (23.7)	LHJ TL (Mabie Farm Park); take first L into
15.5 (25.0)	Mabie Farm Park.
	For return to College, follow F3 at 8.1 (13.0).

Arranged Refreshment Stops:-

None.

Cafe/pub locations for all breaks and lunch:-

Dumfries; Mabie Farm Park (large café);

New Abbey: Shambellie Ho Museum, Abbey Cottage Tearoom, Abbey Arms, Criffel Inn

Shop locations :-

Dumfries, New Abbey (general, crafts)

Points of Interest (after Dumfries):-

A Kirkconnel Flow – a bog being restored from forestry to natural state; interpretation facility and walk.

B Kirkconnel House – claimed to have the oldest still inhabited tower in Scotland.

C Shambellie Estate woodland – many fine old Scots Pine (220 y.o.) and broadleaved trees visible from the road.

D Shambellie House Museum – a renowned and changing exhibition of costumery through the ages in an impressive old house; gardens too.

E New Abbey - working cornmill.

F Sweetheart Abbey – substantial and popular ruin; name derived from legend that Lady Devorgilla kept her husband John Balliol's heart in a casket to be buried with her there.

G No 17 Main St wall – sculpted image of 3 people in a boat hauling sandstone across the Nith for the building of the Abbey; also the rosette symbol of the Cistercian monks.



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Route F2 CTC Route Opening plus Terregles Loop. Please arrive at Dock Park for 09.30 ceremony. This may include the opening of a R7 “missing link”, in which case the route will go that way (signed CTC), but will be the same from 6.2 (10.0); the total distance will not change. *This route is also the DATC Treasure Hunt; remember to pick up your rhymed clues!*

Scheduled day : Wednesday	Terrain : Mostly easy
24 miles (39 Km), no off tarmac	Map: OS 84 or 313, 321
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College, TL; take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave); at TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way to
0.4 (0.6)	Caledonian Cycleway, TL and follow to 2 nd Toucan crossing, TL into Moffat Rd; SO all rchts and lights to lights at river, where TL; get into “Car Park” lane, go SO into
3.1 (5.0)	Carpark for opening of CTC dedicated route. Afterwards, continue down river to new cycle bridge, cross river, TR along river side; at suspension br. TL up hill to XR; SO into Rotchell Park (Road); at end, TJ TL to
4.8 (7.7)	busy XR SO into Park road; all J’s SO to
5.5 (8.9)	rcht TR (SP A75); next rcht SO to
6.2 (10.0)	A75 rcht, TL (SP Local Traffic, CTC sign) (*A*); becomes cycle track, at end of which,
9.0 (14.5)	TJ TR (no SP); RHJ TR (SP Collachan) (!!downhill is steep, narrow and gravelly!!); SO to
11.7 (19.0)	XR TL for Hall on R for lunch. Exit R to
12.4 (20.0)	RHJ TR (no SP)
13.6 (22.0)	TJ TL to
14.1 (22.7)	stile on R into field for (Covenanting) Martyr’s monument (*B*).

Miles (Km)	Route Description
	On leaving, retrace to last J SO; all J's SO to housing estate;
16.7 (27.0)	LHJ TL (no SP unless KM Trail one restored) (*C*); at bottom TL (SP KM Trail) to
17.3 (27.8)	stile on R for 12 Apostles (*D*); on leaving, retrace, all J's SO to
17.8 (28.6)	TJ with busy main road; cross on cycle track and island; TR on cycleway towards Dumfries; the cycleway loops into Newbridge Drive, crosses it, then TR into Elder Avenue; follow this road to TJ TR (no road name), then XR TL down to green area and follow road to
19.5 (31.4)	LHJ; TL for Lincluden Collegiate Church (*E*) (add 0.4M) (possible picnic spot); otherwise SO to
19.7 (31.7)	North West Dumfries Resource Centre for AB in cafe; SO to spiral bridge (get on to pavement immediately for dropped kerb); SO, joining R7/Byway; cross river and continue to
20.8 (33.5)	Royal Bank on L; cross busy road at island, go up Bank St; at top, TL, past clock tower (Mid Steeple), TR past sandstone column, SO past bus shelters on L (Great King St), SO across at lighted crossing (walk where necessary); SO (Newall Ter.) to TJ, TR, then L at station entrance into
21.2 (34.1)	Caledonian Cycleway; continue on it to
24.0 (38.6)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Wednesday only)

Lunch: van at Terregles Hall 11.30-13.30. AB: NW Resource Centre café 14.30-16.00.

Other Cafe/pub locations

Dumfries.

Shop locations

Dumfries.

Points of Interest

A Old A75 alternative to new one, completed by cycle path – campaigning success!

B Irongray - Covenanting Martyrs' Monument.

C KM Trail – Cycle route (entirely on existing roads) from Dumfries to Keir and Drumlanrig, opened 1992.

D 12 Apostles – but there are only 11! Has Judas absconded? Has he turned up at Holm of Daltallochan, Carsphairn, where there are 13?

E Lincluden Collegiate Church; very interesting remains and history with partly restored knot garden; earlier motte (castle mound) beside it, affording superb local viewpoint.



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Route D2 – CTC dedicated Route, including Opening and Glenkiln Sculptures. Leave College at 09.00 to get to Dock Park for 09.30 for opening. This ceremony may include the opening of a R7 “missing link”, in which case the route will include it. The routes will coincide from the 6.2 (10.0) distance, and the mileage will not change. Be sure to take your “Miscellany” card with you for the sculptures.

Scheduled day : Wednesday	Terrain : hilly in the middle
36 miles (57 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84, 78 or 321
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL; take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave); at TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way to
0.4 (0.6)	Caledonian Cycleway, TL and follow to 2 nd Toucan crossing, TL into Moffat Rd; SO all rbts and lights to lights at river where TL; get into “car park” lane, go SO into
3.1 (5.0)	Car park for Dock Park for 09.30 official opening of CTC dedicated route. Afterwards, continue thru Park to cycle bridge, cross river, TR along river, at Suspension Br., TL up hill to XR, SO to Rotchell Park (road) at end, TJ TL to
4.8 (7.7)	busy XR SO into Park Road; all J’s, SO to
5.5 (8.9)	rbt TR; next rbt, SO to
6.2 (10.0)	A75 rbt TL (SP Local Traffic, CTC logo) (*A*); now follow CTC signed route to
12.6 (20.2)	Shawhead hall (top of village) (lunch van); retrace thru village and resume CTC route to
14.5 (23.3)	LHJ SO (no SP, but bird topiary on L corner); for Sculptures see (*B*); SO to
15.3 (24.6)	last sculpture; follow route up over hill and glide down !!tight, gravelly bends!!
22.5 (36.2)	RHJ TR; follow CTC route to

Miles (Km)	Route Description
25.2 (40.6)	Routin' (= Roaring) Bridge (worth a stop); then
27.0 (43.5)	Martyrs' tomb (look for stile with CT (Covenanters Trail) sign on L) (*C*); SO to housing estate
29.7 (47.8)	LHJ TL (no SP if "KM Trail" sign not restored) (*D*); at bottom TL (SP KM Trail) to
30.3 (48.8)	stile on R for 12 Apostles (*E*); retrace; all J's SO to
30.8 (49.6)	TJ with busy main road; cross on cycle track and island; TR on cycleway towards Dumfries; the cycleway loops into Newbridge Drive, crosses it, then TR into Elder Avenue; follow this road to TJ TR (no roadname), then XR TL down to green area, follow road to
32.5 (52.3)	LHJ TL for Lincluden Collegiate Ch. (*F*) (add 0.4 mile) (possible picnic spot); otherwise, SO to
32.7 (52.6)	NW Resource Centre for AB (Wednesday only); SO over spiral br. (get on to pavement immediately for dropped kerb), SO, joining R7/Byway; cross river, TL, pass Rowing Club, follow R up lane TJ TL (archway opposite), SO, follow RH bend; TJ TL past school (cycle shop on R), SO to
34.7 (55.8)	rbt TR (Moffat Road), TL onto Cycleway; at next Toucan crossing TR, then follow College signs for
35.5 (57.1)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Wednesday only)

Early Lunch: Shawhead Hall 11.30-13.30; AB: NW Dumfries Resource Centre 14.30-16.00.

Cafe/pub locations - none until Dumfries town.

Shop locations - only Dumfries.

Points of Interest

A Old A75, completed with cycle path at top; campaigning success!

B Glenkiln Sculptures – see "Miscellany" card

C Irongray Covenanters' Martyrs' Tomb

D KM Trail – on-road route from Dumfries to Keir and Drumlanrig, opened 1992.

E 12 Apostles stone circle – but there are only 11! Has Judas absconded? Has he turned up at Holm of Daltallochan (Carsphairn), where there are 13?

F Lincluden Collegiate Church – founded as Nunnery in 1174 by Lords of Galloway, noted for its stone carving; ancient wooded Motte (had wooden castle) provides interesting local views; restored knot-garden.



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Route F3 - Dumfries, (Glencaple), Cyclists' Service, Birthday Tea.

This short ride allows you time to savour a number of features, particularly along the waterside.

Scheduled day : Thursday	Terrain : easy
11/18 miles (18/29 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84 or 313, 322
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave.); at end, TJ TL then R into Sutherland Way to
0.4 (0.6)	Caledonian Cycleway TL; follow to
1.8 (2.9)	2 nd Toucan crossing TR, then L at rbt; SO thru 2 lights (pass Cycle centre on L) to RHJ TR (Doonhamer cafe opposite); follow road round, then SO to RHJ TR (sign Swimming Pool); follow down & round, past Rowing Club to
3.2 (5.1)	Loreburn Cycle Br. (*A*); SO; pass Swimming Pool; pass kids' play centre; under Bucleuch Bridge (*B*); pass Devorgilla Br. (*C*) and Devorgilla Sculpture (*D*); SO across Toucan crossing to
3.8 (6.1)	Dock Park (*E*); SO on R7 (pass Kirkpatrick Macmillan Bridge opened Feb 2006), thru Kingholm Quay and up to
5.8 (9.3)	rbt; Optional extra:- TR to Glencaple (*G*) and back [add 7.0 (11.3)]; otherwise TL and enter "Brownhall gate" immediately to R; up hill into Crichton Grounds (*H*); continue up to large carpark, Church for Cyclists' Service (14.30) and Easterbrook Hall for Birthday Tea (15.30) (marvellous setting!);
	Exit down past church; TJ TR (pass, or visit, remarkable rockery and fine trees to L) down to
6.2 (10.0)	bottom gate TR, then L into Castledykes Park; wind down path (bear L for gardens in old quarry) to bottom gate; cross road to R7 TR; SO thru Dock Park, past suspension br, to
8.0 (12.9)	opposite Royal Bank, cross busy road at island, go up Bank St; at top, TL, past clock tower (Mid Steeple), TR past sandstone

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	column, SO past bus shelters on L (Great King St), SO across at lighted crossing (walk where necessary); SO (Newall Terrace) to TJ, TR, then L at station entrance into Caledonian Cycleway; follow, then retrace thru streets to
11.0 (17.7)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops

None.

Cafe/pub locations

For MB, cafes, restaurants, pubs, and picnic places (organised or not) en route in Dumfries; Nith hotel in Glencaple.

Shop locations

Dumfries, Glencaple.

Points of Interest

A Loreburn Cycle Bridge; opened January 2001; Carries R7, Byway, KM Trail, and CTC route.

B Buccleuch Bridge, 1794, Thomas Boyd, widened 1893.

C Devorgilla Bridge, 1450 & 1620; replaced wooden 13th century one funded by Lady Devorguilla, husband of John Balliol (senior); had 9 arches up to early 19th century. Tiny, old Bridge House (town museum) at far end.

D Devorguilla sculpture and image, crossing the Nith where the ford was before the building of the cauld or weir (often there are merganser ducks diving into the turbulence).

E Dock Park, playground and café (if open). This was the limit of navigation on the river, so there was a dock here. The arches represented Sweetheart Abbey at the Glasgow Garden festival 1988.

F Kirkpatrick Macmillan Cycle Bridge, opened Feb 2006, for cycle/walk access to hospital and Crichton (route still to be finished); link to be made with Mabie forest.

G Glencaple, ocean-going quay for Dumfries in former times.

H “The Crichton”, most buildings by legacy of Dr James Crichton, originally for third attempt at university of Dumfries, but eventually for enlightened mental hospital; most patients now treated at home, so most buildings now Glasgow and Paisley university (so 4th attempt successful!) or business park; recent statue to Crichton’s wife Elizabeth near Easterbrook Hall. If time, cycle round more of the grounds; well worth visiting are the rockery and trees indicated in the directions after leaving the church.

I Mid Steeple, c1708, note iron mileage panel of 1827 (for main coach route to London), and Scots “ell” measure (38”), up staircase to main door. (Steeple, under repair, almost certainly still to be missing).



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Route D3 - Caerlaverock, Birthday Tea

Scheduled day : Thursday	Terrain : pretty easy
24 miles (39 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave); at end TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way for
0.4 (0.6)	Cycleway TL; at 2 nd Toucan crossing TL (Moffat Rd); SO all rbt and lights to rbt at river TL get into “car park” lane, SO into
3.1 (5.0)	carpark for Dock Park; follow R7 to Kingholm Quay and
8.7 (14.0)	Glencaple (*A*); SO to
12.3 (19.8)	Caerlaverock Castle (*B*); pass road to Caerlaverock WWT (*C*); if you visit the wildfowl place, add 3.5 (5.6); SO to
14.5 (23.3)	Hutton Hall in Bankend (TL up hill) for Lunch; then SO all J’s to
19.0 (30.6)	LHJ Grierson Gate for Crichton (*D*); enter, TR to Crichton Church for Service (14.30) and Easterbrook Hall for Birthday Tea (15.30). Afterwards, go down past Ch, TR and down to bottom gate TR; TL into Castledykes Park (don’t miss it!) zigzag down (not forking L for gardens); at bottom, cross road to follow R7 to R,
	alongside river, to Royal Bank on R; cross busy road at island, go up Bank St; at top, TL, past clock tower (*E* Mid Steeple), TR past sandstone column, SO past bus shelters on L (Great King St), SO across at lighted crossing (walk where necessary); SO (Newall Terrace) to TJ, TR, then L at station entrance into
21.2 (34.1)	Cycleway; follow to 2 nd Toucan crossing; TR and follow College signs to
24.0 (38.6)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Thursday only)

Lunch: van at Hutton Hall, Bankend 11.30 – 13.30

Cafe/pub locations

Glencaple: Nith Inn, Caerlaverock Castle café, Caerlaverock WWT café.

Shop locations

Dumfries, Glencaple

Points of Interest

A Glencaple – previous ocean-going quay for Dumfries.

B Caerlaverock Castle – “Region’s premier castle”, c1280, unique triangular; suffered several sieges up to 1570.

C Caerlaverock WWT – outstanding habitat for Barnacle geese and Natterjack toads.

D “The Crichton”, most buildings by legacy of Dr James Crichton, originally for third attempt at university of Dumfries, but eventually for enlightened mental hospital; most patients now treated at home, so most buildings now Glasgow and Paisley university (so 4th attempt successful!) or business park; recent statue to Crichton’s wife Elizabeth near Easterbrook Hall. If time to spare, cycle more of the grounds, particularly to the rockery and trees indicated in the route directions on leaving the church.

E Mid Steeple, c1708, note iron mileage panel of 1827 (for main coach route to London), and Scots “ell” measure (38”), up staircase to main door. (Steeple almost certainly still to be missing for repair).



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Route F4 – Dalswinton, Portrack (visiting another Scottish First!);
D4 – Ae, Loch Ettrick, Portrack

Scheduled day : Friday	Terrain : mostly gently undulating., but D4 has one long hill, not too steep
18/32 miles (29/50 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84, 78
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Road); SO to TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way, for
0.4 (0.6)	Cycleway, TR and follow to
1.0 (1.6)	end TL (SP Ae Forest), SO to
	for F4:- 1 st LHJ after suburb TL (no SP)
2.8 (4.5)	Kirkton Village (*A*); TR, SO to
5.6 (9.0)	LHJ TL (between twin lodges) to Loch where the World's First Steam Ship (*B*) sailed; to see full-sized replica , leave bikes at main gates (without obstructing), cross to walk thru iron gate, take path next to loch (c100yd); on leaving, return to bikes, SO past loch, fork L, follow road round sharp R bend, emerging after more bends at
7.3 (11.7)	TJ Dalswinton Village, TL to
9.2 (14.8)	TJ A76 !!fast traffic!! (Auldgirth Inn on R); SO onto “model” cycle path; jump to 19.7 (31.7) below and subtract 12 (19.3) thereafter.
	For D4 , SO to Ae village
7.0 (11.3)	XR TL (SP Loch Ettrick); SO to
10.8 (17.4)	TJ TL (no SP); pass Loch Ettrick, have lovely glide round all the bends to
14.2 (22.9)	TR onto track at start of Croalchapel, immediately after house “Sunnybank” (track passes house and turns L past SP Footpath); pass Closeburn Castle in trees on L; at farm, TL; next J, TR then immediately L (dirty SP Loch Ettrick) to

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15.8 (25.4)	TJ TL (SP Loch Ettrick); RHJ TR (no SP – ignore “Road Closed” sign if still there); SO through Park village, fork L up hill (just after delimit); !!descent is steep, twisty, gravelly!!
18.8 (30.2)	acute TJ TL !! A76 fast traffic!! ; (you can be forgiven for taking to the pavement!); LHJ SO; after bus stop, TL and follow round and down to Auldgirth Inn; TR to A76 !!fast traffic!! , then cross it on to “exemplary” cycle path ascending to
19.7 (31.7)	interesting listed old bridge; TL for café/shop, otherwise TR; SO at 2 J’s; at next fork R to
20.7 (33.3)	XR SO (no SP, post-box on L corner), up short steep hill to TJ TL
23.0 (37.0)	XR !!ultra careful – fast traffic!! SO to
23.6 (38.0)	Portrack Cosmic Garden and tea (*C*) ; on exit TL; XR SO; next J fork R to
26.0 (41.8)	Hollywood; TJ cross to mount pavement which becomes cycleway; follow this until crossing
28.7 (46.2)	river bridge; TL onto road, follow round uphill to TJ TL (archway opposite); XR TR; at lights TL (look for CTC floral design on L); follow road over railway to
29.7 (47.8)	mini-rbt TR, then L onto Cycleway; at next Toucan crossing TR, then follow College signs to
31.3 (50.4)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Friday only)

AB: Portrack Cosmic Garden 14.30 – 16.00.

Cafe/pub locations

Dalswinton: snack shop, Auldgirth: pub and tearoom.

Shop locations

Dalswinton (limited), Auldgirth, Hollywood

Points of Interest

A Kirkton conservation Village – orchard on village green (rare for Scotland).

B Dalswinton Loch – it was here where probably the world’s first steamboat sailed in 1792, sponsored by Patrick Miller, estate owner; one of the passengers was a Mr Robert Burns!

C Portrack, “The Garden of Cosmic Speculation” – all sorts of landforms and terraces designed by Charles Jencks plus lakes designed by Maggie Keswick, and sculptures; proceeds to Maggie’s Centres for cancer care; Maggie herself succumbed to the dread disease.