

5 GARLIESTON BAY



Extends from the village, around the peninsula into Rigg Bay. The beautiful sandy beach is perfect for a seaside walk, along coastal paths and up to the cliffs. Garlieston used to be a busy commercial fishing port and today is mostly used by leisure sailors. The harbour is a nice spot to stop for lunch and take in the views.

 20-minute bus ride from Wigtown  40-minute cycle



6 WHITHORN MUSEUM & ROUNDHOUSE

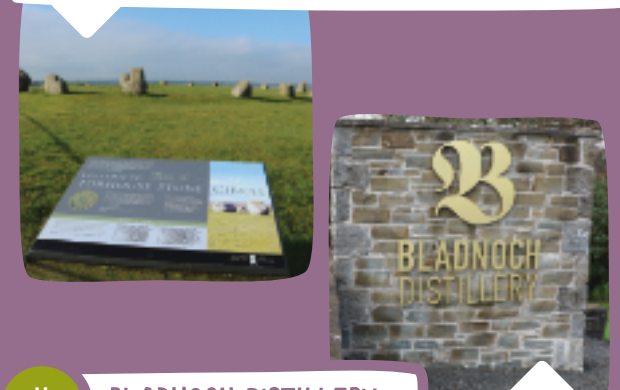
One of Scotland's earliest Christian sites, which has seen pilgrims, traders and royalty pass through for more than 1,500 years. The Whithorn Trust Visitor Centre guides you through the artefacts that local archaeology has unearthed. The Whithorn Roundhouse is a full-scale replica of an Iron Age roundhouse, based on excavated examples dating to around 430BC.

 20-minute bus ride from Garlieston  25-minute cycle

3 TORHOUSE STONE CIRCLE

Sometimes known as the Standing Stones of Torhouse, this Bronze Age stone circle consists of 19 large granite boulders up to 1.45m in height. In the centre of the circle three large upright stones are known as King Galdus's Tomb, memorialising a semi-mythical Scottish ruler. Located just 4 miles west from Wigtown, this is a pleasant cycle on a fine day.

 20-minute cycle from Wigtown
(No bus route; only reachable on foot or by bike.)




4 BLADNOCH DISTILLERY

Scotland is world renowned for its single malt whiskies, and the Biosphere is home to the southernmost distillery in the country. Discover how Bladnoch Whisky is crafted with a 2-hour tour through a distillery that dates back over 200 years. Tours finish with a whisky tasting – make sure to book in advance.

 5-minute bus ride from Wigtown  5-minute cycle

1 WIGTOWN BOOK TOWN & FESTIVAL

Wigtown has been Scotland's National Book Town since 1998. It has more than a dozen bookshops, and the renowned Wigtown Book Festival, which takes place annually in September, attracting authors from across the world. With a huge variety of places to eat, read and relax, Wigtown is ideal for immersing yourself in the Biosphere's literary heritage.

 15-minute bus ride from Newton Stewart  45-minute cycle



2 WIGTOWN BAY & CROOK OF BALDOON

Wigtown Bay is the largest Local Nature Reserve in Britain, and particularly important for overwintering geese. Keep an eye out for the distinctive pink-footed and barnacle geese. With similar saltmarsh and mudflat habitats, the RSPB reserve at Crook of Baldoon is a breeding site for waterfowl including lapwings and redshanks.

 15-minute walk from Wigtown bus stop  5-minute cycle



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Low Carbon Days Out allow you to explore the Biosphere in a sustainable way. They spotlight some of our best outdoor activities, cultural attractions, and nature-watching sites, all of which are accessible by train, bus or bike from the Biosphere's main transport hubs.

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire was designated a UNESCO Biosphere in 2012. Internationally recognised as a world class environment for people and nature, the Biosphere covers more than 9,700 km² of southwest Scotland, following the rivers that flow out of the Galloway Hills through forests and farmland, villages and towns, all the way to a ruggedly scenic coast. It is a place for adventure, discovery and inspiration, where we work together to support wildlife, build stronger communities, and find sustainable ways to live.

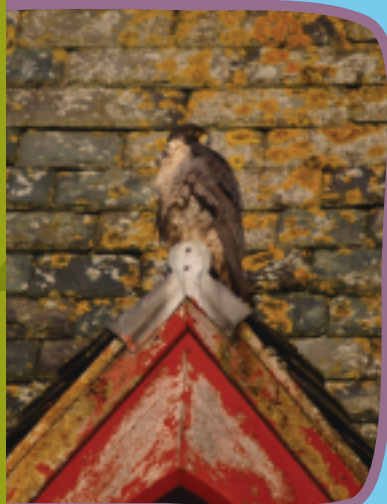
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7 ISLE OF WHITHORN

Isle of Whithorn is one of the most southerly villages in Scotland and has a rich history with many secrets to explore. The village is based around the harbour, which has spectacular views out across the Solway Firth and used to be an important place for trade with Ireland and the Isle of Man. One of the key landmarks is The Cairn, a square white tower on the cliffs that has acted as a navigational aid for hundreds of years.

10-minute bus ride from Whithorn

20-minute cycle



8 ST NINIAN'S CHAPEL

Built in the 12th Century, this is thought to have been a reception chapel for pilgrims arriving by sea from the Isle of Man, Ireland, Wales and northern England. Pilgrims would head inland to Whithorn along an ancient path which ended at King's Road. Many visitors add stones to the Witness Cairn at the entrance to the chapel field.

10-minute bus ride from Whithorn

20-minute cycle

9 PORT WILLIAM

The historic fishing village of Port William is the perfect starting point for a hike around the Machars. Nearby Monreith Estate was the home of *Ring of Bright Water* author Gavin Maxwell, while the Drumtroddan standing stones and mysterious cup-and-ring marks etched into rocks across the fields of the Machars are part of a unique prehistoric landscape. Refreshments are available in the village, with green space and harbour views for picnicking.

25-minute bus ride from Isle of Whithorn

55-minute cycle

