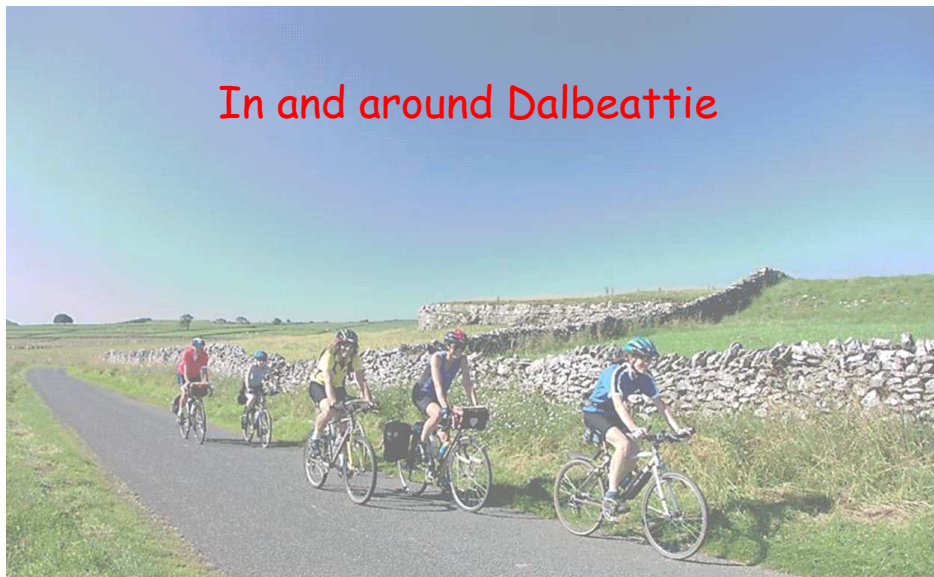


Cycling for All

Route
3

In and around Dalbeattie



Route 3 - Dalbeattie, Edingham, Milton, Kirkgunzeon, Aucheninnes, Dalbeattie

17 miles (27.4 km) approx., all on tarmac, approx. 700 feet (215 metres) total climb. Allow 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 hours to complete the route. Suitable for all types of bikes.

Starting from the Coach Parking on the main road to Dumfries (A711) adjacent to Colliston Park.

This is one of a series of circular cycle routes, centred on Dalbeattie, devised by CTC Dumfries and Galloway and published by Dalbeattie Community Initiative.



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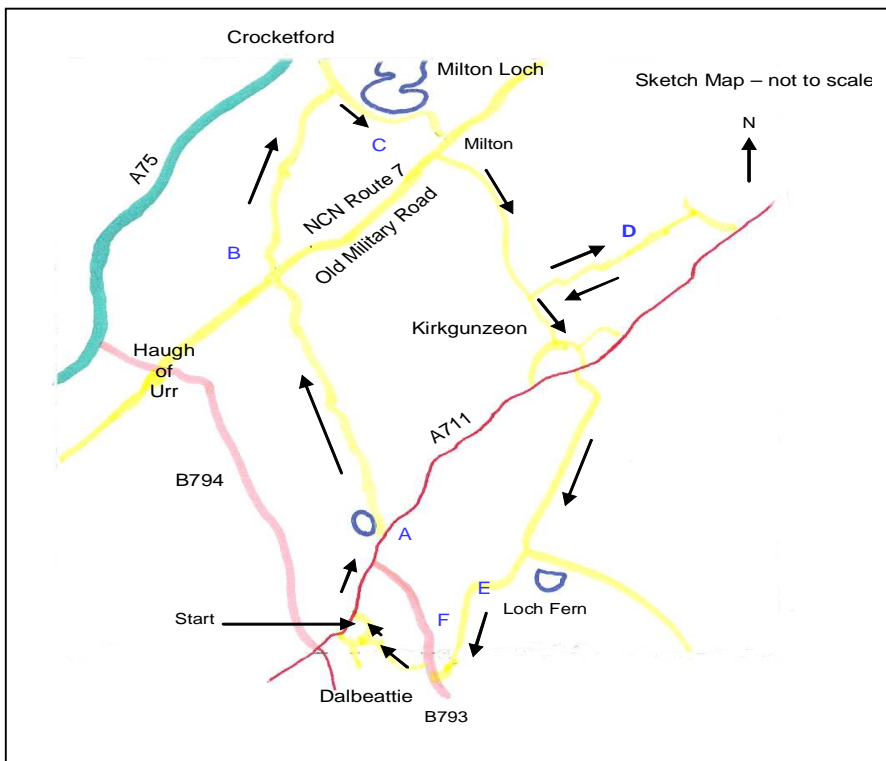
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Miles (Km) from Start	Route Description
0	Leave the Coach Parking, turning Right onto the main road (A711) towards Dumfries.
1.0m (1.6km)	Turn Left onto a minor road just past a bungalow called 'Leaffield' (no signpost). A
4.3m (6.9km)	Turn Right , then almost immediately Left (no signpost). B The road climbs but not all at once, giving you a couple of breathers. Near Glenarm, on either side of the road, the ground under the trees is carpeted with Snowdrops in Spring.
6.1m (9.8km)	Pause at the top of the hill to admire the view ahead to the hills, then enjoy the freewheel downhill.
6.8m (10.9km)	When you reach the junction at the bottom of the hill, turn Right , signposted Kirkgunzeon (pronounced Kir gun yon), passing Milton Loch on your left. C
8.1m (13.0km)	At the T-junction in Milton, turn Right , signposted Castle Douglas. This is Cycle Route 7 once again (see B on the back page).



8.2m (13.2km)	Take the next Left turn, signposted Kirkgunzeon.
10.5m (16.9km)	Optional - to visit Drumcoltran Tower D , take the next road on the Left (ignore the farm lane leading to Croftlea and Byrecroft farms). After your visit return to the junction and continue. This adds just over 1 mile (1.6km) to the ride.
11.0m (17.7km)	Turn Left after the pillar box in Kirkgunzeon, then over the bridge and up the hill through the village. Over the hill, bear Right round the War Memorial and Memorial Hall to a T-junction with the main road (A711).
11.6m 18.7km)	Turn Right onto the main road (Take Care !!).
	After 50 yards (45 metres), turn Left , signposted Caulkerbush.
	This road winds up and down giving some lovely views across the valley to your right.
13.9m (22.4km)	Turn Right (but not down the No Exit road !), signposted Dalbeattie, and enjoy a short coast down hill, then past Loch Fern through the trees on your left, before a climb.
14.6m (23.5km)	From the top of the hill (E), if you are confident enough, you may not need to brake or pedal until well past the sawmill. F Take care passing the sawmill entrance, looking out for timber trucks and the uneven road surface.
15.9m (25.6km)	At the T-junction, just past the Amenity and Re-cycling Centre, turn Right , signposted Dumfries, then almost immediately Left , signposted Dalbeattie.
16.6m (26.7km)	Just before the Primary School, turn Right onto Barhill Road.
17.1m (27.5km)	At the bottom of Barhill Road turn Left back to the Coach Parking
17.2m (27.7km)	Well Done !!!!

Capital letters in the Route Description refer to the Points of Interest noted on the back page and marked on the map opposite.



Points of Interest

- A** Just before you turn down the minor road, look across the main road into the field where there is a defensive pill box. Beyond this you can see some of the bunkers and buildings of a former WWII explosives factory.
- B** The road you have just crossed is the Old Military Road, now used as part of National Cycle Route 7, developed by Sustrans, which runs from Carlisle to Inverness! (www.sustrans.org.uk).
- C** Look out for Beech Cottage on the right and admire the slate sculptures outside.
- D** Drumcoltran Tower A typical Scottish tower house dating from around 1570. The site has continued to be occupied so that the tower now has a mid 18th Century farmhouse and a modern farmyard next to it.
- E** At the top of the hill, on the left is a Shetland pony stud farm and there are usually ponies grazing in the fields. The fields on the right hand side often contain the distinctive Belted Galloway cattle. There are three colours of Belties, black, red and dun coloured, all with the trademark white middle.
- F** Sawmill. Through the trees to your right you can see the huge area covered with stacks of logs waiting to go into the sawmill. The mill, one of the largest in the UK, processes some 270,000 tonnes of logs per year. Timber waste is burnt to produce heat for the timber drying kilns and the only true waste produced is 10 tonnes of boiler ash per week!



For Your Safety

- Be aware that your safety and that of anyone in your charge is your responsibility.
- Always observe the provisions of the Highway Code when on the road.
- Show consideration for other road users and pedestrians.
- Ensure that your bike is roadworthy.
- Cycle within your capabilities and those of others in your group.

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