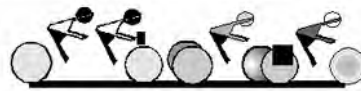




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## CTC Dumfries and Galloway Local Members' Group

# Discovery Rides May – Oct 2017

Calling all locals and visitors – Look and ye shall find! - Come join us on our rides of Discovery around Dumfries and Galloway

These circular rides are suitable for all ages and abilities and will take approximately 3 - 4 hours at an easy pace. Just turn up at the meeting point with a bike, suitable clothing, a snack, a drink and your camera for the scenery. All Routes are described, each with a dedicated Leader and contact details. [www.dandgcycling.org.uk](http://www.dandgcycling.org.uk)

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### **SATURDAY - 6 MAY - Ardwell / Central Rhins**

There is so much to see here! Famous crosses, a west-coast hideaway, gardens, a Telford harbour, a Broch and more.

**Grade:** fairly easy; 17 miles (inc 3 off-tarmac) OS maps: Landranger 82; Explorer 309

**Meet:** Ardwell Picnic site at 13.00 Map ref. NX 109454

**Leader:** Jim Cowan    Tele 01776 830315

**SATURDAY - 13 MAY – Dunscore - PENPONT(Refreshments)** We set off and cross Wallaceston suspension bridge then Snademill to Kirkland Station. We'll take a quick tour of the Cairn Valley graveyard (old headstones) and then to Penpont Church Hall for **Refreshments/Lunch**. Off again and head for Keir Mill, we pass the birthplace Kirkpatrick Macmillan. Then it's a view over the Nith valley before going into Glenmidgie and a roll along the delightful glen. Finally back to Dunscore Church.

**Grade:** Easy to moderate. 18 miles (all on tarmac).

**Meet:** Church car park in Dunscore at 13:15 for 13:30.

**Leader:** Robin Gibb    Tele 01387 880331

### **SATURDAY - 3 JUNE - Port William area**

This ride has an absorbing mixture of features from bronze age to very recent; a few miles of costal scenery to boot.

**Grade:** Easy, 17 miles (inc 1 off-tarmac). OS maps: Landranger 82; Explorer 311

**Meet:** centre of Port William village at 13.00 Map ref. NX 337435

**Leader:** Jim Cowan    Tele 01776 830315

### **SATURDAY - 10 JUNE – Lockerbie - Solway Shore and Lunch**

This is the BBC-Ride - BANK, BURNS and CROSS, to the Solway shore, visiting the 8th C Ruthwell Cross, the Ruthwell Savings Bank Museum and the Brow Well – a stop on the Burns' Trail. There will be stop/stops at Hetland Garden Centre for lunch/afternoon tea or both!

**Grade:** Mostly steady, with ups and downs. About 24 miles - all on road

**Meet:** McJarrow Car Park Lockerbie - 10:00

**Leader:** Larry Hayes    Tele 01576 202115

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### **SATURDAY - 1 JULY - Stranraer / Castle Kennedy - Woods and Lochs**

A very easy Route, through the woods and beside the lochs of Stair Estate and Soulseat

**Grade:** Easy, 15 miles (5 off-tarmac, but not too rough) OS Maps: Landranger 82; explorer 309

**Meet:** Westwood Ave, off London Rd (opp. Ladies' Walk), GR NX 071607, at 13.00

**Leader:** Bob Rostock      **Tele** 01776 840623

### **SATURDAY - 22 JULY - Castle Douglas**

A pottering route, firstly in the Urr Valley, visiting, in particular the largest intact remaining Motte in Scotland, a more recent ruin (an abandoned WW2 munitions factory), what was Castle Douglas's port, and some magnificent Douglas Fir. Lunch in Dalbeattie.

**Grade:** Fairly Easy, approx. 23 miles.

**Meet:** Castle Douglas Market Hill/TIC main car park at **10.15 for 10:30**

**Leader:** Phil Howard      **Tele** 01556 610998

### **SATURDAY - 5 AUGUST - Dalbeattie Forest**

A ride with quite a lot of off road pedalling so suitable for those perhaps more into rougher routes, though still on the main tracks (excepting you that want to peel off & do something dramatic - and you're on your own). from Dalbeattie through the forest via New Barns to Colvend, then back through the forest to Dalbeattie. Essentially a morning ride we'll repair to the Granite Kitchen on our return for a post ride lunch and natter

**Grade:** Some moderate climbing. About 16 miles, mostly off road on forest tracks. **Wider tyre bikes recommended.**

**Meet:** Dalbeattie coach park at **10:15 for 10:30**

**Leader:** Phil Howard      **Tele** 01556 610998

### **SUNDAY - 6 AUGUST - Thornhill - DURISDEER CHURCH TEA**

From Thornhill we call by Drumlanrig and Morton Castle and a well deserved **TEA in Durideer Church** and a chance to see the Durisdeer Marbles.

**Grade:** Moderate, fine views, but with one rough, poor tarmac around Morton Castle.

**Meet:** Thornhill Cross, 13:15 – 13:30. **We plan to be back at Thornhill by 17:00**

**Leader:** Tom Hanley      **Tele** 01387 261969

### **SATURDAY - 2 SEPTEMBER - Laurieston**

exploration of the intimate scenery of the Dee valley in a range of woodland and farmland and bordering two lochs. We include the Ken-Dee Marches bird-hide and the Red Kite Centre(**First stop - birds feeding 2pm**)

**Grade:** Easy, 14 miles inc. 1 off-tarmac). Maps; OS Landranger 84 Explorer 320

**Meet:** Laurieston Hall at 13:15 for 13:30 (off A762 between Laurieston and Mossdale)

**Leader:** Bob Rostock      **Tele** 01776 840623

**SATURDAY - 9 SEPTEMBER - Glenkiln Loop -** "Please carry food, there are no Cafe stops". Open country, heading up Cluden to Irongray Church, Rouken Bridge, Cairn, Spedoch Hill, and return Shawhead. Varied terrain with fine views.

**Grade:** Moderate and steady climbs. Approx. 16 miles.

**Meet:** Dumfries Whitesands, Devorgilla Bridge at 10:00

**Leader:** Alan Mair      **Tele** 01387 247703

### **SATURDAY - 7 OCTOBER - Borgue area heritage**

A great favourite easy ride visiting a quaint church, a Viking harbour, a wonderful coastline and more, including an ice-cream stop at "Cream O' Galloway"

**Grade:** Easy 12 miles (inc, 3 off-tarmac) OS maps: 83, Explorer 312

**Meet:** Borgue village at 13.00

**Leader:** Bob Rostock      **Tele** 01776 840623

### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER - AGM - TBA**