

The Carrick Community Heritage Trail

Experience more of Scotland



Getting There

Carrick is easy to get to. From Glasgow by car, it's approx. 1 hour on the M77/A77. From Edinburgh it's a 90-minute drive. From the south, join the A75/A751 from the M74 to pick up the A77 northwards into Carrick.

By train, there are regular services via Ayr and Stranraer to Carrick, where there are local bus services to get around. Ferries from Belfast and Larne arrive at Cairnryan on the A77. Glasgow Prestwick International Airport, just north of Ayr, is approx. a 30-minute drive from Carrick.

National Cycle Route 7 and the Ayrshire Coastal Path run through Carrick and connect to shorter local routes, where several villages have their own paths network.

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North Carrick Info
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Discover the surprisingly rich history of Carrick Ayrshire through the people who know it best - its community.





Discover the stunning scenery and fascinating history of Carrick, Ayrshire through the Carrick Community Heritage Trail.

Tucked into the south west corner of Scotland, the spectacular landscapes of Carrick beckon visitors to come and enjoy the great outdoors as well as the wealth of places to see and things to do. From local shops, beaches

and more, to major attractions including the Turnberry Resort and Culzean Castle, there is something for everyone.

A charming way to spend a day is to explore the many picturesque villages and towns to discover a little of their history, culture and wildlife. The new Heritage Trail was created by nearly 200 people who contributed ideas and researched information to tell many fascinating stories about Carrick, from its legendary cave-dwelling cannibals to the birth of King Robert the Bruce.



Robert the Bruce, King of Scots
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Culzean Castle



Dunure Castle

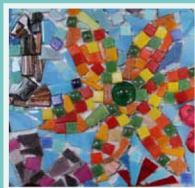
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BALLANTRAE

The Gateway to Carrick

Ballantrae is famous for its history as a well-established fishing village. Learn more about shipwrecks and smugglers and see the gate created for the attractive public garden which welcomes visitors through the 'Gateway to Carrick'.

BARR



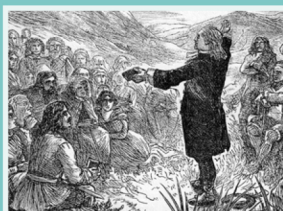
A Human Sundial

An interactive sun clock at the banks of the River Stinchar allows your shadow to tell what time of the day it is. Unique to its location, the human sundial complements the wealth of outdoor activities for which the village of Barr is known.

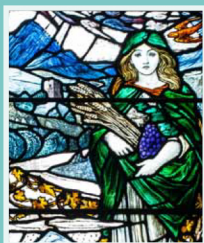
BARRHILL

Martyrs' Tomb

In the mid-17th century Ayrshire was a stronghold for outlawed 'Covenanters' and their graves remind us of people punished by death for their beliefs. At the Barrhill Memorial Hall begin a journey along the scenic Martyrs' Tomb Walk. Signposted through the village, it follows the banks of the Cross Water and ends at the category-B listed Martyrs' Tomb monument.



COLMONELL



And the last Pre-Raphaelite...

The entrance to the stunning St Colmon Parish Church and Churchyard tells the story of the artists and designers behind its impressive interiors. This includes a rare organ, and window designs by the last of the Pre-Raphaelite artists, Louis Davis, who also created windows for Dunblane Cathedral.

CROSSHILL

A fleeting look at the past and present

Explore the centuries of inhabitants and their key trades which dominated the village such as forestry and carpentry, and the families associated with them.

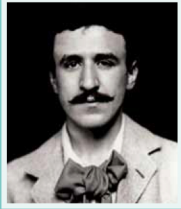


DAILLY

Jock Tamson's Bairns

The well-known Scottish phrase, "We're a' Jock Tamson's bairns", was coined here by Rev. John Thomson in Dailly in the 1800s. In Church Square, discover his story and that of the romantic rendezvous of famous painter William Bell Scott in nearby Penkill Castle.

DUNURE



Mackintosh's holiday home

As a student, famous Glasgow architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his great friends, known as 'The Immortals,' spent weekends and summer vacations at two rented cottages in Dunure. Soak up the ambience of this delightful little coastal retreat which looks almost exactly the

same today as when Charles and his pals visited for their lively holidays near the historic ruins of Dunure Castle.

GIRVAN

Fossil Trail

On the north side of Girvan Harbour you will find six ceramic panels recreating an ancient seabed. Produced by a local artist, the panels are inspired by local fossil remains of strange creatures alive hundreds of millions of years ago. Visit the McKechnie Institute in Girvan to see many fascinating examples of rocks and fossils from the area.



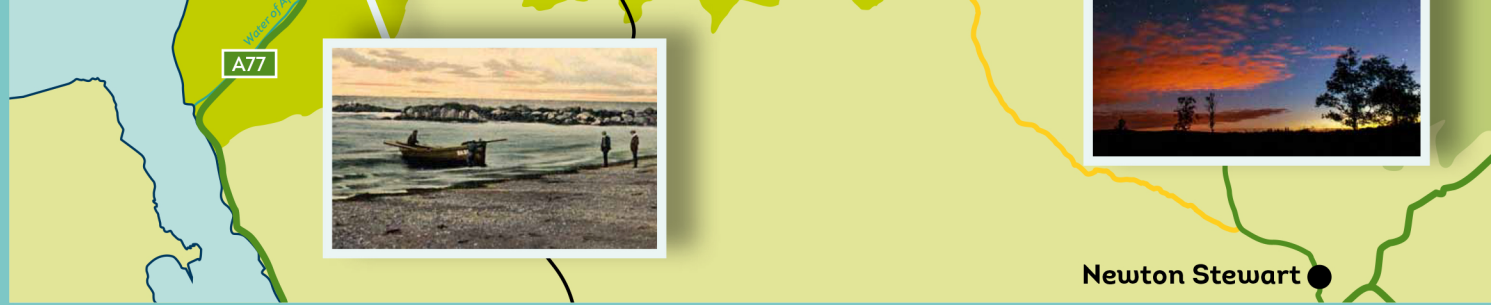
KIRKMICHAEL



Weaving and Whitework

Discover the origins of the charming village of Kirkmichael, where the weaving industry was particularly dominant and entire families often worked from home on the unique craft of Whitework.

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KIRKOSWALD



Robert Burns was here...

In 1775, at the age of 16, Scotland's bard Robert Burns spent his summer in Kirkoswald where Souters Inn now stands. Learn more about his friends and neighbours from that time including Douglas Graham of

Shanter, the inspiration for *Tam o' Shanter*, regarded by Burns himself as his greatest masterpiece.

LENDALFOOT

Yum yum ... pack a picnic...

At the coastal village of Lendalfoot with its sandy bay and breath-taking views all the way to Ireland, a picnic table near the Varyag monument tells of the hamlet's past, including one of Scotland's most shocking and gruesome legends about the cave-dwelling cannibal, Sawney Bean. Maybe you should finish your sandwiches before you read the story!

MAIDENS

Harbour history

After learning to sail with Maidens fishermen, the 3rd Marquess of Ailsa built the harbour for their protection. It became a thriving shipyard, producing two of Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock challengers. The harbour remains a beauty spot for visitors.



MAYBOLE

Tackettie boots

Six etched stainless-steel boots mark some of the old locations of the boot and shoe factories, which dominated Maybole during the 19th and 20th centuries. In its heyday, over 1 million pairs of boots and shoes were exported worldwide every year from this small town, which is the ancient capital of Carrick.



PINMORE & PINWHERRY

On the look-out...

Did you know that Carrick is home to a large colony of endangered red squirrels? Only 2.5m are reported to be left in the UK. Squirrel plaques erected throughout the adjoining villages of Pinmore and Pinwherry provide facts about red squirrels and where to find them.

TURNBERRY

The birthplace of a King...

One of the world's most famous golf destinations is also known to be the birthplace of Robert the Bruce, King of Scots. Discover his beginnings at Turnberry Castle in 1274. The village is also famous for 'Early Ayrshires' gourmet potatoes, which are a major commercial success.

