



Once through the path at Panrock Court sheltered housing to Dundonald Road walk up to the junction of Logan Drive, turn west along St. Meddans Street where sits Our Lady of the Assumption Church, one of Troon's iconic buildings. An ancient graveyard was discovered when houses were built there in the early 1800's and it was thought to be linked to St Meddian who stopped on this site during a pilgrimage across Scotland.

in vast Salt Pans on the shore. produced in the early 1800's by drying sea water path to North Shore Road. This is where salt was Kilmarnock to Troon from 1816. Continue on the Duke of Portland and that ran from steam engine railway, brought to Scotland by Troon Marina is built on the site of the first Ireland.

Walk north on the South Beach esplanade to the rear of Troon Town Hall. Keep to the cycle path towards the Ballast bank and Troon Harbour, this area was developed in 1806 by the Duke of Portland to export his coal from Kilmarnock to

This walk is good for all seasons of the year and takes in the history of the 4th Duke of Portland's industrialisation of the harbour. The Ballast bank, an ancient relic of the town's history used in sailing ships returning from Ireland when exporting coal in the early 1800's.

**Walk 1** Troon Town Centre Circular 3.2 Miles / 5.2 Kilometre walk

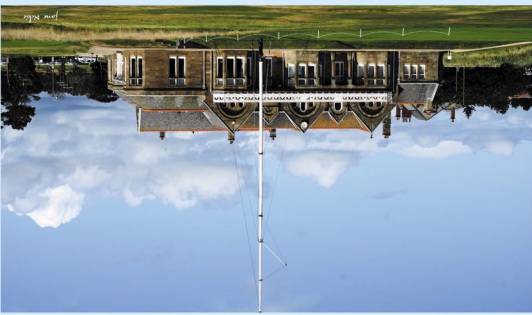


Follow the path south arriving at the ruin of Crosby Kirk yard on Monktonhill Road, the main burial ground for the town until the early 1900's. Originally a settlement for medieval monks recorded as 'Cross by the Road' (Crosby), the church, rebuilt a number of times, it had the roof blown off in the same storm that took out the gable end of Burns Cottage Alloway, the day Robert Burns was born. The Church has remained a ruin since then.

This woodland walk can transport you back to medieval times when the first settlers, Alanus de Foulertoun (Alan Fowler of the town), his troop of Norman Knights and religious order of monks set up camp nearby in around 1240. On the way south from the car park, adjacent to the Rugby Club, lie the remains of Crosby Castle. The Castle under attack through the centuries, was burnt down a couple of times and eventually dismantled in 1745 dismantled by William Fullarton and rebuilt as Fullarton House by his son Colonel William Fullarton. This building was demolished by the council in 1966. The original coach house and farm buildings still remain, now tastefully renovated into terraced courtyard houses accessed through a baronial archway.

This walk starts from Fullarton Woods car park, 3.3 Miles / 5.3 Kilometres

**Walk 2** Fullarton Woods to Woodland Walk 3.3 Miles / 5.3 Kilometres



Start walk from Troon Town Hall, which was built in 1932 and financed by the 6th Duke of Portland; follow the esplanade to Royal Troon Golf Clubhouse before going onto the sands beyond the dunes.

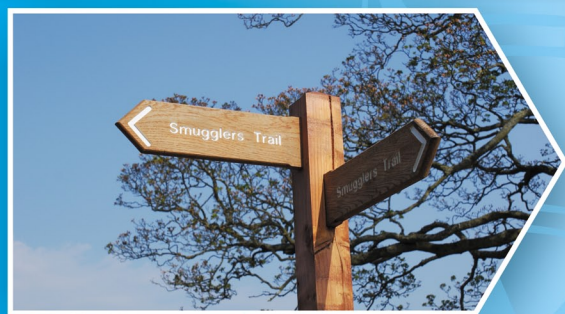
Taking the path across the course to join the cycle path running northwards to Craigend Road, continue on the cycle path alongside Fullarton Drive past Willlocksston Road. A single sandstone pillar is all that remains of the main entrance to what was the army barracks for Colonel William Fullarton's private army he formed in 1780 - 1794, which bankrupted him in 1805. Continue on the cycle path to Marr College, built in 1935 and financed by Charles Kerr Marr who left his vast fortune for the education of the people of Troon. Wallacefield Road leads to St Meddans Street and Troon back to Troon Town Hall.

**Walk 3** Royal Troon Golf Course Walk 4.3 Miles / 7 Kilometres



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**Walk 5** Past and Present Circular 8.5 Miles / 13.7 Kilometres

The walk follows route 4 from Troon Town Hall, northwards along South Beach esplanade following the cycle path to North Shore where the walk continues along the cycle path alongside the shoreline to Barassie. Barassie was the jousting training ground for the knights at Dundonald Castle. The name is derived from an old French term 'le barras' or tilting ground.

Workmen brought from Kilmarnock to build the new harbour were members of the Secession Order and formed the first church in a hut at the harbour know to this day as the Bethel.

Cross the main Kilmarnock Road onto Beach Road before turning right up Hillhouse Road. Halfway up the Drive, turn right into Hillhouse Gardens and before the railway Station gate, go through the tunnelled lane on the right which takes you under Kilmarnock Road and to a set of stairs. At the top of the stairs turn right and another set of steps takes you down to the path to Marr College. Follow the path behind the school as in route 4 to Loans. Continue with route 4 following the Smugglers Path to Fullarton Woods car park and take up the path from the car park as in route 2.

To Crosby Kirk, the Wrack Road, over Royal Troon Golf Course along the shore front, esplanade back to Troon Town Hall.



**Walk 4** Loans Historic Walk 6.4 Miles / 10.3 Kilometres

This route starts at Troon Town Hall going north along the esplanade following the cycle path towards the site of the former swimming pool and Port Ronald. On the way passing Betsy's Kirn, a small inlet well used during smuggling times by Betsy, a sea captain turned smuggler, who ran an Inn on Titchfield Road. Keeping to the cycle path along Kennedy Road on to Harbour Road, North Shore Road and taking the path to Dundonald Road as in route 1. Continue up Wallacefield Road to Marr College taking the path to the north of the school and crossing Darley Golf Courses onto North Drive Muirhead Primary School, the site of St. Quivox, a 15th century leprosy hospital. Keeping straight on North Drive leads to the path between Muirhead and Loans Village. The land was loaned to Robert the Bruce to take care of his troops who had leprosy and was known originally as Robertloan, through time reduced to Loans. The Old Loans Inn was formally the Bruce Inn while the local fuel garage replaced the old smiddy, which was heavily involved with the smugglers trade in its day.

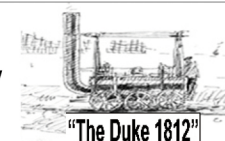
The walk takes one of the smugglers routes of old by taking the B746 southwards turning off onto the smugglers path leading down through Fullarton Woods to the car park. Following the Isle of Pins Road past the Marr Rugby Club on the left in garden ground before coming to Craigend Road, sits the Justice Tower, relocated from nearby Lawhill, and used by the Fullartons to pass judgement on local criminals before hanging them from the trees behind Crosby Castle. Craigend Road continues onto South Beach esplanade and back to Troon Town Hall.



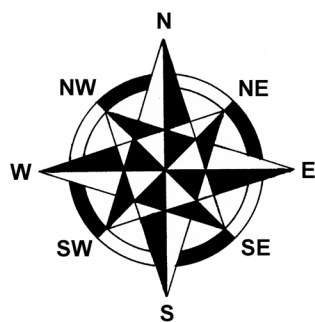


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## Key to Walks

### Walk 1

Troon Town Centre Circular

### Walk 2

Fullarton Woods to Woodland Walk

### Walk 3

Royal Troon Golf Course Walk

### Walk 4

Loans Historic Walk

### Walk 5

Past and Present Circular

## Scottish Outdoor Code Responsible Behaviour By The Public Golf Courses

You can only exercise access rights to cross over a golf course and in doing so you must keep off golf greens at all times and not interfere with any golf games or damage the playing surface. Golf courses are intensively used and managed, and there can be hazards such as where golfers are playing "blind" shots.

### In exercising access rights:

- allow players to play their shot before crossing a fairway;
- be still when close to a player about to play;
- follow paths where they exist
- keep your dog on a short lead

To avoid damaging the playing surface, cyclists and horse riders need to keep to paths at all times and not to go on to any other part of a golf course. When fertilisers or pesticides have been used, the duration of any hazard depends on the material used but should not normally extend more than a few days. Golf course managers can ask you to avoid using particular routes at these times. Following such advice can greatly help to minimise risks to safety.

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