

Walking around Kirkcudbright**Barhill Wood**

1 to 3 mile. Circular routes

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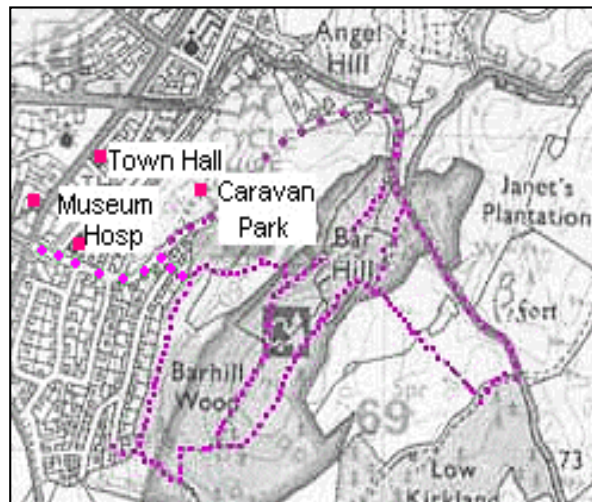
Woods, pasture & minor roads-optional

Woodland-easy; farmland-rough pasture; steps & stiles

Barhill Wood is accessed from the corner of Woodlands Avenue, near the Caravan Park entrance, by means of a short footpath and a stile. At the **start** of the walks there is a Forestry Notice Board, from where distances are measured.

Alternatively, access can be made by the forestry track into the wood at the junction of the B727 Gelston Road, and the minor road; where there is limited car parking on the outside of the sharp bend. (The B727 starts at the Royal Hotel.)

The paths meandering through the Wood are generally firm and easy-going. The trees are mainly deciduous with a mix of some conifers, allowing the vegetation and flowers to flourish in the springtime. There are seats and a picnic area.



Barhill Walk, ¾ mile - the red route, has vantage points giving fine views over Kirkcudbright and the Galloway Hills beyond. **1.** **Viewpoint Walk**, 1¼ miles - the white route, is a pleasant forest walk providing several viewpoints. **2.**



Seven Stiles Walk, 1½ miles - the yellow route, goes through Barhill Wood to the fields beyond, and out onto a track leading from Low Kirkland. The exit from the wood is by a kissing gate into the first field **3.** Follow the outline of a path curving round to the left behind some gorse bushes to another gate back into the wood. Follow the path straight through the wood to a stile into the second field **4.**

Cross the stile and head across some rough pasture, skirting bushes, to a tractor track leading up to a gate and stile. (Aim for a point midway between the cottage on the right and the end of the treeline on the left.) **5.**

Climb over the stile, and turn left and walk a short distance to the minor road. Turn left and walk down this road for ¼ mile to join the B727 road leading into town, past the cemetery. There is a footpath alongside this road on the length from the cemetery to the town. Opposite the cemetery, turn left along the unmade Silvercraigs Road back to the start point in Woodlands Avenue.

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