

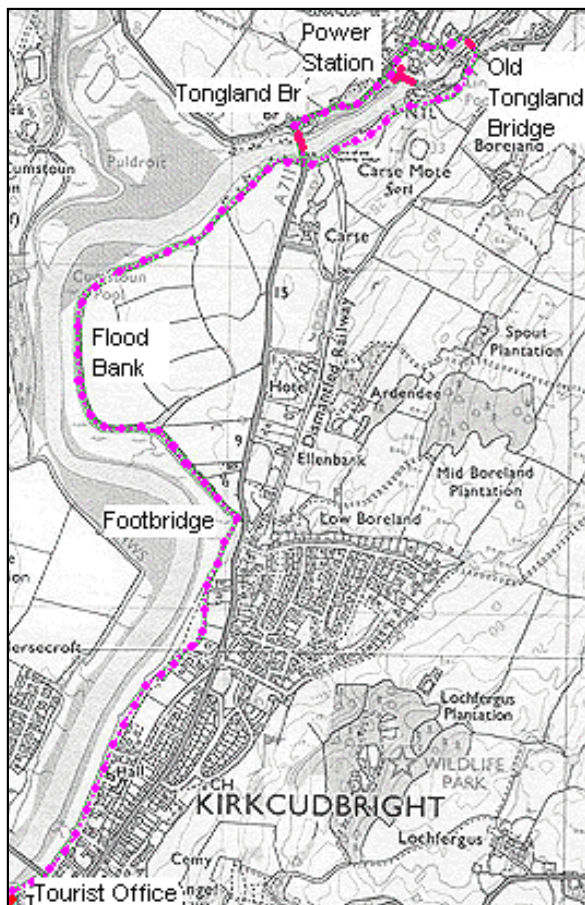
**Walking around Kirkcudbright****Dee Walk**

up to 4½ miles. Some circular

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Riverside and woodland walk on footpaths/roads

To Tongland Bridge-easy; beyond Bridge-moderate/stiles



This riverside walk is upstream from Kirkcudbright Bridge following the tidal waters of the River Dee. Most of the way is by path, on the top of the flood embankment, to Tongland Bridge. (3½ mile return). The walk can be extended to Old Tongland Bridge, and the Power Station at Tongland .

From the Tourist Office at the Harbour, cross over the road at the end of Kirkcudbright Bridge, and follow the tree-lined Dee Walk footpath upstream by the riverside. At the end of the Dee Walk, continue through the gate, and follow the gravel path across open grass. There are several paths off to the right, to the road leading back into town.

At the wooden footbridge (¾ mile), turn left, walking along the flood embankment, by the riverside hedge.

Turn right at the footbridge and left onto the main road to bypass the riverside path to Tongland Bridge.

A grassy path continues from the end of the hedge, along the flood embankment, to **Tongland Bridge**. Short sections of this path can be muddy in wet weather. There are good views over the riverside reed beds. A few seats have been provided.

*"While looking towards the north the scene is truly delightful, the banks of the river, from Tongland to the sea, being peculiarly rich in natural beauty. In the foreground is the river sparkling in the sun's rays, and winding like a silver thread among the green meadows; while the grounds around Compstone, sloping gently to the river's margin, are clothed with plantations of great freshness and beauty."-- Rambles in Galloway, by M. McL., Harper.1876.*

Just before the Bridge, there is an attractive strip of deciduous woodland, with some steep drops by the river side. On reaching the Bridge (1¾ miles), either re-trace your steps, return along the roadside footpath into town, or extend the walk.

The walk can be extended to Old Tongland Bridge, by crossing over the main road at the end of the Bridge, to a stile opposite. Continue on a grassy path near the river passing under the arch of the defunct railway bridge. Beyond the arch, follow the indistinct path through rough pasture leading up to a stile; and onto a path through woodland. The path is opposite the Power Station at this point. .



Fishing boat in harbour



Near start of Dee Walk



Wood by river



View from Tongland Bridge



Tongland Power Station



Dee Walk from road

Follow the path climbing up alongside a fence and then dropping down to Old Tongland Bridge (2¼miles), over the old river bed of the Dee (much of the flow passes through the Power Station). Cross the bridge and walk up this minor road to join the A711. Turn left and follow the footpath a short distance to Tongland Power Station. At certain times the Power Station is open to visitors; check for tours beforehand (tel. 01557 330114).

Follow along the road side footpath, turning onto the narrow section over Tongland Bridge. From the Bridge there is a view upstream to the Power Station and the piers of the former railway. Return to Kirkcudbright either by the riverside, or the roadside footpath. This road may be busy in summer.

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