

Riverside, country and woodland walk on footpaths/roads

To Low Bridge of Tarff - easy; beyond - moderate

This circular walk crosses the River Dee twice and the River Tarff.

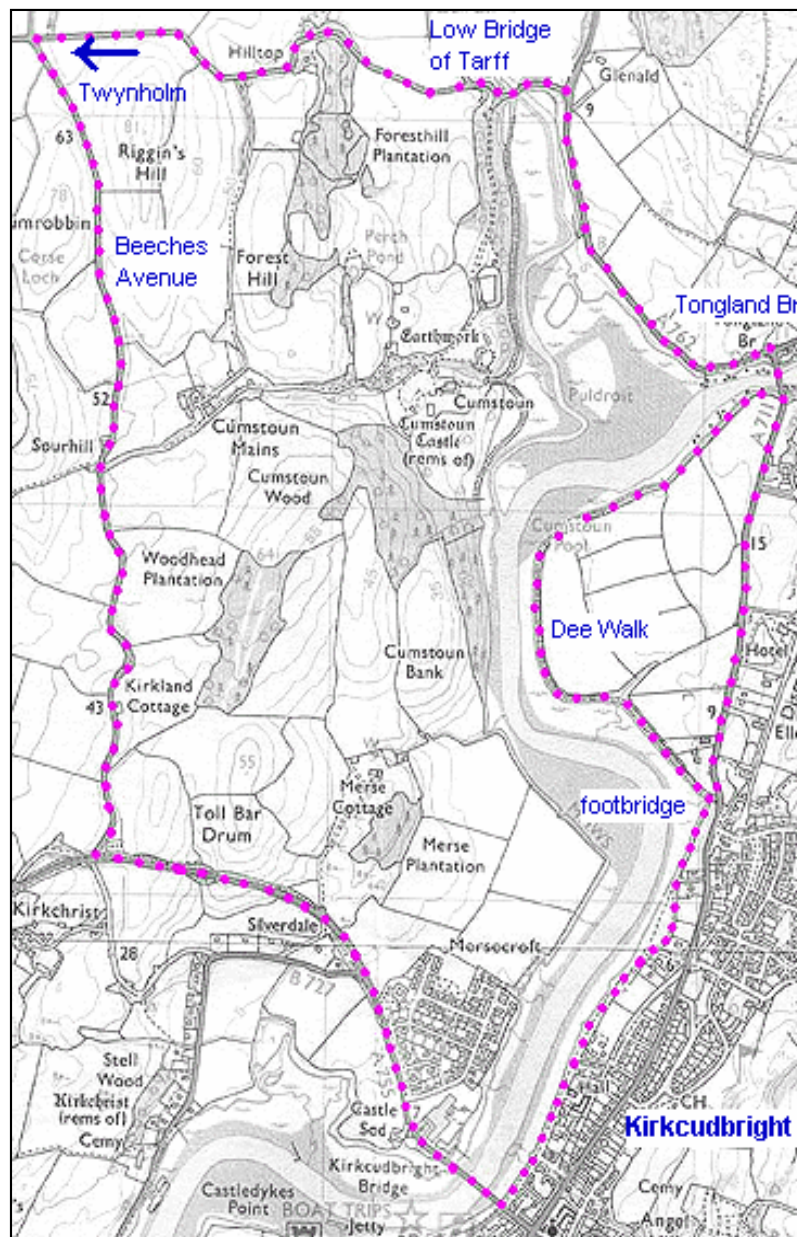
The walk is on roads and footpaths; except for the riverside path option, (Dee Walk), between Tongland Bridge and Kirkcudbright Bridge. The walk can be extended for 1½ miles by visiting Twynholm village.

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** (Telford 1805). Short sections of this path can be muddy in wet weather. There are good views over the riverside reed beds, with a few seats. Just before the Bridge, the path enters a strip of deciduous woodland, with steep drops on the river side. From Tongland Bridge (1¼ miles), there are good views up and downstream. On the upstream side the high pillars of the old railway viaduct are close by. Cross Tongland Bridge and turn left along the A762 to New Galloway.



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An ½ mile detour can be made to Tongland Power Station Visitor Centre, along the A711 road towards Castle Douglas. (For guided tours, tel. 01557 330114).

Walk on the river side of the road, where the verge is wider, for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the minor road on the left. (2½ miles). There are views over the reed beds to **Low Bridge of Tarff**. Walk down the minor single track road, pausing on the Low Bridge, over Tarff Water, to view the tidal river and reed beds. From the bridge the road gradually climbs, passing a minor road junction on the right, through a mixture of farmland and woodland to Hilltop cottage. It continues rising until the long straight, towards Twynholm, is reached.

At the crossroads (3½ miles), turn left along the road towards the A755 and Kirkcudbright. (A detour, adding 1½ miles, may be made into Twynholm village, where there is a shop, a pub and the David Coulthard Museum).

This road, is wider, although tortuous in places. Traffic is variable, with occasional lorries at times. The first $\frac{1}{2}$ mile passes through an attractive avenue of trees, mostly beech. After passing a few cottages, near the access to Comstoun Mains, the road descends gradually to the junction with the A755.

Turn left along the A755, facing on-coming traffic for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, to the turn-off for B727 Bogue; there are views over the town and estuary, along this length. Opposite the junction is a seat at the start of a road side footpath into town. Carry on past the timber houses of Mersecroft and the Creamery, crossing the road to the footpath on the opposite side and over Kirkcudbright Bridge. From the bridge there are views up and down the tidal River Dee. At the end of the bridge turn right, back to the harbour and starting point.

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