

# The Rhins of Galloway Coast Path



## The new route and its highlights

The Rhins of Galloway Coast Path is a new long distance route around Scotland's most south-westerly peninsula.

By linking in with the existing Mull of Galloway Trail, walkers will be able to follow the 83 mile circular route right around the Rhins, discovering stunning scenery, amazing wildlife and distinctive history. The circuit, which starts in Stranraer, takes in tranquil Luce Bay and the windswept cliffs of the Mull of Galloway, the sandy coves of the west coast and the sheltered waters of Loch Ryan.

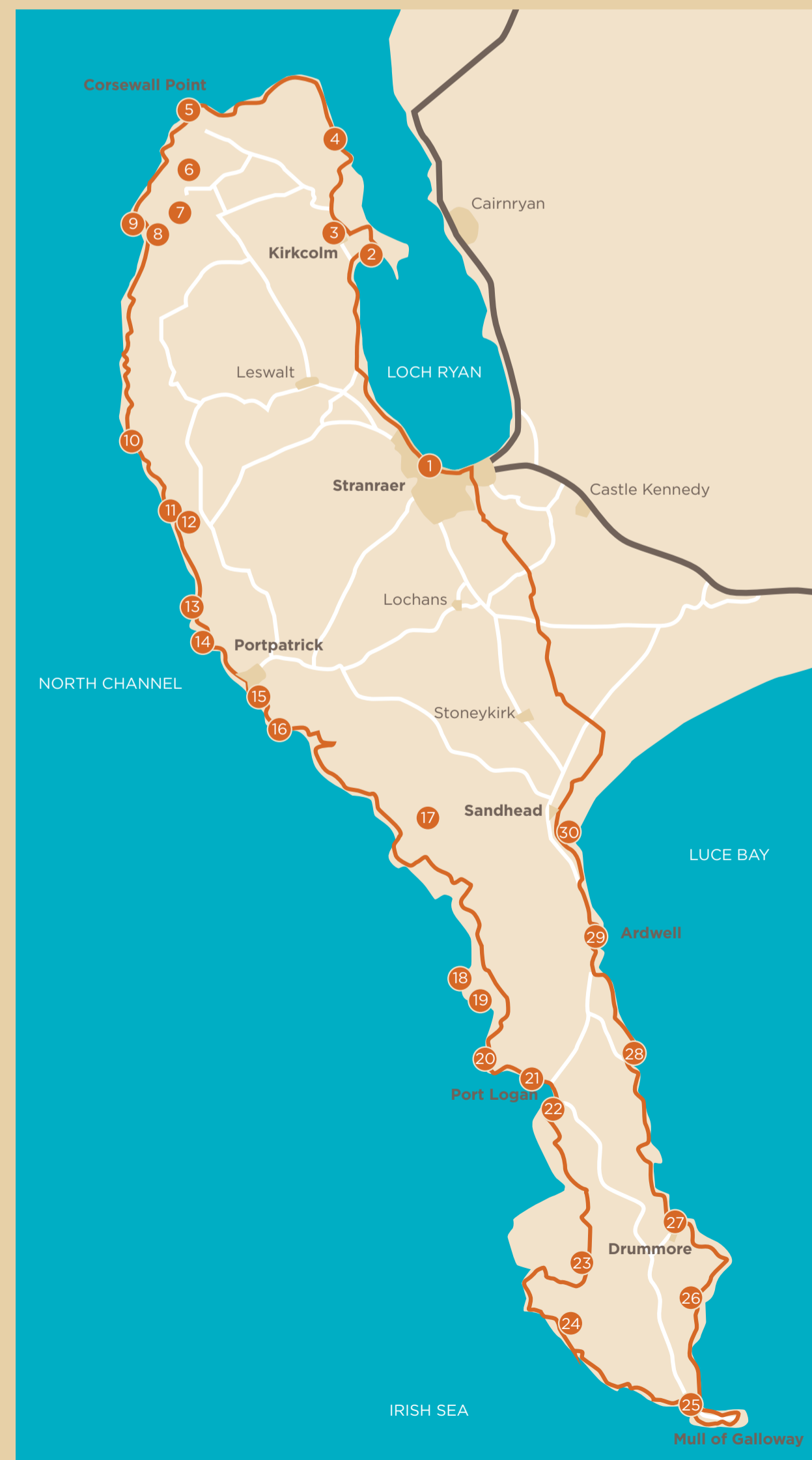
### Highlights to look out for along the Rhins of Galloway Coast Path

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| 1 Stranraer, Start/Finish Point, Harbour Office, Tourist Information Centre | 14 Port Kale Cable House              |
| 2 Wig Bay   | 15 Portpatrick - Dunskey Street steps |
| 3 Kirkcolm - Village and/or Churchyard                                      | 16 Dunskey Castle                     |
| 4 Lady Bay  | 17 West Cairngarroch                  |
| 5 Corsewall Point   | 18 Ardwell Bay                        |
| 6 North Cairn Radar Station   | 19 Ardwell Bay - Doon Castle Broch    |
| 7 South Cairn   | 20 Devils Bridge                      |
| 8 Castle Ban Motte  | 21 Logan Fish Ponds                   |
| 9 Dally Bay   | 22 Port Logan - South Car Park        |
| 10 Salt Pans Bay  | 23 Barncorkrie Moor                   |
| 11 Larbrax Bay  | 24 Slockmill                          |
| 12 Kemps Walk   | 25 Tarbet Bays                        |
| 13 Killantringan  | 26 Maryport                           |
|   | 27 Drummore                           |
|   | 28 New England Bay                    |
|   | 29 Ardwell Village                    |
|   | 30 Sandhead                           |

## Voyage of discovery

The new coast path will help people of all ages and abilities to explore and enjoy the riches of this undiscovered area, from its natural treasures to its remarkable history and culture. Work on the ground has already begun with a programme of community events and activities, including exploring archaeology, researching place names and recording wildlife.

The next step is to deliver the signage and interpretation to help people find and follow the route, and enjoy its stories along the way.



## Welcome and orientation

The Rhins of Galloway Coast Path will start and finish on the harbourside in Stranraer, next to the Gateway to Galloway Tourist Information Centre and Community Hub. There will be a distinctive trailhead feature there, with a striking archway to pass beneath, seating and interpretation.

The route will be marked from there with fingerposts and interpretive signage, all featuring the eye-catching coast path logo and a distinctive palette of colours and materials.



Trailhead Seating with Interpretation



Trailhead Archway

**Underneath the archway**  
The trailhead beside the Gateway to Galloway Tourist Information Centre and Community Hub will be striking focal point for the route. Interested visitors can find out more about the trail here and take in the harbour views, while walkers can celebrate starting and finishing the circuit by passing through the eye-catching sculpted corten steel archway.

## A partnership project

This exciting new project to open up access to the coast is being led by Dumfries & Galloway Council in close partnership with local people and organisations, including the Rhins of Galloway Coast Path Steering Group. It is being supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Coastal Communities Fund.



Orientation Totem



Interpretation Post

Signposting stories

As well as branded fingerposts, walkers will find eye-catching orientation and interpretation features along the new coast path. These will introduce people and inspire them to join the trail at various access points around the Rhins, flag up fascinating things to look out for and share stories about the history, wildlife and people along the way.



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