



**1 Kippford and Rockcliffe from Kippford Holiday Park**  
 Walks from Kippford Holiday Park commence at the very highest point in the Park.

- **The Doon Hill Walk.** Entirely within the Park's private and naturally regenerating wood and heath land. The walk can be rough going if you go all the way around. The top section is easier and offers some stunning viewpoints.
- **Mark Hill Woodlands.** Almost entirely on land owned by Forest Enterprise where our very rough paths adjoin a lovely circular walk (waymarked in blue). The Doon Hill and Mark Hill Paths have been waymarked to let you know where you are - and how to get back. We hope you find these helpful yet unobtrusive.
- **NB: Paths marked by green dots are unsuitable for cycles.**
- **The Coastal and 'Jubilee' footpaths.** The most popular walk in the area is the Jubilee Path. It is the most direct route between the attractive villages of Rockcliffe, with its lovely beach - and Kippford. The Path takes you through land which is owned and maintained by the National Trust for Scotland. Both offer fantastic coastal views. You may access either path from the Park, and on through Mark Hill Woodlands - or from the villages of Kippford or Rockcliffe - which are linked by both paths. Cycles are not encouraged on the Jubilee Path and are impractical on the Coastal Path beyond the beach.

Along the Coastal and Jubilee Paths you can divert to the 'Muckle' and the Mote of Mark (a fifth century hill fort) for marvellous views of Rough Firth, Solway Firth and the Lake District Hills.

Rough Island is closed to the public during the spring nesting season, but otherwise offers a lovely walk via a low tide causeway. *Check tide times carefully before departure.* Access is at low tide only. Give yourself ample time to cross the causeway, explore the island and return to Rockcliffe before the tide comes back in.

## 2 Dalbeattie Forest

An extensively forested area with a network of good paths and tracks. In places you will be surrounded by mature conifers. Elsewhere there are open tracts of heath land which offer many fine views. The Forest extends to Dalbeattie Town Woods at its northern end where there are several trails waymarked with colour coded posts, cycle tracks, trekking paths and disused quarries.

The Forest is occasionally used for off-road car rallies - ample warning is given of such events.

For access to the woods from Kippford Holiday Park, turn left at the Park entrance. Continue for 450 yards until you see a small lane on the right at Barnbarroch (before the first house on the right). The lane takes you to the forest gate. Just inside the forest, the path forks, and is clearly marked for bicycles (green or purple) and walking (brown) routes.

If you are travelling south to the Colvend Coast, leave the Forest at one of the tracks which exit at either Colvend, Newbarons or Fairgirth Farm. This latter access point crosses two fields and several gates, as well as a small caravan site and farmyard. Please be courteous to local landowners and farm staff.

Try to avoid walking or cycling along the A710, as there are several 'blind' corners and traffic moves at great speed.

To explore Dalbeattie Town Wood, park in the car park just before you reach Dalbeattie - on the right hand side. This area has clearly marked paths around Plantain Loch. The area is of significant interest to botanists. You will see from the map overhead that you can return to the Park entirely by way of the Forest, as far as the Barnbarroch access point.



Kippford and Rough Firth

Spectacular landscaping at the Park

## COASTAL SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND KIPPFORD HOLIDAY PARK

# 01556 620 636

★ CLOSE TO SEA  
 ★ CARAVANS & BUNGALOWS TO LET  
 ★ TOURING PARK (TOP 100)  
 ★ SHOP GOLF & TEAROOM (50M)  
 ★ CONSERVATION AWARDS  
 ★ FISHING ARRANGED  
 ★ BOAT TRIPS & TREKKING ARRANGED  
 ★ FOR SERIOUS MOUNTAIN BIKING,  
 ★ ASK AT RECEPTION FOR THE SEVEN STANES' DALBEATTIE & MABLE FOREST LEAFLETS

David Bellamy has personally complimented us, saying "a beautiful and diverse Park..."

The beautiful seaside village of Kippford with two friendly pubs is only a 15 minute stroll. This park is a quiet park with private woodlands adjoining outstanding coastal and forest walks.

**KIPPFORD HOLIDAY PARK,  
Kippford, by Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire, DG5 4LF**  
 Tel: 01556 620 636 Fax: 01556 620 607  
 www.kippfordholidaypark.co.uk

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## 3 Sandhills to Rockcliffe coastal path

This has been described as one of the finest coastal paths in Britain - with stunning views across the Solway Firth to Cumbria and the Isle of Man - as well as along the Galloway coast and inland. There are many interesting features on or close to the path itself. There are interpretation tables near Fors Hill and at Castle Point (as it is known locally - official maps and publications refer to 'Castle Hill Point').

Access from Sandhills car park by the walkway to the beach. Turn right along the top of the beach to cross the footbridge. In the event of exceptionally high tides the footbridge may be inaccessible in which case, walk a couple of hundred yards west along the A710 and turn down the lane leading to Douglas Hall from which you can rejoin the path on the west side of burn.

The path then follows close to the cliff-top. Look out for the Needles Eye below you. At low tide (be sure to check the tide times) you can follow the shore at the foot of the cliffs as far as Portling instead of the upper route - however it can be muddy and wet underfoot.

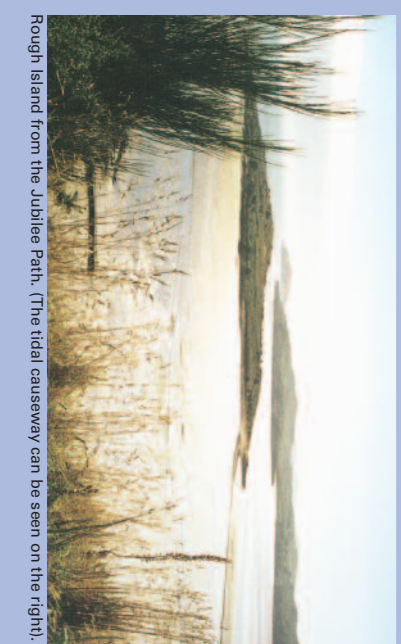
At Portling take the road inland for a short distance then turn left to Port o' Warren. Near the foot of this rough road the path takes off to the right over the dyke (in Scotland a dyke is a stone wall, usually of dry stone). From here to Castle Point the path again follows the rugged cliff-top closely. In the nesting season gullennests, gulls and cormorants, ravens and birds of prey will delight birdwatchers. Botanists will find plenty of interest in the proliferation of wild flowers in this largely unspoilt habitat. Please keep to the edges of all fields.

The "Elbe" monument is about half way between Sandhills and Rockcliffe, just below the path. A plaque tells the story of this tragic shipwreck. At Castle Point there are the remains of a very ancient fort. The path continues down to the shore, passing "Nelson's Grave" (not the Nelson you're thinking of) and along to Rockcliffe.

As an alternative to following the shore or in the event of exceptionally high tides, you can use the Baroloy road to connect with the public road to Rockcliffe.



Castle Point and the Solway Firth from Baroloy Hill



Rough Island from the Jubilee Path. (The tidal causeway can be seen on the right).

# Activities (without a car) £1.00

## in and around Kippford, Rockcliffe and Colvend

A GUIDE TO FOREST TRAILS AND CYCLEWAYS, INCLUDING SUGGESTED BEACHES AND SEA FISHING, TREKKING, GOLF, CRAFTS, SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

PREPARED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT BY



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The National Trust for Scotland Mearns Nature Reserve at Rockcliffe



**Barnbarroch Pottery, Kippford**  
 Pottery showroom with a wide range of decorated pottery made on the premises. The lively, bright designs in coloured slips and glazes are inspired by birds, animals and the natural world.  
 Christine & Roger Smith  
 Barnbarroch Pottery Kippford Dalbeattie DG5 4LE  
**OPEN Mon-Sat 9.30-5.30 all year round.**  
**Advisable to ring at weekends. Tel: 01556 620695**

**Craigleknowes Golf Course, Kippford**  
 Craigleknowes is a 9 hole, par 3 golf course in a scenic location. It is a short but challenging course - ideal for beginners and testing enough for more experienced golfers. Putting green and club hire. TEA ROOM IN CLUBHOUSE serving drinks and snacks is open during holiday season.  
 Barnbarroch Farm Kippford by Dalbeattie DG5 4DS.  
**Tel: 01556 620244. Open all year**

**The Mariner, Kippford**  
 Meals are served daily in the spacious lounge and dining areas. When the weather is fine, eat 'al fresco' in the garden overlooking the marina and estuary. Lots of home made specials served.  
 Outdoor play area for smaller children.  
 Warner Hotel Kippford Dalbeattie DG5 4LL Tel:01556 620206  
**MEALS SERVED Noon-2.00, 6.00-9.00. BAR OPEN Noon-3.00, 6.00-11.00. Open all day at weekends.**

**The Anchor, Kippford**  
 Overlooking the marina and estuary. Stop in for lunch or supper and choose from our varied menus and specialty boards. Fine wines and east continental ales. Games room and non-smoking lounge. ABBAS OUT ON THE PROMENADE, overlooking the marina.  
 Tel:01556 620205  
**620205 MEALS SERVED Noon-2.30, 5.30-9.30. Reduced hours out of season.**

**Clonvard Restaurant & Bar, Colvend**  
 One mile from Kippford Holiday Park along A710.  
 Rationally arranged, set in wooded grounds close to Kippford and Rockcliffe. Specially selected high quality meals served daily. Convivial Clonvard House, Hotel Colvend Dalbeattie DG5 4QW  
**Tel:01556 630372**  
**Open all year.**

**Colvend PO, Store & The Red Squirrel Restaurant**  
 On the A710 - 5 minutes from Sandhills, Rockcliffe and Kippford. Aishla Licenced Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and high tea. Choose from an extensive menu of home made treats. Call at the store for all your holiday shopping, newspapers etc.  
**Post Office, General Store and The Red Squirrel Restaurant Colvend PO & Store open all year. RESTAURANT OPEN April-October Mon-Sun 9.00-6.00. Sunday 9.00-6.00 all year round.**

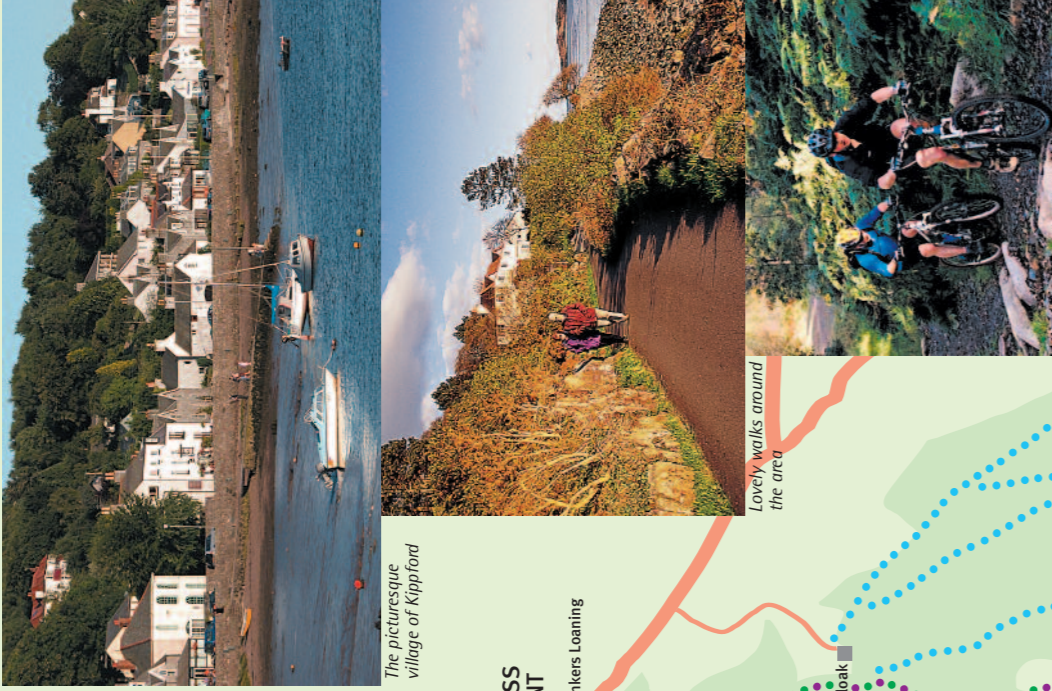
**The Baroloy Barn & Tearoom, Colvend**  
 An authentic case of Portuguese pottery, terraces, olive oil and almonds, as well as homemade preserves and home grown straw-berries in season.  
 Situated at East Baroloy Farm, Colvend DG5 4QA.  
**Tel/Fax: 01556 630341**  
**OPEN: Seven days a week, 10am-5pm, Easter until the end of September.**

**The Garden Room, Rockcliffe**  
 Come in and enjoy tea by the sea in our sunny, sheltered garden. On chilly days come in to our cosy tea-shop and choose from a mouth-watering selection of our delicious home baking and tasty savoury treats.  
 Only 100 metres from the beach and very close to the coastal footpath. Parking adjacent.  
**OPEN Wed-Sun 10.30-5.00. CLOSED Mon-Tues.**

**Baron's Craig, Rockcliffe**  
 Few hotels can boast as beautiful a setting as Baron's Craig. Open to non-residents to enjoy our bar, lounge and terraces for morning coffee, lunches, afternoon teas and dinner with spectacular views across the Firth. Be spontaneous by foot or by car - or join us for dinner with a reservation by calling us on 01556 630225.  
**Lunches from £5.00. Dinner from £17.50 with a choice of fine wines from our cellar.**

**Barrend Riding Centre**  
 BHS Approved Riding Centre. Lessons for all ages from six upwards. 'Weeny Rides' for the under sixes. Hack outs and Traks through the countryside and Dalbeattie Forest.  
**RING TO BOOK.**  
 Barrend Riding Centre Sandhills Dalbeattie DG5 4NU  
**Tel: 01367 760533/760532**  
**Open daily all year.**

# Exploring Kippford, Rockcliffe and Colvend



The picturesque village of Kippford

Lovely walks around the area

World class mountain bike trails

There is a great deal for the visitor to discover and explore within only four miles of Kippford Holiday Park.

This leaflet has been prepared for guests by Kippford Holiday Park. It will help you to find your way around the area and will add to your enjoyment of your holiday.

If you are not staying with us during your visit to the area, why not call in and have a look around our David Bellamy Gold Award Conservation Park. We are sure you will be impressed with the exceptional quality of our double glazed and centrally heated caravans and bungalows - why not book your next holiday with us while you are here.

- Holiday bungalows and chalets to let;
- Timber lodges and holiday caravans for sale;
- Touring pitches for caravans and tents;
- Cycle hire;
- Fishing.

The key at the bottom right will help you to read the map and find the principal facilities in the area. The local bus service can be used to advantage. McEwan's coach service 372 connects Dalbeattie, Kippford, Rockcliffe, Colvend, Sandhills and Dumfries. ...there are any number of suitable combinations.

Green shading indicates woods (mostly managed by Forest Enterprise). Because of a continuous programme of felling and planting it is not possible to show which areas have been cleared at any particular time. Only those houses which may help you to recognise your whereabouts are depicted.

Yellow shading indicates main beaches. The main sea fishing areas are shown as a rough guide only. For further details of sea, game and coarse fishings in the area ask at the Park's reception area.

### PLEASE RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE:

- Keep to the edge of fields
- Keep your dogs under close control at all times
- Prevent forest fires
- Enjoy your walks!

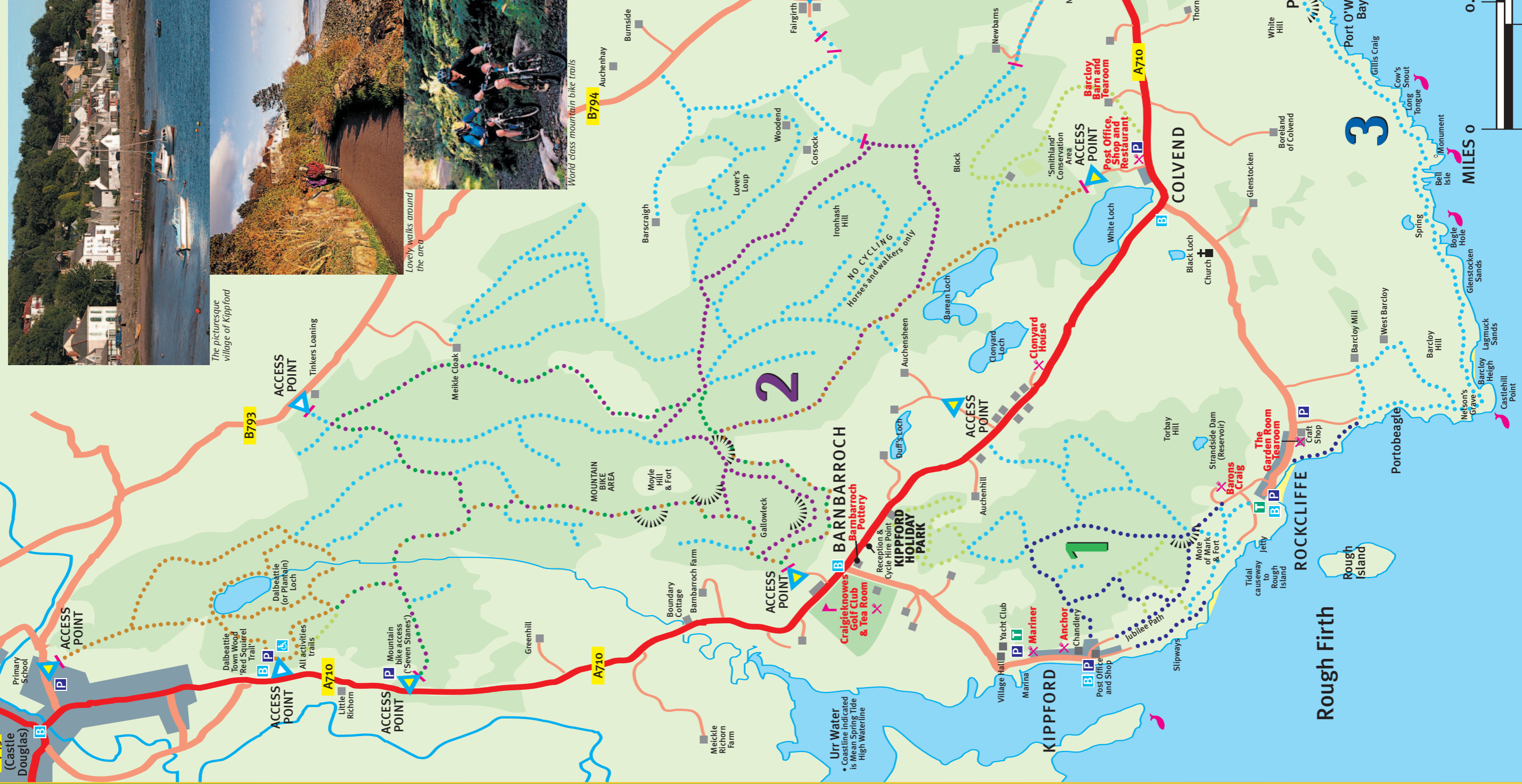
### 'BREAKOUT'

Kippford Holiday Park has also produced 'Breakout', a leaflet providing details of recommended touring routes around the surrounding area, which is available to guests of the Park.

Robin and Gail Aston, Owners, Kippford Holiday Park



**Dumfries & Galloway**  
The natural place



**KEY TO MAP**

- A-class road
- B-class road
- Recommended track/coastal path
- Marked cycle trails
- Dalbeattie Town Wood and Dalbeattie to Colvend Trail
- Other trails/locked gate
- Rough path
- Beach
- Golf course
- Pub, restaurant or tearoom
- Public Toilets
- Public car park
- Bus stop (many are 'by request')
- Access point (not parking)

