



Cruggleton Castle – 2 hours

Start from the village hall in Garlieston – an interesting place in itself during World War 2.

This is a lovely coastal walk through woodland with a gentle climb to the remaining arch of Cruggleton Castle. The return brings you through the grounds of former country Estate where you can visit the gardens or buy duck eggs as you pass though.

We like this walk because it's mainly 'off-lead' and generally you don't meet many other walkers – there are occasions where you may meet a cow or two on the beach front but they are mainly in the fields above.

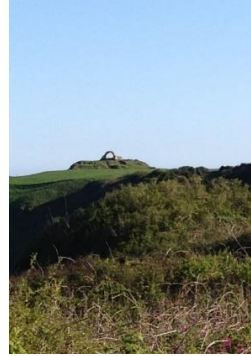
Park at the Village Hall and then walk in the same direction between two caravan parks and the old harbour. Where the road meets a breakwater take the dirt track on the right where after 300 yards or so you will go through a metal gate and follow the track through trees along the sea edge.



When you meet a little hut in the woods take the left hand track and continue along a fair way to a picnic site at Rigg Bay. Ignore the signs for Woodland Walk and follow the path crossing two foot bridges over the burn.



Here you walk through a lovely woodland where you climb until you emerge on the cliff top with the arch of the castle in the distance and a cottage at the top.



Go through the iron gate and follow the track through farm fields – there is a sign for the castle here – beware there may be cows in the fields here – when you reach the castle ruins you will have fantastic views in all directions, but if you don't want to go that far you can turn back at the cottage as you need to retrace your steps to Rigg Bay in any case

Go back down through the woodland and at the picnic area take the tarmac track to the left. This takes you through a farm gate, past a couple of cottages and a walled garden. Take the right hand path signed for the car park and follow the exit road past Galloway House, built by Alexander Garlies, son of the 5th Earl of Galloway but now is sadly empty.



At the crossroads approx. 300 yards on, go straight on across the cattle grid and through a rather French feeling farm yard to a dirt track bearing left.



Follow this track as it opens through the farm fields and you eventually pop out at the side of the caravan parks. Turn left and follow the road back to your car.