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Get a taste of wilderness on this 4 mile (6.5 km) two-way route, connecting Loch Doon and Stinchon Bridge. This is one of the easiest ways to discover the remote and spectacular mountain scenery of the north-east part of the Forest Park.

Find a fun adventure programme and picnic area in Doon Loch. Then walk out for black grouse and a ruined castle on the way.

For a scenic start, stop going here too. (Open first weekend in May, later in the season. October to mid November. Closed for vehicles.)

This is the perfect place to start exploring Galloway Forest Park. Choose active adventures amongst the trees, relax on the cycle or browse in the bike & outdoor shop. The woods here are alive with wildlife, so scoot along to the Wild Watch Hide to spot red squirrels, roe deer and a host of woodland birds.

Play, picnic, stroll or cycle.

There’s something for all the family at Kirroughtree, whatever the time of year. Go wild in the after park, home to goatie, lammer, sheep, and a host of other sheep and livestock. You can have fun here too.

Choose the adrenaline rush Kirroughtree is also home to some of the best adventure mountain bike trails in Scotland. The trails include guided events, routes on forest roads to technically challenging trails for expert riders, narrow and uneven grassy sections with mountain bike trails.

There’s no shortage of terrain available, with great views over Newton Stewart. A visit to lovely Larg Hill rewards you with great views over Newton Stewart, a visit to lovely Larg Hill and follow the course of a battle fought here in 1307. Follow in the footsteps of Robert the Bruce to reach the Forest Park’s second Bruce’s Stone.

This path visits both the Big and Little Bruntis Lochs, before heading through mixed woodland with beautiful bag beach trees. Keep your eyes open for the workings of the historic lead mines, as well as roe deer and red squirrels.

A scenic circuit surrounded wooded Larg Hill meets you with great views over Newton Stewart, a visit to lovely Larg Hill and follow the course of a battle fought here in 1307.

Follow the Queen’s Way (A712) to the visitor centre, or park at the end of the A712 to reach some quieter sections. In lovely Galloway, the Kite Trail is a brilliant spot to enjoy the night sky if it is one of the darkest places in Europe.

This path includes some short gentle gradients. Includes a short section of quiet public road.

This is an easy way to see more of the Forest Park’s Woods, wildlife and forest rides. The route is roughly 6 miles (10 km) long. Follow the trails to discover the remote and splendid mountain scenery.

Hill walkers are advised to check the forecast and type of conditions visitors can expect. Take care on the hills.

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A beautiful exploration of Grey Mare’s Tail Burn and the striking Murray’s Monument on Big Doon. There is a wonderful view from the top.

Wander through the mature woods along the shores of Clatteringshaws Loch to the granite slabs where Robert the Bruce is said to have rested after a battle with the English near here in 1307.

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