



Ayrshire & Wigtownshire  
Campaign for Real Ale



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# Ayrshire Rail Ale Trails

## Trail 2: Largs to Saltcoats



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# Largs to Saltcoats

**This trail lists pubs that serve real ale close to stations on the short stretch of line between Largs and Saltcoats. Trains to/from Largs run hourly but there is a half hourly service from Ardrossan South Beach onwards to Glasgow.**

CAMRA's WhatPub website gives more details for the pubs shown at [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com) or scan the relevant QR code.

## **Other useful websites for transport providers in our branch area:**

[www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk) (Train information)  
[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) (Bus information)  
[www.shuttlebuses.co.uk](http://www.shuttlebuses.co.uk) (Bus information)  
[www.mcgillsbuses.co.uk](http://www.mcgillsbuses.co.uk) (Bus information)  
[www.calmac.co.uk](http://www.calmac.co.uk) (Ferry information)  
[www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com)  
(General travel planning)

Our branch website contains local CAMRA information and digital copies of our various ale trails: [www.awcamra.org.uk](http://www.awcamra.org.uk)



## **Other Rail Trails in this series are:**

**Trail 1:** Ayr to Irvine

**Trail 3:** Kilmarnock to Stewarton

## **Bus Trails:**

**Trail 6:** South Ayrshire

**Trail 7:** Wigtownshire

## **Walking Trails:**

**Trail 4:** Ayr Real Ale Trails gives suggestions for some walks around the real ale pubs in that town

## **Island Trail:**

**Trail 8:** Arran

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## LARGS

This picturesque seaside town is popular with day-trippers and has a good range of real ale outlets.



**WATERSIDE** (3 mins)  
**14 Bath Street, KA30 8BL**

Up to two changing ales  
from Kelburn or Redcastle



**THE THREE REASONS** (3 mins)  
**14 Gallowgate Street, KA30 8LX**

One changing guest ale



**THE PADDLE STEAMER** (3 mins)  
**Gallowgate Street, KA30 8LX**

Wetherspoons with their usual  
range of regular and guest ales

Near to Largs, another pub  
worth considering is **Frasers Bar**,  
Millport on the Isle of Cumbrae  
which is just a short ferry and  
bus ride away.

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## FAIRLIE

The sole real ale pub in this village is a fair walk from the railway station  
and so it may be more convenient to take a Stagecoach 585 bus from  
Largs which stops directly opposite the rear entrance to the pub.



**VILLAGE INN** (15 mins)  
**46 Bay Street, KA29 0AL**

One changing ale

## WEST KILBRIDE

Whilst the pub here is close to the station, again it may be more convenient to take a 585 bus from Fairlie, which stops outside the pub's front door.



**THE TWA DUGS** (3 mins)  
**71 Main Street, KA23 9AW**  
2 changing ales

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## ARDROSSAN SOUTH BEACH



**ARDROSSAN RUGBY CLUB** (5 mins)  
**Memorial Field Pavilion,**  
**Sorbie Road, KA22 8AP**  
1 changing ale plus 1 key keg  
(CAMRA members can be signed in -  
check WhatPub for opening times)

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## SALTCOATS



**THE SALT COT** (5 mins)  
**7 Hamilton Street, KA21 5DS**  
Wetherspoons with their usual  
range of regular and guest ales

This trail could be combined with **Trail 1 (Ayr to Irvine)** by changing at Kilwinning and doing that trail in reverse.