



Ayrshire & Wigtownshire
Campaign for Real Ale



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Wigtownshire Bus Ale Trails

Trail 7: Wigtownshire – The Rhins and the Machars



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Wigtownshire

This trail lists rural pubs that serve real ale within The Rhins and The Machars areas of Wigtownshire, and which are reachable by bus services.

CAMRA's WhatPub website gives more details for the pubs shown at www.whatpub.com or scan the relevant QR code.

Other useful websites for transport providers in the area:

www.scotrail.co.uk

(Train information)

www.stagecoachbus.com

(Bus information)

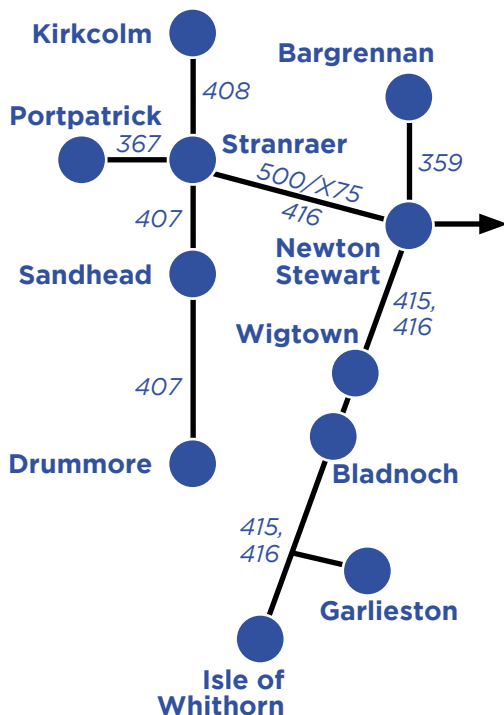
www.swestrans.org.uk

(Bus information)

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



Other Rail Trails in this series are:

Trail 1: Ayr to Irvine

Trail 2: Largs to Saltcoats

Trail 3: Kilmarnock to Stewarton

Bus Trails:

Trail 6: South Ayrshire

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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| Town/Village | Bus Service | Comments |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Portpatrick | 367 Stranraer - Portpatrick | 4/5 buses (3 buses Sunday, last bus departs Portpatrick 1525) |
| Kirkcolm | 408 Stranraer - Kirkcolm | Approx every 2 hours, no evening service. No Sunday service. |
| Sandhead & Drummore | 407 Stranraer - Drummore | Approx every 3 hours, no evening service, no Sunday service |
| Newton Stewart | 359 Girvan - Newton Stewart | Approx 2-hourly. Not Sundays. |
| | 500 / X75 Stranraer - Dumfries | Approx hourly daytime between all services. 4 services (500) Sunday. |
| | 415 Newton Stewart - Port William | |
| Wigtown, Bladnoch, Garlieston & Isle of Whithorn | 415 Newton Stewart -The Machars | 415 times vary, but approx hourly throughout day; 4 services Sunday. |
| | 416 Port William - Stranraer | 416 no evening or Sunday service. |
| Bargrennan | 359 Newton Stewart - Girvan | Approx every 2 hours. No Sunday service. |
| Services shown above are operated by Stagecoach West Scotland. | | |

If planning to visit the more remote pubs it is strongly recommended that you phone ahead to check opening hours before travelling, especially early in the week, lunchtimes or off-season and also to confirm bus times with Stagecoach.

THE RHINS

STRANRAER

Main town and former ferry port. Train connections to Ayr and Glasgow.



THE GRAPES

4-6 Bridge Street, DG9 7HY

01776 703386

Traditional town centre bar with two changing ales

PORTPATRICK

Picturesque and popular harbour village on the west coast of the Rhins, with views over to Northern Ireland.



CROWN HOTEL

9 North Crescent, DG9 8SX

01776 810261

Two changing ales

KIRKCOLM

A small, popular family-run hotel close to the shores of Loch Ryan.



BLUE PETER INN

23 Main Street, DG9 ONL

01776 853221

Two changing ales usually available

DRUMMORE

Small village at the southern end of the Mull of Galloway.



THE CLASHWHANNON

Drummory, DG9 9QE

01776 840632

This pub serves the adjacent caravan park with up to three changing ales

SANDHEAD

Small village overlooking extensive beach on Luce Bay.



TIGH NA MARA HOTEL

Main Street, DG9 9JF

01776 830210

One changing ale

THE MACHARS

NEWTON STEWART

Attractive town on the River Cree that is the gateway to the Machars and Galloway Forest Park.



BLACK HORSE HOTEL
62-66 Queen Street, DG8 6JL
01671 403302

One changing ale during
summer months.



CREEBRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL
Minigaff, DG8 6NP
01671 402121

One changing ale



CROWN HOTEL
102 Queen Street, DG8 6JW
01671 402727

One changing ale

BLADNOCH

Village home to Scotland's most southerly distillery.



BLADNOCH INN

Bladnoch, DG8 9AB

01988 402200

Usually Morland Old Speckled Hen plus one changing ale

GARLIESTON

Small village with wartime links to the Mulberry Harbour project



HARBOUR INN

18 South Crescent, DG8 8BQ

01988 600685

Two house-branded ales

ISLE OF WHITHORN

Picturesque harbour village at the south end of the Machars overlooking the Irish Sea to the Isle of Man. Also home to the Five Kingdoms Brewery.



STEAM PACKET INN

Harbour Row, DG8 8LL

01988 500334

Up to eight ales available including four from the in-house Five Kingdoms Brewery.

BARGRENNAN

Remote location close to Glen Trool and the Southern Upland Way.



HOUSE O'HILL HOTEL

Bargrennan, DG8 6RN

01671 840243

Closed during Winter. Usually two changing ales.

Castle Douglas (Sulwath Brewery) and Dumfries are also easily visited using buses from Stranraer and Newton Stewart.