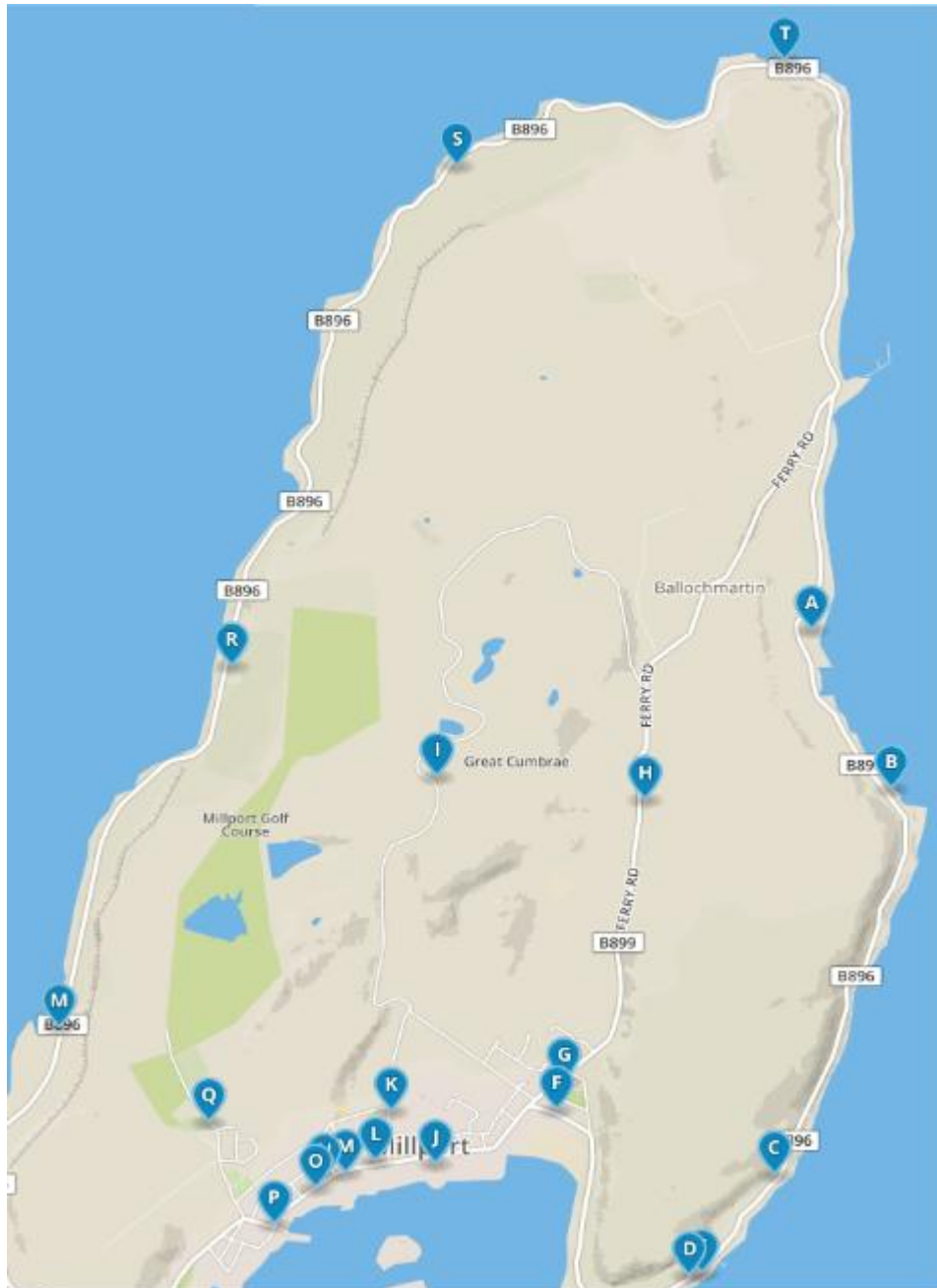


## Cumrae Heritage Trail Route



Letters for each location can be found on the map above.

If you only want to do the Millport Town Walk get the bus to the Field Studies Council buildings where the Marine Station plaque is located.

Start at the Ferry Slip<sup>1</sup>

Turn left after disembarking from the ferry.

The first buildings are Scotland's National Water Sports Centre then Ferry House.<sup>2</sup> Keep to the coast road past Fairhaven.

**(A) Ballochmartin Bay; Site of Special Scientific Interest**

B 896

OS Grid Reference – NS 18115 57073

Plaque on plinth next to picnic table.

Continue on the coast road.

**(B) King Håkon's Fleet, 1263; Viking long ships and war**

B 896

OS Grid Reference – NS 18483 56229

Plaque on plinth at layby.<sup>3</sup>

Continue on the coast road.<sup>4</sup>

**(C) Lion Rock; geology imitating life**

B 896

OS Grid Reference – NS 17895 54814

Plaque on concrete plinth in layby.

Continue on the coast road past Keppel Pier.<sup>5</sup>

**Start of Millport Town Walk**

**(D) The Marine Station, 1897; studying Scotland's sea life**

B 896

OS Grid Reference – NS 17566 54472

Plaque on gate post of Field Studies Council buildings.<sup>6</sup>

Cross over the road.

**(E) SY Scotia, 1902-04; Scottish National Antarctic Expedition**

B 896

OS Grid Reference – NS 17564 54455

Plaque on landing slip buildings.

Continue on the coast road past the Deil's Rock.<sup>7</sup> Walk round onto Marine Parade<sup>8</sup> and the start of Millport town onto Kames Bay.

**(F) Duncan Macrae, 1905-1967; leading Scottish actor**

Dundonald Villa, Kames Bay  
OS Grid Reference – NS 17112 55161  
This was Duncan Macrae's Millport home.

Continue along Kames Bay and turn left into Ferry Road.

**(G) Andrew Goldie, 1840-1891; Millport's Pacific explorer**

12 Ferry Road  
OS Grid Reference – NS 17191 55325  
This was the Goldie family residence.

Return to the bottom of Ferry Road and turn right onto Kelburn Street to continue the Millport Town Walk.

**Start of Inner Circle Walk**

Continue up Ferry Road and into the countryside.<sup>9</sup> On the left is the road to Ballikkellet Farm.<sup>10</sup> Near the top of the hill is a farm road on the right and 3 metres further is a trail into the woods. Follow it staying close to the fence.<sup>11</sup>

**(H) Standing Stone; Cumbrae's rich prehistoric archaeology**

B 899  
OS Grid Reference – NS 17617 56412  
Plaque on plinth near to the stone.

Return to the road and continue upwards. Where the road forks turn left and continue upwards.<sup>12</sup> You are heading for the top of the island.<sup>13</sup> Continue on down the hill.<sup>14</sup>

**(I) Little Cumbrae Viewpoint; Great Cumbrae's sister island**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16698 56513  
Plaque on plinth next to public benches.

Continue down through Breakough Farm buildings.<sup>15</sup> After the farm turn right then left to head back to Millport.<sup>16</sup> This road takes you onto Kames Street which leads onto the bottom of Ferry Road. Turn right then right again onto Kelburn Street.

## **Resume Millport Town Walk**

Follow Kelburn Street and cross over to the promenade path and follow it round.

### **(J) Crocodile Rock, c.1900; the Clyde's fiercest stone**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16639 54981

Plaque on plinth at path adjacent to Crocodile Rock<sup>17</sup>

Cross over the road on to Glasgow Street continue along and turn right into College Street. Continue up.

### **(K) Cathedral of the Isles, 1849; smallest cathedral in Great Britain**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16488 55173

Return down College Street and enter Garrison grounds.

### **(L) The Garrison, c.1745; summer house of Earls of Glasgow**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16418 55009

Plaque at front door.

Continue through Garrison grounds and cross over street.

### **(M, Part 1) War Memorial, 1922; remembering Cumbrae's sacrifice**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16305 54940

Cross back over onto Guildford Street and continue west.

### **(N) The Wedge; world's narrowest house**

50 Stuart Street

OS Grid Reference – NS 16185 54913

Cross over road to sea wall and continue west.

**(O) Cycling; national sport of Cumbrae**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16108 54827

Plaque on sea wall.

Continue west onto Stuart Street.

**(P) Cumbrae's Piers; jetties, slips and harbours**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16043 54758

Plaque on pillar of sea wall at corner.

Cross over to Cardiff Street<sup>18</sup> and continue up to your right on Golf Road passing Millburn House.

**(Q) Kirkton, c.700; Cumbrae's medieval centre**

OS Grid Reference – NS 15802 55179

Plaque on gatepost of old graveyard.<sup>19</sup>

**<sup>20</sup>This is the end of the Millport Town Walk.**

To continue round the island return down to the bottom of Golf Road and turn right. Walk along West Bay.<sup>21</sup> The road will turn north to take you round the west coast of the island.<sup>22</sup>

**(M, Part 2) War Memorial**

OS Grid Reference – NS 15301 55786

Continue north.<sup>23</sup>

**(R) Fintry Bay Lemonade Factory; Kennedy's Aerated Waters and Tea Room**

OS Grid Reference – NS 15914 56915

Plaque on post at car park across from the tea room.<sup>24</sup>

Continue north.

## **(S) "Hush Hush"; WWII Anti-Submarine Detection Base**

OS Grid Reference – NS 16850 58902

Continue north. The road will take you to the north end of the island.

## **(T) HMS Shearwater, 1844; memorial to two young seamen**

OS Grid Reference – NS 18176 59294

Plaque on plinth next to obelisk.

Continue on the road round to the east coast<sup>25</sup> of the island and back to the ferry slip.<sup>26</sup>

## **This is the end of the walking tour.**

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<sup>1</sup> The slip is constructed on the site of the old Tattie Pier which was used to export potatoes and other produce to the mainland. It was used mostly by puffers until Caledonian MacByayne built the slip in 1971.

<sup>2</sup> Ferry House is next to Balloch Pier and behind it is Down Craig Fort which dates to the Iron Age.

<sup>3</sup> Note the sign post for the Cumbrae Sensory Trail. There are five sign posts round the island for the trail. Web Site - <http://www.cumbraesensorytrail.com/>

<sup>4</sup> In another layby you will find the Wishing Well.

<sup>5</sup> The pier was built in 1984 to replace the original of 1888. Also here is the Scotia Monument which was unveiled by Princess Anne in 2004.

<sup>6</sup> Inside you can visit the Robertson Museum and an aquarium of Clyde sea life.

<sup>7</sup> This forms the Keppel Walls along with the Lion Rock.

<sup>8</sup> On the left is a path you can take going round Farland Point.

<sup>9</sup> This area was known as Over Kames and was a medieval settlement.

<sup>10</sup> In the field here was the mansion house of the Montgomeries of Skelmorlie. In medieval times they owned the eastern half of the island with the western half belonging to the Stewarts of Bute.

<sup>11</sup> You can also see the stone by going up the farm road and looking into the woods.

<sup>12</sup> Just after a farm road forks off the right is the Millport Mineral Well.

<sup>13</sup> At the top of the hill is the Glead Stane deposited there by a glacier.

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<sup>14</sup> On the right you will see a flat area with a bothie – that's the curling pond and club house of the Millport Curling Club. Further on a road leads down to a property called Sheriff's Common. This alludes to this part of the island being used as hunting ground by the Sheriffs of Bute.

<sup>15</sup> Note the red sandstone building on the road – this was the farm's mill.

<sup>16</sup> Turning left after the farm would take you to Lady Margaret Hospital.

<sup>17</sup> The Crocodile Rock is next to the Leck Pier which was used by boat hirers.

<sup>18</sup> This was the oldest part of Millport where the burn ran down to the sea and the crew of the cutter Royal George built one storey thatched houses on either side of it in the second part of the eighteenth century.

<sup>19</sup> The graveyard contains many fascinating memorials. These include the Crawfords, of the Royal George cutter, Andrew Goldie, the explorer, and James Laverton, a veteran of Waterloo.

<sup>20</sup> Continuing up Golf Road takes you past the old Manse (set back from the road), Millport Cemetery and at the end of the road Millport Golf Club.

<sup>21</sup> If you cross the football pitch to the sea wall you will see a WW1 German Howitzer built into it.

<sup>22</sup> You will see a kissing gate giving access to a path across a field. The small bay across from it is Sheriff's Port where the Sheriffs of Bute landed when visiting the island.

<sup>23</sup> Look out for the Indian's Face painted on the cliffs.

<sup>24</sup> This was the site of John Kennedy's lemonade factory.

<sup>25</sup> As you come onto the east coast you will see a small bay. This is Lady's Bay and in the field on the other side of the road is Lady's Grave cairn.

<sup>26</sup> Note the sandstone sculpture at the slip. It was made in 2000 by the Hosenberg Partnership in Galloway.