

Leaving the village the route passes Balcamie Farm and climbs towards Barony Hill. Ascending the hill the track passes close to Machrihill. This was believed to be the site of a cell or chapel founded in the first century by St Machar, but the order of the letters in the name under this unlikely, it contains parts of an oval shaped wooded earth enclosure within which are a large cross base and a pentagonal stone with a faint latin cross and a cross socket. Until recent times Dailly Parish was known as St Machar's Church of Dailly. Crossing the bare hillside the summit of Barony Hill is reached, where there is the opportunity to take in the view and rest on the many oak log seats distributed throughout the walks. It is a joy to walk through Faltraocher Glen following the burn downstream through a marvellous woodland which is the haunt of roe deer, badger, fox and red squirrel.

Barony Hill Walk

6.5 miles / 10.5 km

SYMBOL - Oak leaf from the Collers Oak, where miners used to meet.



Walking the bank of the Water of Girvan the route passes the Dalquharran Mansion, which is conspicuous on high ground on the north side of the river. It was built in 1786 to a design by Robert Adam and commissioned by Thomas Kennedy who married Jean Adam, a niece of Robert. Wings were added to the left and right of the house in 1881 pending a royal visit which never took place. In 1936 it opened its doors as Scotland's grandest youth hostel until the war intervened. After re-crossing the river the ruins of the old Dalquharran Castle can be seen through the woods. The castle dates from the 16th century and was built by a branch of the Kennedys of Culzean and was acquired by Sir Thomas Kennedy of Kirkhill and Colmonell, an offshoot of the Bargany Kennedys who held it until 1935. The grounds contain a walled garden, stables and a family graveyard with an obelisk, crosses, and chest tombs. The path now meanders through a riverside wood of early summer snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells carpet the woodland floor. Before reaching the village the path crosses a footbridge (constructed in 2002) over the River Girvan. This artist designed bridge is the main focus of the paths network around Dailly. The path through the Dalquharran woods to the bridge and from the bridge to the village is suitable for wheelchair access.

A short, circular walk, for those with limited time to sample the area. However, when undoubtedly tempted back, this trail can be linked with the Kilgrammie Walk to make for a longer excursion. From the village a short walk northwards takes you to a woodland path through a tranquil conifer

Quarry Walk

2.5 miles / 4.25 km



On a clear day you can enjoy extensive views of the Ayrshire coast towards the Cumnraes and to the south, overlooking Penwharple reservoir the Southern Uplands stretch to the horizon. To the south, Hadyard Hill Windfarm is a prominent feature. Walkers then need to return along the same route. In the Galloway Hills.

A linear hill walk for those who relish steep, rough walking. The splendid views leading to the top are as good as any in the district. The walk takes you past the cemetery and follows the crystal waters of the Lindsayston Burn. Hadyard Hill looms ahead and with Maxwellston Hill forms an impressive backdrop along the southern boundary of the Girvan Valley. Views open up as height is gained by climbing up the exposed shoulder of Hadyard on to the moorland plateau. This is the habitat of a variety of wildlife including curlew, buzzard, peregrine, kestrel, and merlin. Although waymarked, care should be taken when crossing the hilltop in bad weather as the lack of distinct landmarks on the plateau can make navigation difficult.

With the village of Dailly and the Girvan Valley lying well below, the site of a pre-historic fort on the summit of Maxwellston Hill is reached. The remains of the Pictish fortress consisting of two earthen ramparts and two ditches can be seen. This scheduled monument has associations with Robert the Bruce, who having landed on the Ayrshire coast from Arran took refuge here following an unsuccessful attack on Turnberry Castle. Bruce camped with some 300 men for three days before moving to a more secure location in the Galloway Hills.

Maxwellston Hill Walk

3.5 miles / 5.5 km

SYMBOL - Fence posts access to the countryside.



From the highest point of the woodland, pause and catch your breath. Continuing along the track, the circuit is now complete with the short stroll back into Dailly.

This walk has many associations with the coalmining industry of a bygone era. Walking through Kilgrammie, little remains of the industrial past with new woodland having obscured nearly all traces. An attractive walk through conifers with the possibility of seeing roe deer, squirrel, sparrow hawk, and buzzard. Close by is the old Kilgrammie pit. This was the site where in 1835, John Brown, a 66 year old collier was trapped in a pitfall and remained underground without food for 23 days and came out alive. Most had given John up for dead but several worked on as they thought they heard cries. When they eventually found a totally exhausted John Brown his words were "Boys oh but you were a long a coming". One report says he would have been spared his ordeal had he not turned back to pick up his jacket as others fled the collapsing workings. Sadly John quietly expired three days later and his grave is to be found in the village churchyard.

Kilgrammie Walk

4.75 miles / 7.65 km

SYMBOL - Jack Tamson's Bains, John Thomson the originator of the saying "They're all Jack Tamson's Bains" was born in Dailly. One of the Wee men is a woman, see if you can find her.

An interesting fact is that Ailsa Craig is in Dailly Parish. This is because the island was owned by the Barony of Knockgerron, with Knockgerron being in Dailly Parish. Daily grew as a coalmining village over three centuries ago, however its history and people date back much further. The original church, which was situated at nearby Old Dailly was standing before 1200. The village is well worth exploring with the most interesting part around the church (1766) where a small square is overlooked by a white granite war memorial.

plantation with good open views from the western corner. The seat on this walk is made from a tree called the Charles II oak planted by Bargany Estate to celebrate the restoration of the monarchy. It was known locally as the hangman's oak. For many years the branches were held together by chains some of which are attached to the seat. The tree was blown down in the Boxing Day storm of 1998. Daily grew as a coalmining village over three centuries ago, however its history and people date back much further. The original church, which was situated at nearby Old Dailly was standing before 1200. The village is well worth exploring with the most interesting part around the church (1766) where a small square is overlooked by a white granite war memorial.

Lindsayston Walk

2.75 miles / 4.5 km

SYMBOL - Curling stone, the walk passes the old curling pond.



Leaving the village the route follows the burn through Lindsayston Wood. A series of delightful waterfalls and pools makes this an enchanting, secluded place.

It is a delight to walk along the woodland path which, like other walks around Dailly, is a sanctuary for wildlife. If you are lucky you may see heron and dippers feeding in the burn. The route continues along a section of the unclassified hill road to Barr where, on the left, you can see a small sandstone memorial which is inscribed "Dr C". The identity of the mystery doctor is not known but local legend suggests he was a doctor from Maybole who was killed after being thrown from his horse on this spot, on his way home from visiting a patient.

An interesting relic of a bygone age can be seen at the junction of the track to Balcamie. In the woods beside the burn are the remains of the old waulkmill at Gettybeg. This mill, powered by water from the burn, was used in a process to make heavier and more compact cloth through shrinking and beating. Sadly the waterwheel has long gone.

Return along an attractive narrow track past Balcamie Farm. On the right of the farm road is the site of the old curling pond, now filled in.



Dailly Arts Project

Dailly Community Council decided to enhance the walks with works of art and the benches, waymarkers, and the footbridge in the village are sculptures that are both eye-catching and practical. Nigel Ross made the benches, which are carved from timber gifted by the Bargany and Kilkerran Estates. Jimmie Ritchie designed and made the waymarkers to reflect local history and the then current debate on Land Reform and Access. He talked with the children of Dailly Primary School and the Oak Leaf and Tramway markers were developed from their ideas. Steve Dilworth designed the bridge with help from Professor Iain McLeod of Strathclyde University and Charles Scott and Partners acting as Consulting Engineers. Donald Cameron of AMSCO Alexandria built the bridge. Juliet Dean of PACE Edinburgh was the Arts Consultant to the project.

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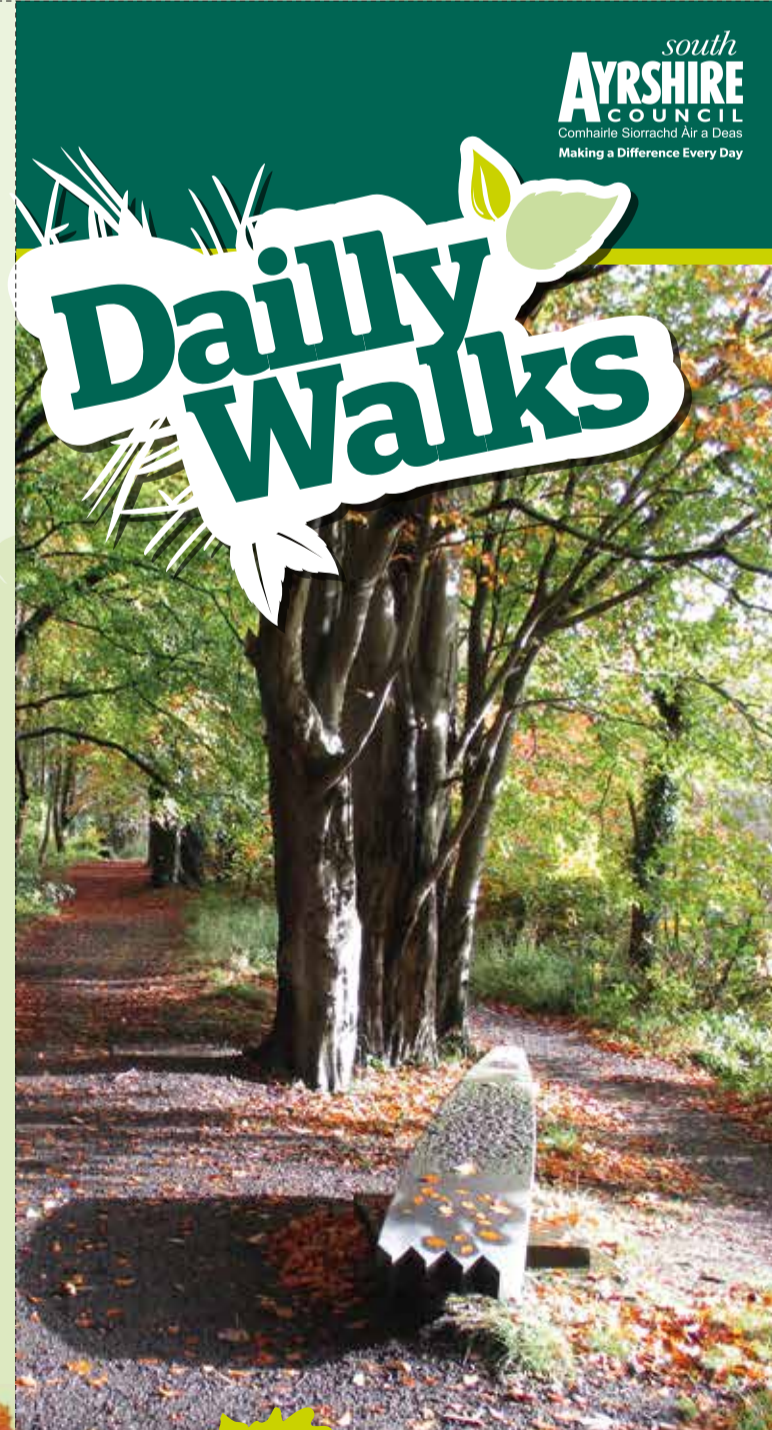
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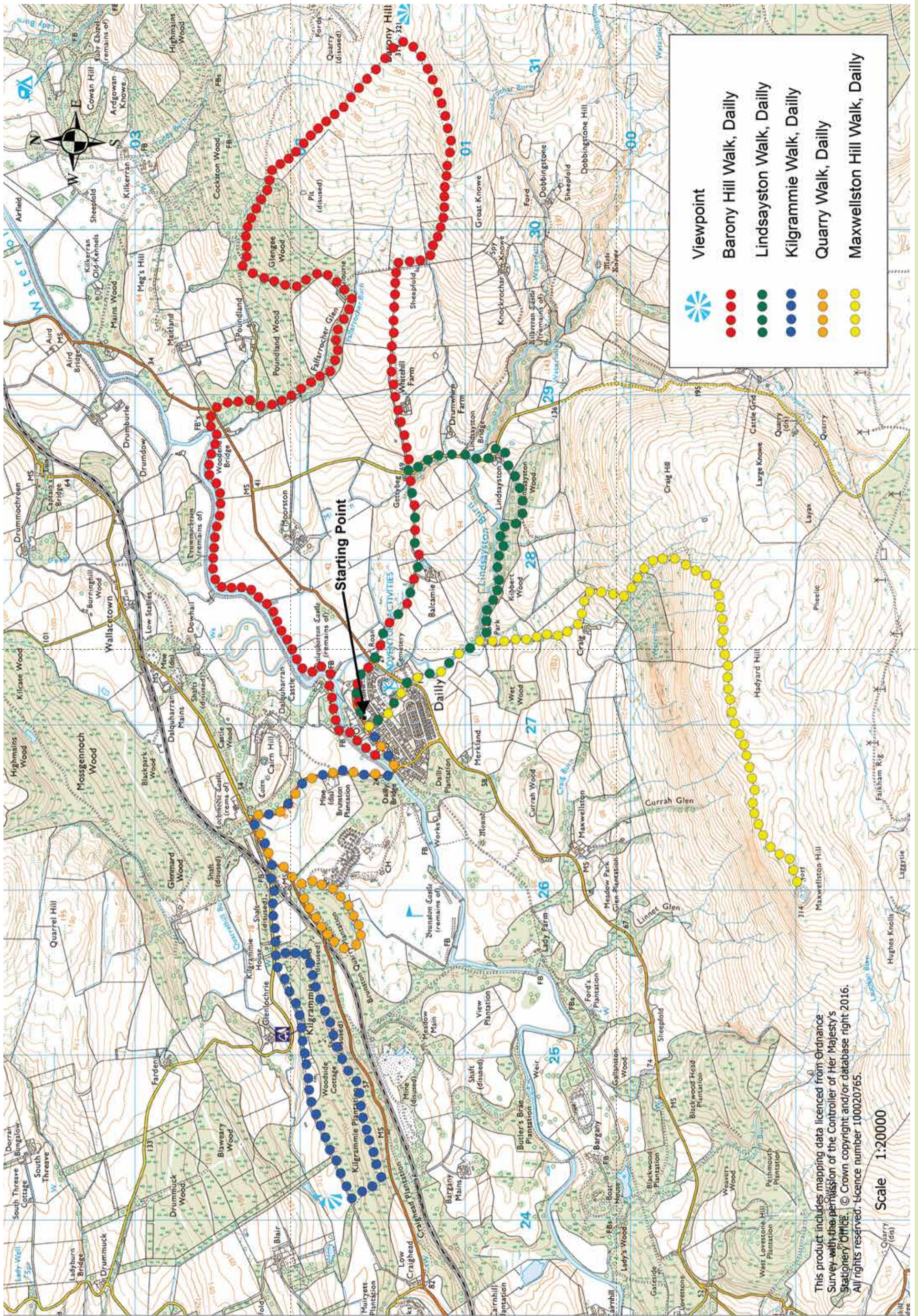
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