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Burns Birthplace Museum from Ayr Station (cycle)

Route Summary

This is not the most direct route from Ayr Station to the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, but is more pleasant and uses quieter roads and cycle paths. It makes use of part of the National Cycle Route 7 and a path along the River Doon.

Route Overview

Category: Road Cycling

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Average

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Difficulty: Easy

Length: 5.430 km / 3.39 mi

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Description

The route starts from Ayr Station and turns left at the exit to cross the one-way system by a set of lights. Cycling can now commence and after a couple of hundred yards on busy city centre road, turns off to the

right and follows quiet, attractive, residential streets to reach the sea-shore. The route joins part of the Ayr Coastal Path, then carries on along the wide Esplanade until the River Doon is reached. The route continues left before the foot-bridge and up the side of the river on a wide cycle path. A short on-road section arrives first of all at the Burns Cottage and then from here the Poet's Path can be accessed for the final section to the Burns Birthplace Museum.

Waypoints

Ayr Station

(55.45810; -4.62600)

Leave the station and go left to cross the main road by a pedestrian crossing (you will need to walk yourbike).

Road crossing

(55.45768; -4.62719)

Cross the busy road at this point then commence cycling, right into the town centre.

Beresford Terrace, A79

(55.45731; -4.62918)

Turn left onto Beresford Road and continue along for about 200 yards.

Midton Road

(55.45629; -4.62928)

Turn right into Bellevue Street to leave the busy main road.

Park Circus

(55.45635; -4.63078)

Turn right onto Park Circus and follow it until it reaches Racecourse Road.

Racecourse Road

(55.45712; -4.63581)

Turn right and go along Racecourse Road then take the first opening on the left onto Fairfield Road.

Fairfield Road

(55.45781; -4.63552)

Turn left into Fairfield Road then continue to end until a small gateway onto the links is reached.

Esplanade

(55.45857; -4.63960)

Cycle across the grass to reach the path then turn left and continue along and onto the Esplanade until the River Doon is reached (about 1 mile)

Blackburn Drive

(55.45550; -4.64160)

At the end of this section of path, turn right onto Blackburn Drive. You are now on National Cycle Route 7.

Esplanade

(55.45569; -4.64283)

Follow National Cycle Route 7 to turn left onto the cycle path along the Esplanade.

River Doon

(55.44066; -4.65070)

Before the bridge over the River Doon, bear left and follow the cycle path that goes up the side of the river.

Road crossing

(55.43700; -4.64641)

Cross the busy road here using the signalled crossing.

Greenfield Avenue

(55.43637; -4.64423)

Continue along Greenfield Avenue until it reaches the Burns Cottage.

Burns Cottage

(55.43217; -4.63537)

This is worth a visit before continuing onto the Birthplace Museum

Poet's Path

(55.43166; -4.63525)

Cross the road from the Cottage and enter the traffic free Poet's Path that runs to the Robert BurnsBirthplace Museum.

Path to Museum

(55.42897; -4.63658)

Turn left and follow the path to see the Birthplace Museum at the other side of the road

Burns Birthplace Museum

(55.42790; -4.63410)

Cycle racks are available next to the car park in front of the Museum.

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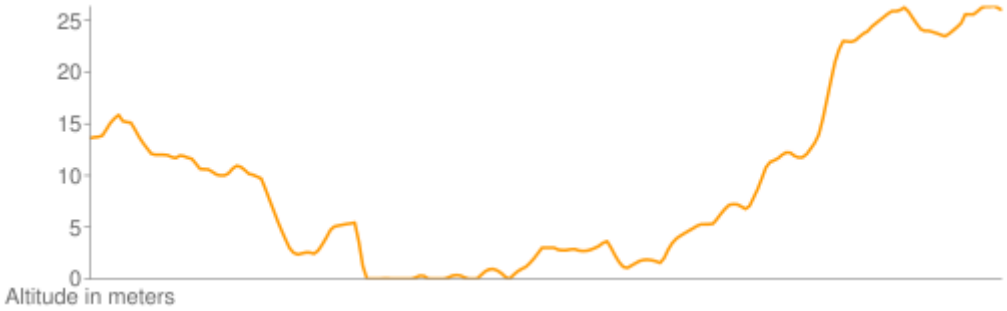
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