



Stage 2: Kilchattan Bay to Port Bannatyne (11.5 miles, 18.5km)

Route Notes:

- Follow the path along the back gardens of the village houses and take the gate leading into the Suidhe Wood, passing the Community Orchard on your right. Stretches of boardwalk will take you safely over some occasionally very boggy sections.
- At the end of the Wood cross the 'Plan Road' to pass down a field leading to the edge of an Airfield and to the Golf Course (take care if any golfers are playing). Near the shore, cross the Course to the rocks and sands of Stravanan Bay beach.
- Walk half way along the shoreline of the bay then turn inland to cross the open grassy area (if cattle are grazing take extra care) to a gate that will lead you up a track to Langanbuinloch Farm. Turn right through the two farmyard gates and up the farm track to the main road – this is a working farm so take special care to leave the gates open or closed as you find them. Turn left here to follow the main road. Soon you will see a lane on your right (with a fingerpost) that will lead you upwards in the direction of Scoulag Moor.
- Follow the track until you reach a T-Junction where a fingerpost will direct you to turn left.
- At the next gate a signpost will direct you to turn right onto Lord James' Ride. Walk uphill and at the summit you will find a stone cairn and a welcome seat from which to enjoy the fine views of Bute and over to Arran....



- From Lord James' Ride, the track will reach a crossroads – turn left here to join the Moor Road. This will take you gently downhill to Loch Ascog, and onwards to a main road, the B881.

- The Way continues across the road, and down through field and track to the causeway near the end of Loch Fad.

After the causeway follow the quiet minor road that will lead you to Barone Cottage and the B878 – on the outskirts of Rothesay. Bear right onto this road and soon you will see a signpost to take you left (over a stile) into a field.

- Cross the field to reach a residential road-end after which you will follow a downhill path and emerge opposite an old school building. Turn left here and, passing a waste transfer station on your left, continue uphill.
- Before you reach Westlands Farm, a Way fingerpost will direct you to turn right onto a long raised track at the edge of a field.
- Continue on this track until you reach the second of two high metal gates – turn left immediately before the gate (as directed by the signpost).
- The path then skirts around the buildings of the Gortans and takes you through gates to reach the Kames Hill woodland. Follow the path downhill (known locally as the Boggely Road) to reach a minor road above the town of Port Bannatyne.
- Turn left and head uphill on this minor road. Bear right before reaching the Golf Clubhouse.
- Immediately on your right is a short path that will take you down to the seafront at Port Bannatyne and **the end of Stage 2 of the Way**.
- If you are pressing on to Stage 3 continue on the path heading downhill through trees and you will emerge onto the A844, with Kames Bay on your right and Kames Castle across the field in front of you. Turn left to begin Section 3 of the Way.