Scotland Visit September 19, 2012

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http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/wigtown/bladnochdistillery/index.html

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Itinerary

- Dumfries
- New Abbey
- Kirkbean / Carsethorn
- Southerness
- Sandyhills
- Bladnoch
- Girvan
- Hotel

Dumfries





New Abbey









WELCOME TO SWEETHEART ABBEY





Discover the romantic tale of this holy place, its noble foundress and her husband's heart.

Open all year

April – September 09:30 - 17:30

October 09:30 - 16:30

November - March Saturday – Wednesday 09:30 - 16:30

Adult 🧌

Concession 🙀

Child (5-15) 🛉

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Last entry 30 minutes before closing.

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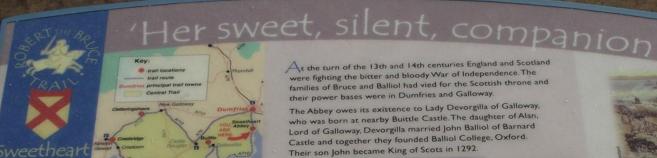












The Central Trail

Where next! Travel south on A710 around the Colvend Coast, then past Dalbeattie to Buittle Castle.

CLASPED TO HER BOSOM

Devorgilla was devoted to her husband, so when he died in 1269, she had his heart embalmed and kept it in a speciallymade casket - her "sweet, silent, companion". In 1273 she established this Abbey where John Balliol is buried. When Devorgilla died in 1289 she too was buried in the abbey with the casket "clasped to her bosom". The monks named the abbey in her memory Dulce Cor - Sweetheart.

At the turn of the 13th and 14th centuries England and Scotland were fighting the bitter and bloody War of Independence. The families of Bruce and Balliol had vied for the Scottish throne and their power bases were in Dumfries and Galloway.

The Abbey owes its existence to Lady Devorgilla of Galloway, who was born at nearby Buittle Castle. The daughter of Alan, Lord of Galloway, Devorgilla married John Balliol of Barnard Castle and together they founded Balliol College, Oxford. Their son John became King of Scots in 1292.



at the east end of Sweetheart Abbey.



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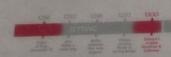
In 1300, King Edward I of England launched an invasion of Galloway, He battered Caerlaverock Castle into submission and pushed further wess reaching the River Cree. However, his campaign was virtually bankrupt and his troops, as well as his barons, began deserting him. As he retreated, he set up camp here at Sweetheart Abbey.

Edward received further bad news when the Archbishop of Canterbury. Robert Winchelsey, delivered a Papal Bull from Pope Boniface VIII The Pope ruled his occupation of Scotland was illegal and urged him to give up his aggression. Little wonder that Edward had cried to avoid the Archbishop since leaving Carlisle.

At this time, the young Robert Bruce was defending his lands in Ayrshire.



The Robert the Bruce Trail features many places in Dumfries and Gallow that played a significant part in the Bruce story. The Trail covers an extensive area, but you can visit to sites individually or follow specifi routes which have been divided three separate car trails - West Central and East in Dumines there is also a town foot trail





Carsethorn John Paul Jones





COMMODORE JOHN PAUL JONES

ILLUSTRIQUE NAVAL HERO OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BORN HERE JULY 6, 1747

THIS TABLET WAS PLACED IN HIS MEMORY BY THE NAVAL HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

AND

THE ARMY AND NAVY CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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WASHINGTON D.C., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A.D. 1953









Southerness

Windfarm in the middle of the Solway Firth.

Looking across to English Lake District







Sandyhills Picnic site









Bladnoch Distillery





















ASPECTS OF WIGTOWNSHIRE





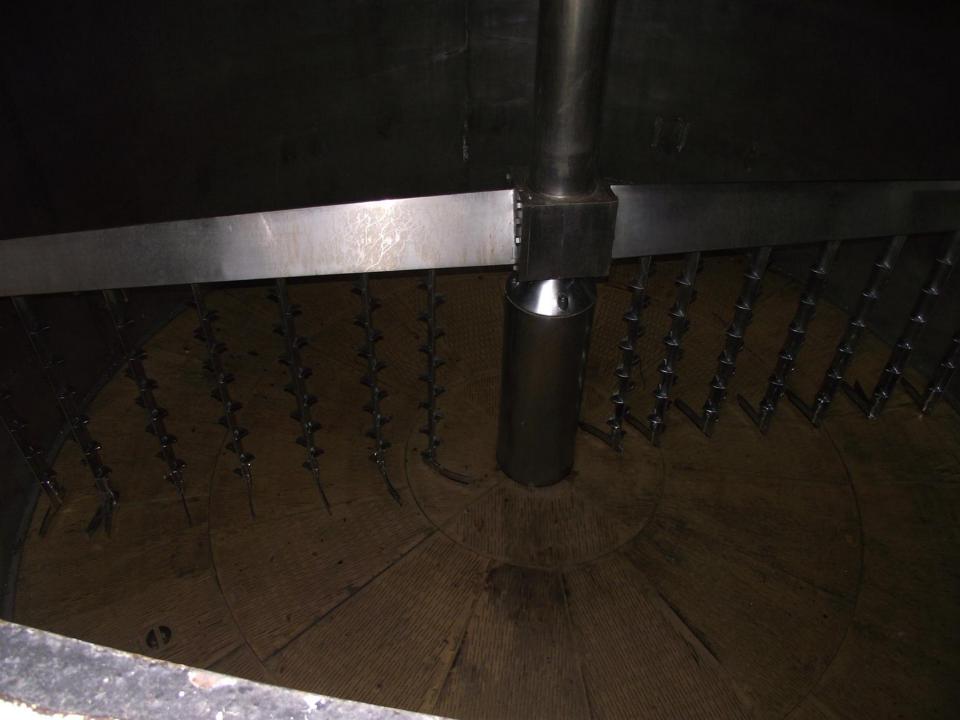




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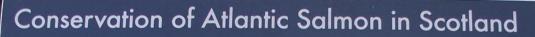












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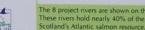
















Read more about the project at www.snh.org.uk/salmonlifeproject

River Bladnoch

The River Bladnoch rises out of Loch Maberry and flows over moors, forestry and farmland before entering the Solway Firth at Wigtown Bay. The Galloway Fisheries Trust, The Forestry Salmon Fishery Board are the partners delivering the following project actions here:

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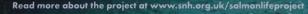


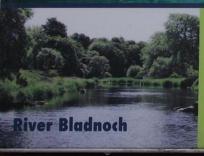






The 8 project rivers are shown on the map. These rivers hold nearly 40% of the Scotland's Atlantic salmon resource.





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