



## WALK REPORT

### GARLIESTON TO SORBIE TOWER COASTAL WALK

GARLIESTON CARAVAN & MOTORHOME CLUB SITE TO SORBIE TOWER, SCOTLAND

- DATE:** 23 May 2026 (Saturday)
- TIME:** Approximately 8:00 AM
- WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Clear and sunny
- HABITAT TYPES:** Coastal village, harbour, open countryside, farmland, coastal grassland

#### ROUTE SUMMARY

Starting from the Garlieston Caravan and Motorhome Club Site, the walk began through the harbour and coastal village before continuing through open countryside towards Sorbie Tower. The route was extremely flat, tarmacked all the way, and offered beautiful coastal and rural scenery.

- WALK DURATION:** Approximately 1 hour
- DISTANCE:** Approximately 3.5 miles
- DIFFICULTY:** Very easy. Extremely flat and tarmacked throughout, suitable for those with mobility considerations.

#### BIRDS IDENTIFIED (21 SPECIES)

1.		<b>Common Wood-Pigeon</b> <i>Columba palumbus</i>	Common in fields and around site.
2.		<b>European Starling</b> <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Seen in small groups around village.
3.		<b>Eurasian Jackdaw</b> <i>Corvus monedula</i>	Frequent around buildings and fields.
4.		<b>Rook</b> <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Seen in fields and flying overhead.
5.		<b>Eurasian Blackcap</b> <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Heard singing in hedgerows.
6.		<b>European Robin</b> <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Frequently observed along the route.
7.		<b>Great Spotted Woodpecker</b> <i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Heard and seen in wooded areas.
8.		<b>Common Chaffinch</b> <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Common in hedges and trees.
9.		<b>Eurasian Wren</b> <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Heard and seen in bushes and hedges.
10.		<b>House Sparrow</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Observed in village and near buildings.
11.		<b>Carrion Crow</b> <i>Corvus corone</i>	Common along the route.
12.		<b>Eurasian Blackbird</b> <i>Turdus merula</i>	Seen and heard throughout.
13.		<b>Barn Swallow</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Flying over fields and near the harbour.
14.		<b>Sedge Warbler</b> <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Heard singing in coastal vegetation.
15.		<b>Willow Warbler</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Heard regularly in hedgerows.
16.		<b>Dunnock</b> <i>Prunella modularis</i>	Seen along hedges and edges.
17.		<b>White Wagtail</b> <i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	Seen near harbour and on route.
18.		<b>Eurasian Blue Tit</b> <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Common in hedges and trees.
19.		<b>Greater Whitethroat</b> <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Heard singing in through scrub.
21.		<b>Song Thrush</b> <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Heard singing in wooded areas.



Sunrise over the harbour, Garlieston, Dumfries & Galloway, Scotland



#### UPLOADED PHOTOS

Yes



#### MERLIN BIRD ID SCREENSHOTS INCLUDED

Yes



#### SPECIES REMOVED FOLLOWING REVIEW

Stock Dove and Common Ringed Plover removed from final checklist.



#### NOTABLE SIGHTINGS

Particularly notable species included Greater Whitethroat, Sedge Warbler, White Wagtail, and Great Spotted Woodpecker.



#### GENERAL WALK NOTES

This was a lovely early morning walk along the Ayrshire coast from Garlieston Caravan and Motorhome Club Site to Sorbie Tower. The walk began through the harbour and coastal village before continuing through open countryside with fine views and fresh, clear air.

The route is extremely flat, fully tarmacked and accessible, making it ideal for walkers of all abilities, including those with mobility issues.

A wide variety of birds were seen and heard along the way, with warblers particularly active in the coastal scrub and hedgerows.



#### CHECKLIST SUMMARY

Total Species Identified: 21

##### Most Notable Species:

Greater Whitethroat, Sedge Warbler, White Wagtail, Great Spotted Woodpecker

##### Merlin Bird ID Records:

Included in report documentation

##### Website:

feathertrailuk.co.uk

