

## 6. South Alloa



### Finding your way

START: Netherby Road car park, Airth

- 1 As you leave the car park walk down Netherby road to the Main Road and turn right follow the pavement passing the sign post for Airth Pineapple until you come to the village of Dunmore.
- 2 Turn right into the village and walk through the village. There is no pavement in the village and please respect the privacy of the villagers. Walk past the village green then turn left just before the bowling hut down a rough track.
- 3 At the sub station turn right at the wooden sign post which will take you round the Pyetree Cottages. Crossing a wooden bridge will bring you out onto a farmland edge. (Take care to avoid damage of crops)
- 4 From here you follow the Firth of Forth. There are sign posts along the route and one small section of steps. The sea wall section is rough underfoot. There are

three kissing gates situated at various points along this route.

- 5 From the path you can see Clackmannan Church and Tower with great views of the Ochil Hills. There is also lots of wildlife associated with the estuary and surrounding farmland in particular wildfowl.



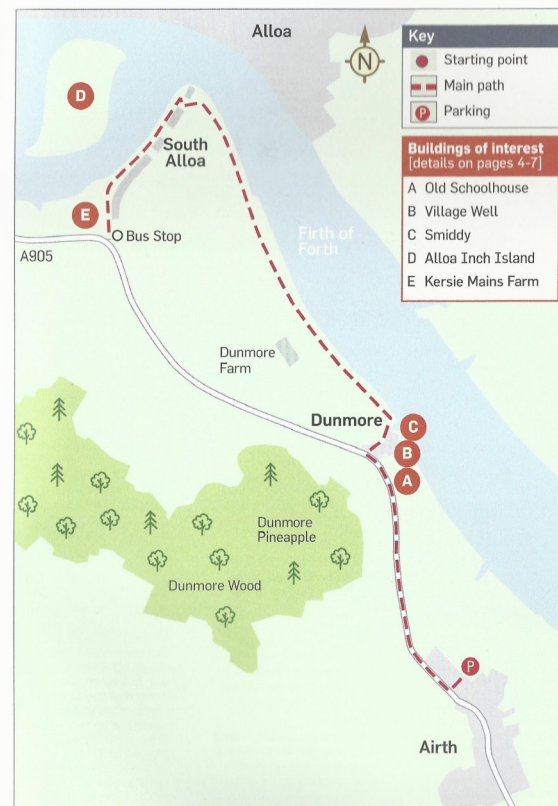
- 6 Eventually you reach South Alloa via a kissing gate. When you reach the road turn right and diagonally opposite is another kissing gate which continues along the coastline. From this path there are great views of Stirling Castle and Wallace Monument.

- 7 The island you also see is Alloa Inch. At one time it was a 42.5 acre grazing salt marsh until a one mile long embankment encircling the island was

built converting it into a 77 acre rich arable land. In 1806 a farmhouse and steadings were built and the island was continuously farmed for 170 years. In 1983 a breach in the embankment occurred and led to the abandonment of the farm. In 1996 Scottish Wildlife Trust purchased the

island and now manage it as a salt marsh reserve and it is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

- 8 When you come to a kissing gate to your left head out onto the road, continue along the pavement to the end of the village. When you come to the main road turn left and you will see the bus stop where the bus will take you back to Airth village.



Source: *Walk, Ride and Cycle in and around Airth Parish*

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