

WELCOME TO OUR UNESCO BIOSPHERE!

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire was designated a UNESCO Biosphere in 2012. Internationally recognised as a world class environment for people and nature, our Biosphere covers more than 5,200 km² of southwest Scotland, following the rivers that flow out of the Galloway Hills through forests and farmland, villages and towns, all the way to a ruggedly scenic coast. It is a place for adventure, discovery and inspiration, where we work together to support wildlife, build stronger communities, and find sustainable ways to live.



We and the Biosphere businesses are committed to sustainable tourism. Look out for our Proud Supporter and Biosphere Certification Mark logos as you explore.



GALLOWAY AND SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE BIOSPHERE

LUGAR WATER OCHILTREE



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●●● LUGAR WATER WALK



Undulating riverside paths, some muddy sections in wet weather, may pass through cattle in fields, gates, Whisky Glen path moderately steep.

Ochiltree Hub to Barony A-Frame
1.8km / 40min

Ochiltree Hub to Dumfries House
2km / 50min



BIOSPHERE WALKS

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Boswell's Coachhouse

Boswell's Coachhouse on the Auchinleck Estate has a café and play area and links to the River Ayr Way through the woodland.

The conservation village of Ochiltree, a Biosphere Community, is one of the oldest villages in East Ayrshire. The Ochiltree Hub is a community owned facility with café, start your walk here!

The Barony A-Frame stands in memory of the coal mining industry that once dominated this area and the miners who toiled in tough conditions to bring coal to the surface from deep below. The site is a must-see and offers stories and memories of the coal mines.



- Bus Stop
- View Point
- Café
- Toilets
- Gardens
- Stately Home

AUCHINLECK

Old Stone Brig (1867)

Ochiltree Hub

OCHILTREE

Corn Mill (rem.)

Barony A-Frame

Dumfries House

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To Cumnock

With a mixture of woodland, scrub and grassland along its banks, and a rocky bed underneath, the Lugar Water provides a rich variety of habitat for wildlife. Take a slow meander along the Lugar Water path and keep an eye out for otter or birds such as kingfisher, little grebe, dippers or grey wagtail, or some of the many birds of prey that hunt in the area. On the banks keep watch for butterflies and dragonflies swooping amongst the dense vegetation.



Dumfries House is a beautiful estate and 18th century house owned by the Prince's Foundation, with café, play areas, walks and walled gardens.