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| **Kirkcudbright Walks : Torrs Point**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Walk Details** | | | | | **Distance** | **Approx. time** | **Height gain** | **OS Map** | | 14km / 8 ½ miles | 4 to 5 hours | - | Landranger 84 | | |  | | --- | |  |   **Location** From A75, follow A711 to Kirkcudbright.  **Start Point** Selkirk Arms Hotel   **Description** From the front entrance, turn right onto the main road then left. Walk out of town, following the A711 going south to Dundrennan and Auchencairn, along the roadside pavement. This road follows the coast until it reaches Mutehill.  There are benches along the way and a few points where you can leave the road and get access to the shore. Immediately across the bay you will see St. Mary's Isle, which is not really an island but a peninsula. Towards the end of this peninsula is Paul Jones' Point, named after John Paul Jones - the first hero of the American navy. It was on St. Mary's Isle in 1788 that he attempted to capture the Earl of Selkirk. His plan was to exchange him for captured American sailors but he was unsuccessful since the Earl was in England at the time.  The mudflats (known as Manxman's Lake) between St. Mary's Isle and the road are a great spot for watching waders and geese. Continuing from here, you will soon reach Mutehill. Take the minor road to the right. This quiet road takes you along the shore where you can enjoy uninterrupted views over the Bay. After about a mile you reach a group of houses and a fork in the road. Leave the road, taking the right fork and follow the track, which continues alongside the shore. This takes you through a strip of woodland to the Lifeboat Station.   From the Lifeboat Station, continue along the track through the wood, heading for the next stage of the walk - Torrs Point. Where the main track curves back round to the Lifeboat Station, take the grassy track straight ahead. This takes you through the woodland, keeping close to the shore where there are many opportunities to glimpse the stunning coastline. Soon you come to a stile, which takes you into a field.  Turn right and follow the edge of the field and you will arrive at the cliff top, with extensive views across Kirkcudbright Bay to the Isle of Man and the Cumbrian Coast. The island in the foreground with its lighthouse is Little Ross.  Once you reach Torrs point and have enjoyed the view and had a well-earned rest, you can then retrace your steps to Kirkcudbright. | | | | |  |