

Baldernock

Trail data

- Distance: 8.3km
- Potential Trail Hubs: N/A
- Destination Points: Baldernock Lynn
- Nearby amenities: Cafe at Balmore
- Transport connections: Buses at Balmore, limited on-road parking at Baldernock Parish Church
- Connecting routes: To Torrance and Milngavie
- Distance to next nearest trail: Less than 1km to Torrance
- Recommended start point: Baldernock Parish Church
- Recommended direction: Anti-clockwise

Trail length

Baldernock and Bardowie loop: 8.3km climbing 134m.

Trail overview

The proposed Baldernock trail utilises a larger proportion of on-road (B road) routes than any of the other trails, making it more widely accessible. The route includes a gradual ascent towards Baldernock Lynn from which there are views to the south. Sections of the route through managed landscapes at Balmore Golf Course and past Bardowie Estate contrast with the open fields around Tower Road and the woodland towards the Blairskaith Quarry.

Notes on additional routes

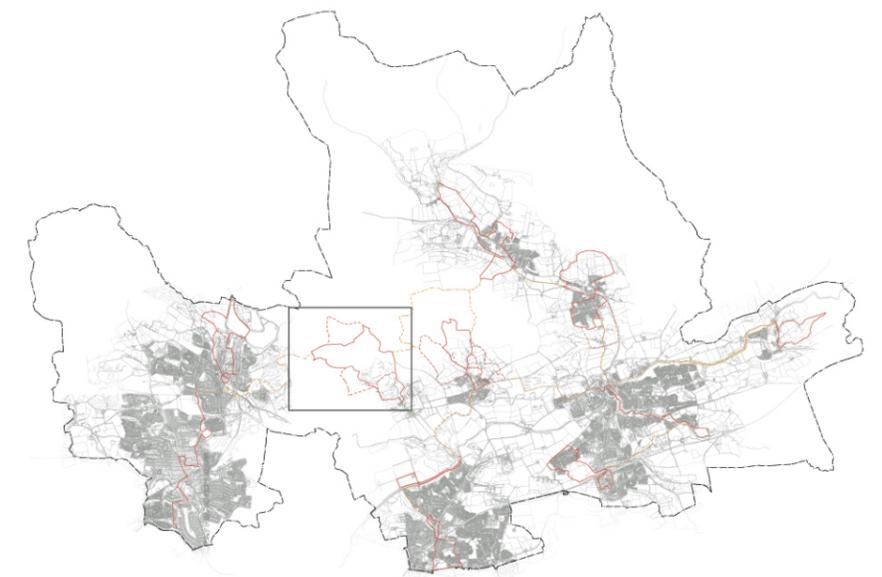
An additional extension route is suggested to cover the higher ground at High Blochairn which includes more extensive views across the south and west and other points of archeological interest including remains of Cairns and the Auld Wives' Lift. This route is all along minor road and therefore could form an ideal more accessible or cycle-friendly loop when taken in conjunction with the Fluchter Road / Tower Road section of the proposed route.

The status of these additional extension routes will be to suggest additional walking routes in the area with associated heritage whilst not

actually placing heritage information or arts interventions along these routes. All arts and heritage information, interpretation and artworks locations will be contained within the main trail routes.

Key to proposed trail map

Recommended Trail Start / Finish	
Destination point / Trail hub	
Heritage interest site	
Viewpoint	
Trail marker	
Trail interpretation point	
Lure location	
EDC boundary	
Proposed Trail route	
Additional / extension trail route	
Recommended connecting routes between trails	
Railway lines	
Railway stations	



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The following maps demonstrate the spatial strategy for the Baldernock trails.

The heritage and proposed trails are presented on two maps per area:

- Map 2A - Existing heritage locations
- Map 2B - Existing heritage locations plus proposed trail routes hubs, lures, interpretation, markers, viewpoints.

The heritage that has been mapped is the information which has been uncovered by the Trails and Tales team through the life of the project from desk research, site visits and community consultations. It is not an exhaustive list but a snapshot of heritage which has been communicated as important in the life of the area. Through the process of matching locations and heritage stories, many important sites have been noted on the following maps. Only heritage which has a place or site associated with it has been shown in the list and maps, however the project does have repositories of other heritage information for each area which are for now 'place-less' but may inform the production of artistic responses in other ways.

We have been as accurate as possible in defining heritage locations but some discrepancies may remain.

Mapped Heritage

01. Craigmaddie Castle
02. Auld Wives' Lift
03. Cairns
04. Boundary marker stones
05. Branziert Burn Parish Boundary 1649
06. Blairskaith Civil starfish Decoy
07. Lynn Caves
08. Brick and tile quarry
09. Decoy sites bunkers
10. Lime Road
11. WW2 Control room
12. Lime Master's House
13. Meal Mill (Mealy Brae)
14. Estate wall (remains of)
15. Former nursery site
16. Coffin Road
17. Baldernock Primary School (and Beanscroft)
18. Fluchter Mill
19. North Bardowie Farm House (Tobacco Lord)
20. Baker's Hole
21. Old Free Kirk
22. Chauffeurs House
23. Bardowie Loch infil site
24. Bog Hall arts & crafts house (listed)
25. Bardowie Estate / castle
26. Flora Wood @ The Jaw
27. Station Road, Bardowie
28. Robinsfield House
29. Baldernock Mill
30. Baldernock Parish Church
31. War memorial
32. Old manse 1736

Trail themes

Strong themes emerged from the Baldernock heritage and consultation around ideas of earth and land and the transformation of materials, including minerals, mines, mills, farming and growing, stones & caves, burial (coffin road and Baker's hole) and former Bardowie loch infilled. Those sites which relate to this theme have been highlighted in orange above.



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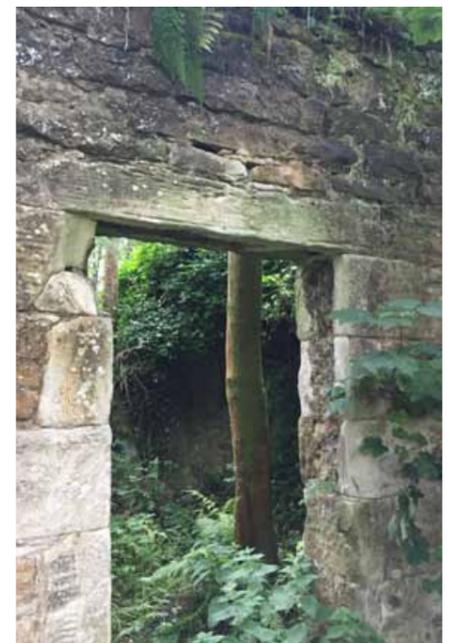
Trail description

The suggested trail start is at Baldernock Parish Church, there is some limited parking available on-road nearby. From the church the trail heads south along Craigmaddie Road for a short distance before taking an unmarked road on the left just before Kettlehill Farm. Following this road for a short distance the trail emerges at the junction with Fluchter Road and takes a left to continue along this road to the north east. After a short distance Baldernock Primary School can be seen on the right hand side and the route turns into the drive at the school and continues through past the car park and onto Golf Course Road, crossing the Branziet Burn. The route continues along this road for a short distance before turning right across the golf course in the direction of the burn and a narrow foot bridge over the burn which is visible from the road. The route then turns left and follows closely beside the burn, by now on the southern side of the burn. The route continues to follow the burn until it meets again with Golf Course Road. Turning right onto the road, the route follows the road past the Club House and car park with good views to the south and Balmore. The road continues towards Balmore, passing the boundary of the estate on the left hand side.

The trail then arrives at a crossroads, surrounded by houses on all sides and takes a left to join Glenorchard Road, following this road for some distance past numerous twists in the road to follow the eastern edge of the estate, with the estate wall visible in places. The trail continues along Glenorchard Road, emerging from the woodland of the estate into open fields and climbing gently uphill towards Tower Road. At the junction with Tower Road the trail turns left and follows this road for a short distance until East Blairskaith Farm where it turns right to head up a track towards the old quarry. Passing the farmhouse on the right, the track begins to climb more steeply through woodland. The track emerges onto a path and the trail takes a left to travel the short distance to the junction with Baldernock Lynn. On joining this road the trail takes a left to begin the descent back towards Baldernock with great views towards the south west. This road then ends at the junction with Tower Road and the trail turns right, following Tower Road until the junction with Craigmaddie Road. At this junction the trail turns left and returns to the start point at Baldernock Parish Church.



Baltimore Parish Church



Baltimore Golf Club