

# Torrance

## Trail data

- Distance: 6.2km
- Potential Trail Hubs: Potentially the community centre
- Destination Points: Langshot woodland, The Plum
- Nearby amenities: Torrance village centre shops / cafe
- Transport connections: Buses through Torrance, limited on-street parking
- Connecting routes: To Baldernock, Lennoxton, Kirkintilloch and Bishopbriggs
- Distance to next nearest trail: Approx 1km to Baldernock
- Recommended start point: War memorial on Main Street
- Recommended direction: Clockwise

## Trail length

Torrance main loop: 6.2km climbing 125m.

## Trail overview

The proposed Torrance trail forms an extensive loop around the village, utilising both the village core and outlying areas. This loop contains much of the Torrance heritage, however two additional legs are proposed to the west and east which lengthen the trail and aid connections to other areas as well as furthering the number of heritage sites related to the trail themes which the trail can pass through.

Torrance is very centrally positioned within East Dunbartonshire and is naturally well connected to other towns and villages. The Trails and Tales team have developed a series of suggested connecting routes between all towns and villages which feature an arts and heritage trail, and Torrance is ideally placed to form the central hub of all other trails forming spokes around Torrance. Torrance therefore has four connecting

routes emerging from it, in all four compass directions.

## Additional extension routes

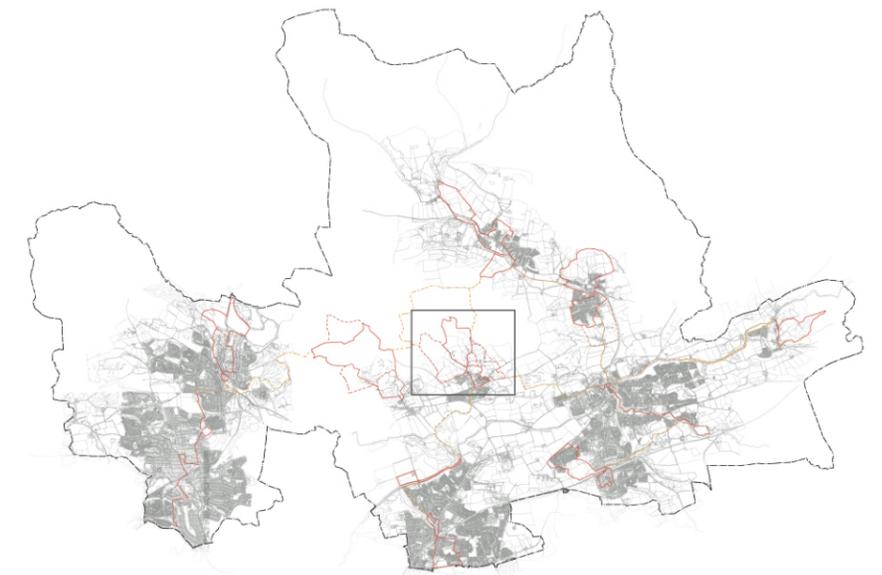
A number of additional routes are suggested to cover the extensive heritage of Torrance which was communicated at the consultation. This includes an additional section at Carlston Hill Farm which takes in 'The Plum', sausage sizzle area and the nursery tearoom and joins to Campsie Road and links into the connecting route to Kirkintilloch.

Additionally another section is proposed at Barrastoun Road and Tower Road, this also connects through the fairy glen route and into the connecting route towards Baldernock. This route also heads north towards the Lime Kilns area.

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

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| 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 Torrance 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. Torrance Main Street
02. Wardend Road artists
03. Fairy Glen / Artists' Walk
04. Hole - miners' cottages
05. Lime Kilns
06. Barraston Farm and Stone Quarry
07. Old cart Road
08. Balgrochan Mill
09. Sausage sizzle picnic site (The Glen)
10. The Plum
11. Old well (The Cauld Well)
12. Torrance Tenement
13. Sir/Lady McFarlane at Meadowbank House
14. Hungryside Bridge at the Canal
15. Campsie Show site
16. War memorial
17. Kelvin Valley Railway station (site of)
18. Fountain Well
19. Caldwell Halls

### Trail themes

Themes for the Torrance trail relate to the potential for a 'Miss Pirie' trail picking up on the heritage of the Miss Pirie Logbooks or a reference to an artist's trail taking in the 'Artist's Way' heritage of Wardend Road. As Torrance has so much potential to act as a central hub for the connecting routes of all the trails, there is potential to a Miss Pirie related trail to connect to other Pirie connected sites throughout East Dunbartonshire such as at Clachan of Campsie and Baldernock.



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### Trail description

The proposed trail start is at the war memorial on Main Street in the Village Centre. This provides an easy to locate central landmark with some on street parking available nearby a few hundred metres to the north and bus connections close by on Main Street. The war memorial also provides an immediate introduction to Torrance heritage. From here the trail heads north along main street, passing the junction with Campsie Road and on to West Balgrochan Road. The trail continues north on West Balgrochan Road passing Torrance Community Centre and West Acre Park. The route passes Wardend Road, where artistic connections and links to Fairy Glen could be highlighted. The route continues north passing villas and cottages and the village edge, with private gardens giving way to open fields and farm buildings as the route moves onto Barraston Road from where good views can be had to the south and west. Shortly after Leitchbank and Drumbayne Cottage the route takes a path on the right-hand-side which enters immediately through a farm gate and follows an informal path uphill, parallel to a line of trees and with a wire and post fence lining the path. The entrance to this path is well signposted as 'Langshot Woodland'. The trail follows this path to the crest of the hill, with great views in all directions. The path moves from gravel surface to rough trodden grassland and continues along the crest of the hill before descending towards Red Burn with views towards Langshot Farm. There is a newly commissioned footbridge over the Red Burn from which the trail heads north uphill along rough track before taking a right to the boundary of the Langshot woodland, marked by an equestrian kissing gate. The path route continues through young woodland and descends back towards the burn, following the north bank of the burn until the path meets Acre Valley Road.

At Acre Valley Road the route heads south back towards the village, taking a left at the cottages just before the junction with Barrastoun Road and West Balgrochan Road to head through an access point behind the houses which leads to woodland. After a short section through a wooded area, the trail emerges into fields with views to the south and towards the block of tenements at School Road, creating an intriguing landscape. The route continues across the field path, crossing at access points through field boundaries and hedgerows. At school road the route takes a right, moving south again towards the village and

past the tenement housing on the right hand side. The trail continues on School Road until taking a right onto Mill Crescent which it follows for its duration, snaking towards the main road - Campsie Road. At entry onto Campsie Road the trail takes a left for approximately 50m and then takes a right at a stepped path towards housing on Park Crescent. Park Crescent emerges onto a footpath which leads towards the old railway path which skirts the southern edge of Torrance. The trail follows the old railway path through woodland surroundings back towards Main Street and the starting point of the trail at the war memorial.



Langshot Woodland



Campsie Road