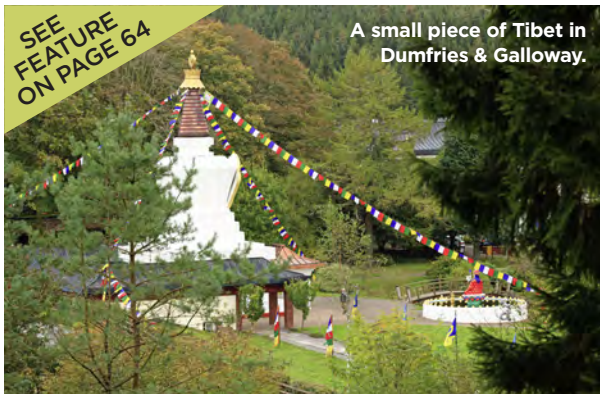




# 24 DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY WISP HILL & GREY HILL

▶ Distance: 12.2km/7½ miles ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate

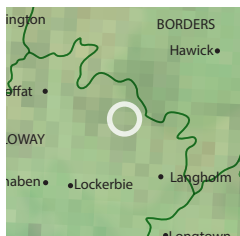


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A small piece of Tibet in  
Dumfries & Galloway.

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## PLAN YOUR WALK



## ROUTE

**Start/parking** Bus stop/  
layby by Eskdalemuir  
church, grid ref NY252978

**Is it for me?** Early paths  
easy but higher sections  
often trackless (although  
plantation fence helps).  
Navigation round  
Raeburnside farm tricky  
**Stiles** 2

## PLANNING

**Nearest town**  
Lockerbie, Langholm  
**Refreshments** None on  
route (Monastery tearoom  
just up the road).  
**Public toilets** None  
**Public transport** Bus 112  
(from Lockerbie) and 124  
(from Langholm) to  
Eskdalemuir & Samye Ling.  
[www.houstonscoaches.co.uk](http://www.houstonscoaches.co.uk)  
**Maps** OS Explorer 323,  
Landranger 79



**CHOSEN BY...**  
**NICK HALLISSEY**

This walk explores  
the untrodden hills  
and valleys of Scotland's  
Eskdale, from the summit of  
Grey Hill to the twisting White  
Esk river. Expect huge views  
across a vast and empty  
upland from Grey Hill on a  
good day. Afterwards you can  
visit Samye Ling, the largest  
Tibetan monastery in western  
Europe, which is just up the  
road – and even stay the night  
there, if you want a complete  
break from the norm.

to Clerkill Farm (footpath  
sign for Grey Hill). Climb  
track towards farm, ignoring  
branching track L. Just before  
farm, turn L with footpath sign,  
then after 100 yards (sign) go  
through gate to emerge on  
hillside. Turn R (fence and farm  
R) and follow path over brow  
of hill. At far corner of field, go  
through kissing-gate and follow  
rough path up valley with river  
R. Path is boggy in places but  
then joins farm track. Continue  
on track to reach ford.

**2** 2km/1½ miles

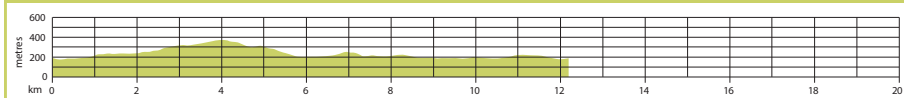
Cross with care then  
branch R away from track,  
following path uphill towards  
plantation on horizon.  
Reaching crest of ridge, follow  
plantation fenceline R across

Mid Knowe. Path becomes  
trackless but stay with fence,  
continuing for a further mile to

## 1 Start

Follow road south and round  
bend, L, crossing bridge over  
river. Where road bends R,  
continue ahead on access track

## GRADIENT PROFILE



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► OS Explorer map 323 ► Buy maps at: [ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapshop](http://ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapshop)

reach the summit of Grey Hill (fine views here).

## 3 4km/2½ miles

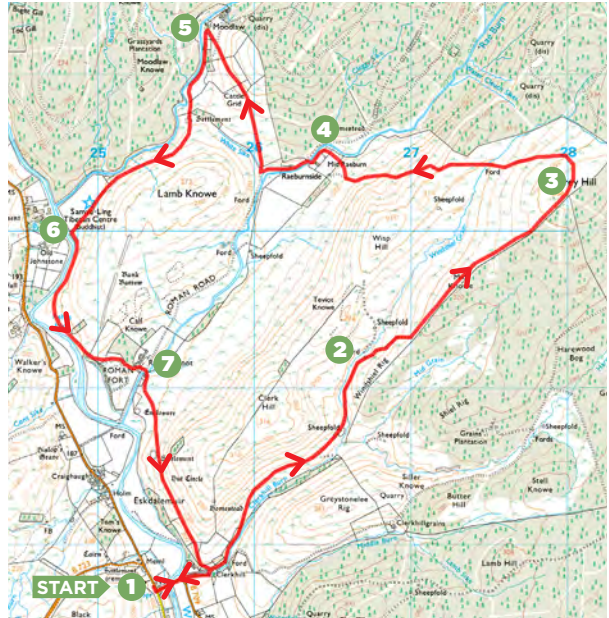
Veer L (north) and follow indistinct path which eventually firms up into a descending track, crossing the northern flank of Wisp Hill. At bottom (Raeburnside), veer R at small tin-roof barn and head across meadow to far right corner and reach riverside. Turn L on rough path beside river to reach footbridge at Raeburnside farm. Turn R to cross bridge.

## 4 6.1km/3¾ miles

Turn L on track, through gate and continue to junction with another track. Turn R and follow this track, crossing cattle grid and climbing gradually. Descend far side to reach crossroads of tracks just above Moodlaw cottage.

## 5 7.3km/4½ miles

Turn L and follow track through small plantation and down to riverside. Follow river for just under a mile, passing through gate and past old



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charabanc coach to re-enter Eskdale valley (Samye Ling monastery in view ahead).

## 6 8.8km/5½ miles

Just before river, branch L across meadow, climbing steep bank. Follow track around contour of hillside, continuing

S. Path becomes track as it rounds earthworks of fort, then descends to Raeburnfoot farm. R on farm track then take second track R. Follow back to Clerkhill Farm. Then R and retrace steps down access track to road, across bridge and round bend to start. **CW**

Raeburnside  
from Wisp Hill.



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