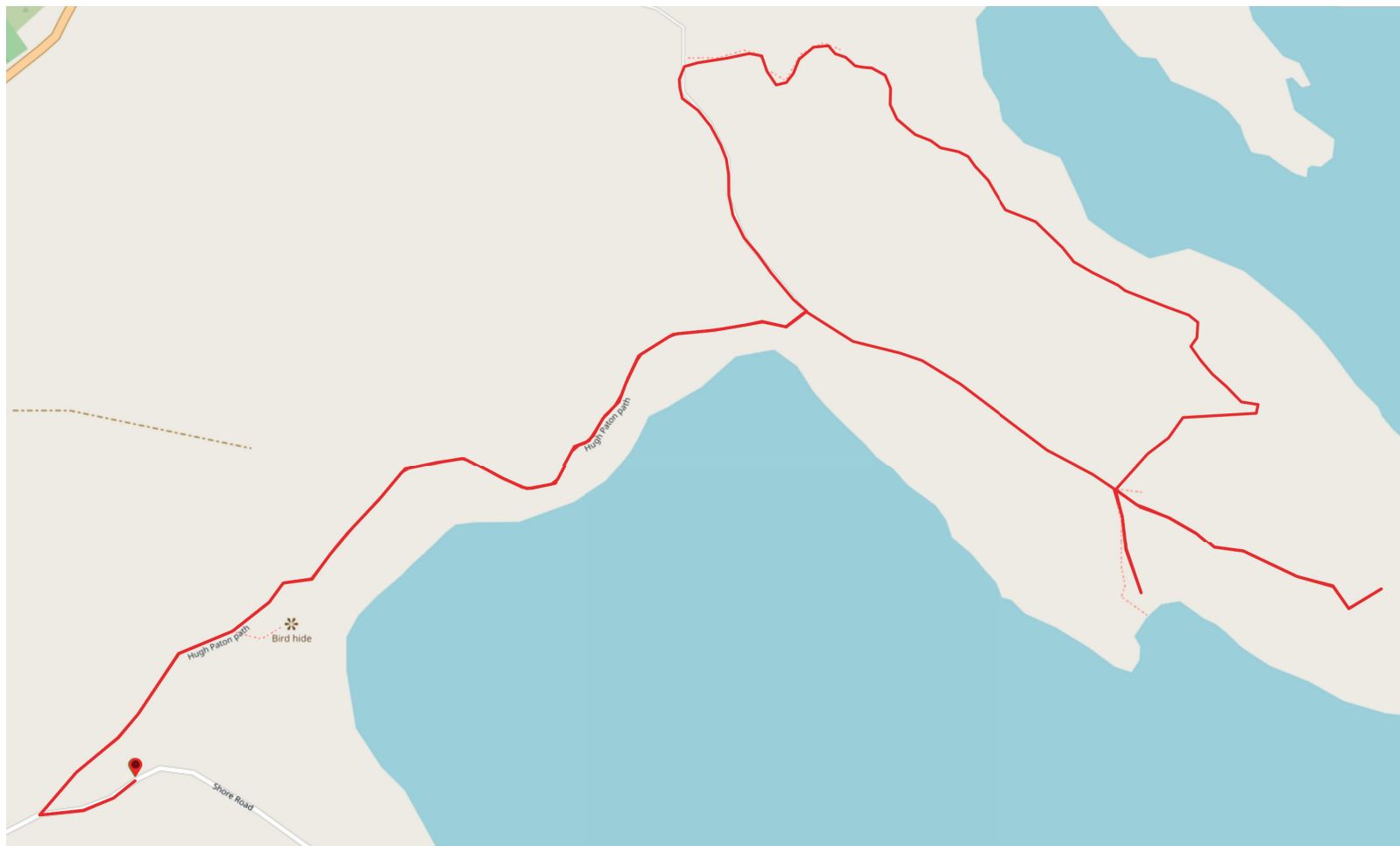


# Red Haven and Torr Point

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- Leave gates as you find them
- Walk to the edges of crop fields, not across the middle
- Keep dogs on leads, especially if there is livestock in the field
- Cows with calves can be aggressive
- There is a large tidal range in the Solway Firth. Be careful if venturing into the tidal zone.

**— - Walk**

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**A scenic coastal walk with opportunities for wildlife spotting. Warning: The path around the end of Auchencairn Bay can be very muddy and can be flooded at high spring tides.**

**Start:** At a car park next to the bowling club on the road to Balcary Bay from Auchencairn.

**Refreshments:** Part-time café in Auchencairn, Café in Dundrennan

**Note:** It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. Thank you for your help. *Happy walking.*

## WALK

**1.** Start from a car park next to Auchencairn bowling club. Walk back a few yards towards Auchencairn and go through a gate into a small park with a war memorial where a footbridge leads over the Auchencairn Burn. Follow the edge of the burn rightwards across fields and through two gates. You will reach an area of reed beds where a short diversion leads to a thatched bird hide.

**2.** The bird hide is a good place to look for reed buntings which nest in this area. Return to the path and follow the fence line before crossing over to the shore of Auchencairn Bay. There is a boardwalk along much of this section to keep you out of some of the boggy sections. Barnacle geese may be seen grazing the fields here in winter. The path continues around the head of the bay and meets a track by Old Torr cottage.

**3.** In wet weather or at a very high tide, when the path across the bay is waterlogged, it is also possible to drive around to this point and experience the rest of this walk. Follow a path rightwards across fields and look out for a gate over on the right at the head of a small bay. Go through the gate to reach the sandy beach at Red Haven.

**4.** Red Haven is a sheltered little bay and is a great spot to stop for a snack and contemplate the view across to Hestan Island from the rocky headland on the right side of the beach. Oystercatchers and cormorants are common here. Return across the field to the path and follow it, staying to the right side of a wall, until it drops down between two fences to reach the shore at Torr Point.

**5.** The rocky shore at Torr Point has views across Orchardton Bay to Almorness Point and across to Hestan Island where you can see the remains of the old lighthouse keeper's cottage. There is a line of fishing net stakes leading out into the bay. This area used to support a busy salmon fishing industry and there is an old tar boiling pot near the shore on the edge of the trees. Retrace your steps back up the path between the fences then look out for a signpost pointing to the right.

**6.** Follow the path that crosses over the ridge of Torr Hill then descends to a gate leading into a wood. There are fine views of Screel Hill, Bengairn and the coastline around Kippford and Rockcliffe from this ridge. The path descends quite steeply from the gate before reaching a forest track. The track winds its way through mixed woodland for about half a mile before descending to meet another track at the edge of the woods.

**7.** Turn left at this point and follow the good track along the edge of the woods to reach Old Torr Cottage and the outward path from Auchencairn. Retrace your steps around the head of Auchencairn Bay to return to the starting point.