



Ayrshire & Wigtownshire  
Campaign for Real Ale



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# Ayrshire Bus Ale Trails

## Trail 6: South Ayrshire



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[www.awcamra.org.uk](http://www.awcamra.org.uk)



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**This trail lists rural pubs that serve real ale within North and East Ayrshire, and which are reachable by bus services.**

CAMRA's WhatPub website gives more details for the pubs shown at [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com) or scan the relevant QR code.

## Other useful websites for transport providers in our branch area:

[www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk) (Train information)  
[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) (Bus information)  
[www.shuttlebuses.co.uk](http://www.shuttlebuses.co.uk) (Bus information)  
[www.mcgillsbuses.co.uk](http://www.mcgillsbuses.co.uk) (Bus information)  
[www.calmac.co.uk](http://www.calmac.co.uk) (Ferry information)  
[www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com)  
(General travel planning)

Our branch website contains local CAMRA information and digital copies of our various ale trails: [www.awcamra.org.uk](http://www.awcamra.org.uk)

**It is strongly recommended that you phone ahead to check opening hours before travelling, especially early in the week, lunchtimes or off-season and also to confirm bus times with Stagecoach.**

## Other Rail Trails in this series are:

- Trail 1:** Ayr to Irvine
- Trail 2:** Largs to Saltcoats
- Trail 3:** Kilmarnock to Stewarton

## Bus Trails:

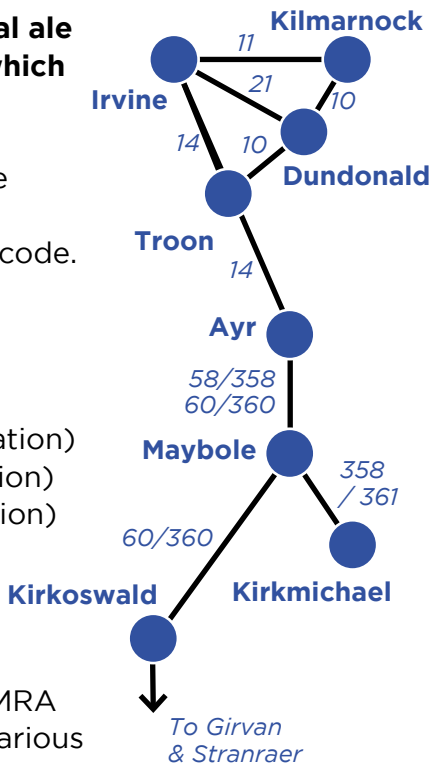
- Trail 7:** Wigtownshire

## Walking Trails:

- Trail 4:** Ayr Real Ale Trails gives suggestions for some walks around the real ale pubs in that town

## Island Trail:

- Trail 8:** Arran



Town/Village	Bus Service & Operator	Comments
<b>Dundonald</b>	21 Irvine - Crosshouse Hospital (SB)	Approx every 80-90 minutes
	10/110 Troon - Kilmarnock (SC)	Hourly; three evening services; Every 90 minutes weekends.
<b>Troon</b>	14 Ayr - Irvine (SC)	Weekdays every 45 mins. 60/75mins at weekends.
	10/110 Troon - Kilmarnock (SC)	Hourly; three evening services; Every 90 minutes weekends.
<b>Alloway, Maybole,</b>	58/358 Ayr - Stranraer (SC)	Hourly
	60/360 Ayr - Girvan - Stranraer (SC)	2-hourly weekends
	361 Straiton - Ayr - Dunure (SC)	Every two hours daytime. Not Sunday.
<b>Kirkmichael</b>	358 Ayr - Girvan (SC)	Weekends evenings only
	361 Straiton - Ayr - Dunure (SC)	2-hourly. Not Sundays.
<b>Kirkoswald</b>	60/360 Ayr - Girvan - Stranraer (SC)	Hourly weekdays. 2-hourly weekends.
<b>OPERATOR'S KEY:</b> SC - Stagecoach, SB - Shuttlebus		

## IRVINE / TROON / PRESTWICK

The 14 bus goes through these towns but they are also reachable by train  
- See **Trail 1 (Ayr to Irvine)** for full details of pubs in these areas.

## DUNDONALD

Small village with a historic 14th century castle with buses from either Irvine or Troon to Kilmarnock and Crosshouse.



**THE AUCHANS**  
**29-31 Main Street, KA2 9HH**  
**01563 851472**

Up to two changing ales available

## MAYBOLE

Small rural town in South Ayrshire which used to be the ancient capital of Carrick. There is also an hourly train service to Maybole from Ayr.



**MAYBOLE ARMS**  
**37 Whitehall, KA19 7DS**  
**01655 883173**

One changing ale often from local breweries.

## KIRKMICHAEL

Small village 10 miles south of Ayr in the rolling rural Ayrshire countryside.



**KIRKMICHAEL ARMS**  
**3-5 Straiton Road, KA19 7PH**  
**01655 750200**

Two changing ales usually from  
Ayr Brewing Company

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## KIRKOSWALD

A small town on the main A77 steeped in the history of the poet Robert Burns. The pub is a thatched building that was originally the school that Robert Burns attended.



**SOUTER'S INN**  
**47 Main Road, KA19 8HY**  
**01655 760653**

Two ales usually available

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## ALLOWAY

The 58/358 and 60/360 buses also pass through the suburbs of Alloway close to Burns' Cottage and the Burns Museum. A 10-minute walk from The Loaning takes you to Cambusdoon Sports Club.



**CAMBUSDOON SPORTS CLUB**  
**2 Burns Wicket**  
**01292 442885**

One changing ale usually from  
Ayr Brewing Company.

From Maybole or Kirkoswald, it is feasible to get the bus down to Stranraer (train also available from Maybole) and visit some pubs there, or you could head back into Ayr and complete some of the walking trails listed in **Trail 4**.