

Galloway Attractions

Tuesday, 12th April, 1983

Drove down to Wanlockhead in fine sunshine.

Must spend half-a-day on Tinto Hill sometime.

Visited Lead Mining Museum		50P
And went down mine		40p
Then walked round mining trail		10p

But it started to rain so retired to the car to await opening of Youth Hostel. Evening, wandered round Wanlockhead and part way up Louth Hill (road!) There was an Aussie staying - no-one else.

Wednesday, 13th April, 1983

Pouring rain in the morning! Abandoned plans to walk on Lowthers. Drove by Menzies, Sanquhar, Thornhill, (Drumlanrig Castle was closed), Moniaive, St John's Town of Dalry, New Galloway to Deer Museum and Bruce's stone by Clatteringshaws Loch. Weather improved a bit. Inspected Murray's Monument and waterfalls. Sunny by the time I arrived at Newton Stewart so drove on south for inspection of Garlieston, Isle of Whithorn and Port William. Booked in for two nights at Minnigaff.

Thursday, 14th April, 1983

Dull morning with low cloud and cold wind but headed off to Glen Trool. Ascended Merrick by tourist path, cloud still down so no view. Some snow underfoot, above 1500 ft. By the time I got back to Benyellary the cloud was breaking up!! Returned over Bennan and the Fell of Eschoncan. Very good views but just a bit hazy. Couple of pints in the Victoria Inn in the evening. Ascent took 2.5 hours, warden says 1.5 is good!

Friday, 15th April, 1983

Drove to Stranraer with a brief stop to inspect Glenluce Abbey. Watched a ferry arrive, did some shopping then drove to Girvan.

Returned by Straiton, Dalmellington, New Cumnock, Crawfordjohn and a near approach to Moffat.