

5 The Castle Circular Path

2 miles / ¾ - 1 hour

A

Start from the cycle route (National Route 7) at the end of Greenhead Gardens, off Greenhead Avenue.

B

The shore path crosses the remains of the slipways where huge *Sunderland* flying boats were launched during World War 2. The factory where they were built sat between here and the town, next to Denny's shipyard on the River Leven, which closed in 1963.

C

Dumbarton Rock is a volcanic plug, and has probably been a defensive site since neolithic times. The earliest traces of buildings here date from the Iron Age, about 2000 years ago. Dumbarton was later the centre of the ancient kingdom of Starthclyde for over 500 years.

Dumbarton Castle was extensively rebuilt during the eighteenth century, and includes the Governor's House amongst other examples of military architecture.

