

8. Clauchlands 18km

Route Description - Numbers relate to map

1. From the ferry terminal, turn left up hill on the A841 heading south.
2. Turn left just over the top of the hill onto a minor road to Corriegills, tarmac eventually gives way to rough track on a sharp left hand bend, follow this almost to the end, turning sharply right onto a singletrack climb signposted Dun Fion, just before the last house.
3. Continue up this very tough, steep climb to a path junction as it flattens out, with views across Lamlish Bay to Holy Isle.
4. Go right, signposted Clauchlands Hill, and continue climbing the obvious singletrack (ignore the link to the forest road on the left). Natural singletrack then undulates, steeply in places, over Clauchlands ridge with magnificent views both north and south.
5. The top of the ridge is marked with a big pile of stones, from here it's technical, downhill singletrack to meet the forest road.
6. Go left on forest road to it's end at the singletrack just above no.4
7. Descend back to no.4, go straight ahead through fence to trig point at Dun Fion.
8. Head south along the cliff top to Clauchlands point. This is fast technical natural singletrack, steep in places, with big drops to the left, take care! Near the bottom, continue over a style and across a rough field. Go left of the WW2 Bunker and drop down onto a track.
9. Follow the track along the shore to meet a tarmac road at a gate. This part of Lamlish Bay is a 'No Take Zone', look out for information panels. Continue along shore road, eventually passing the hospital turn to the right. Take the next right turn just after a bridge.
10. Climb this short road to go right at the T-junction with the A841, continuing climbing the road to just past Lamlish Golf Club house.
11. Take the gravel singletrack at the end of the Tarmac footpath opposite the Golf course. Continue following this trail above the road all the way to the top of the hill to meet the forest road at Cnoc Na Dial Forest car park/picnic area, adjacent to the main Brodick to Lamlish road.
12. Continue straight across onto more singletrack to emerge in a small car park/view point. Bare left and continue down the singletrack, this winds its way down and over a couple of wooden bridges.
13. From the second bridge, climb the rough track, over the summit of the hill and around a locked gate for the final descent into Brodick. Take care down this fast descent, there is a blind track cross roads towards the bottom, regularly used by vehicles.
14. Continue down onto tarmac to the T-junction. Turn right on Alma Road to swing down left past the Co-op to another T-junction. Turn right onto the A841 to finish at Brodick Ferry Terminal.

