Isle of Bute

Scotland's most accessible island, home of the Brandanes, is a wonderful place to live and work.

Bute has a great blend of interesting built heritage, as well as contrasting landscapes and seascapes, with each beach as unique as the next.

Ettrick Bay — *Photo courtesy of Zak Harrison*

Beautiful beach at Kerrycroy — *Photo courtesy of Zak Harrison*

Scenic routes and paths to explore — *Photo courtesy of Zak Harrison*

There is a good network of routes and quiet roads on Bute giving access to local services and visitor attractions, making it ideal for walking and cycling.

Quiet roads – ideal for walking or cycling — *Photo courtesy of Zak Harrison*

Cycling Tips

Look behind you
Always look behind you before making a manoeuvre, particularly when turning right.

Do not use mobile phones or music systems
You need to be able to hear what is happening around you and be fully concentrated on your actions.

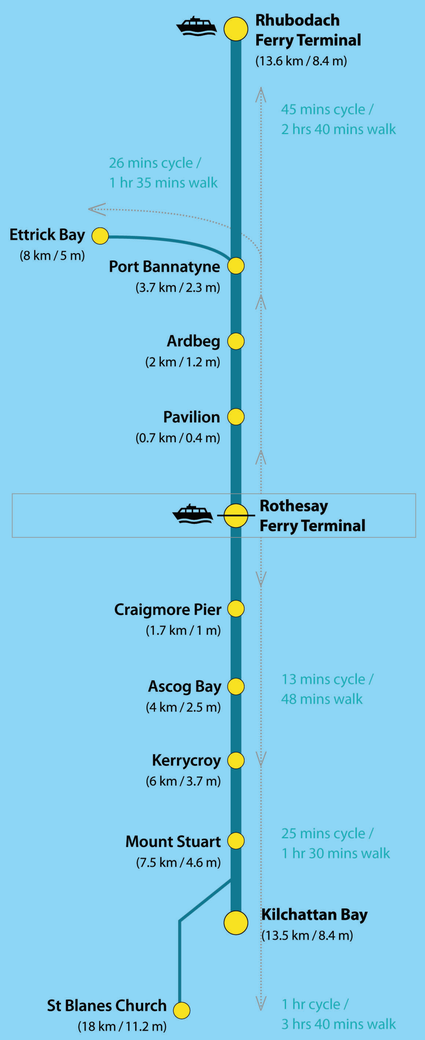
Cycling in numbers
It is recommended that you cycle in single file and never cycle more than two bikes side by side.

Never cycle on the pavement
Unless it is a designated cycle lane, shared route or core path it is against the law to cycle on the pavement, you should walk alongside your bike.

Estimated leisurely travel times

Walking times calculated at a steady pace of 5 km per hour (approximately 3 miles per hour).

Cycling times calculated at a steady pace of 18km per hour (approximately 11 miles per hour).



For further details in this area, please see map overleaf

Key

- A road
- B road
- Minor road
- Ferry route
- West Island Way
- Path
- Bus stop
- Beach
- Bike Repair Station
- Bird hide
- Bute Community Forest
- Ferry terminal
- Garden
- Historic Attraction
- Historic House
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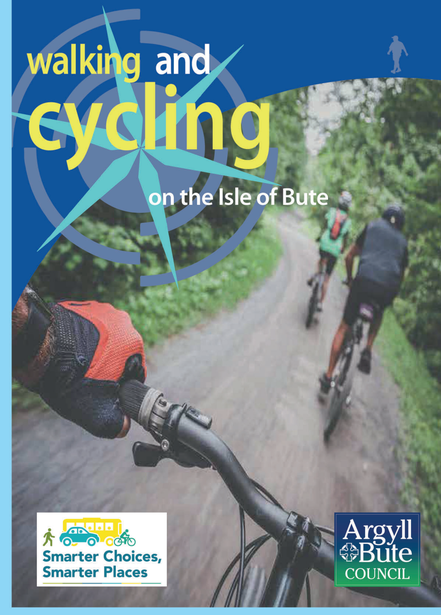

Mount Stuart, home of the Marquess of Bute — *Photo courtesy of Zak Harrison*

Rothesay Castle — *Photo courtesy of Zak Harrison*

Why Active Travel?

With 33.9% of car journeys in Scotland being less than 2 miles in length, there are huge potential benefits in promoting walking and cycling as alternative means of transport.

If more people walk or cycle, we can:

- ✔ Ease congestion
- ✔ Reduce noise pollution
- ✔ Cut exhaust emissions
- ✔ Improve our health

Active travel is also a great way to relax, giving us more time to enjoy our environment and improve our work–life balance.

Argyll & Bute Council, Transport Scotland, Sustrans, Paths for All, Cycling Scotland and Cycling UK continue to work towards improving the walking and cycling environment in the Isle of Bute area.

We hope this map will encourage visitors and residents to make the most of cycling and walking in and around the Isle of Bute.

Web Links

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www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

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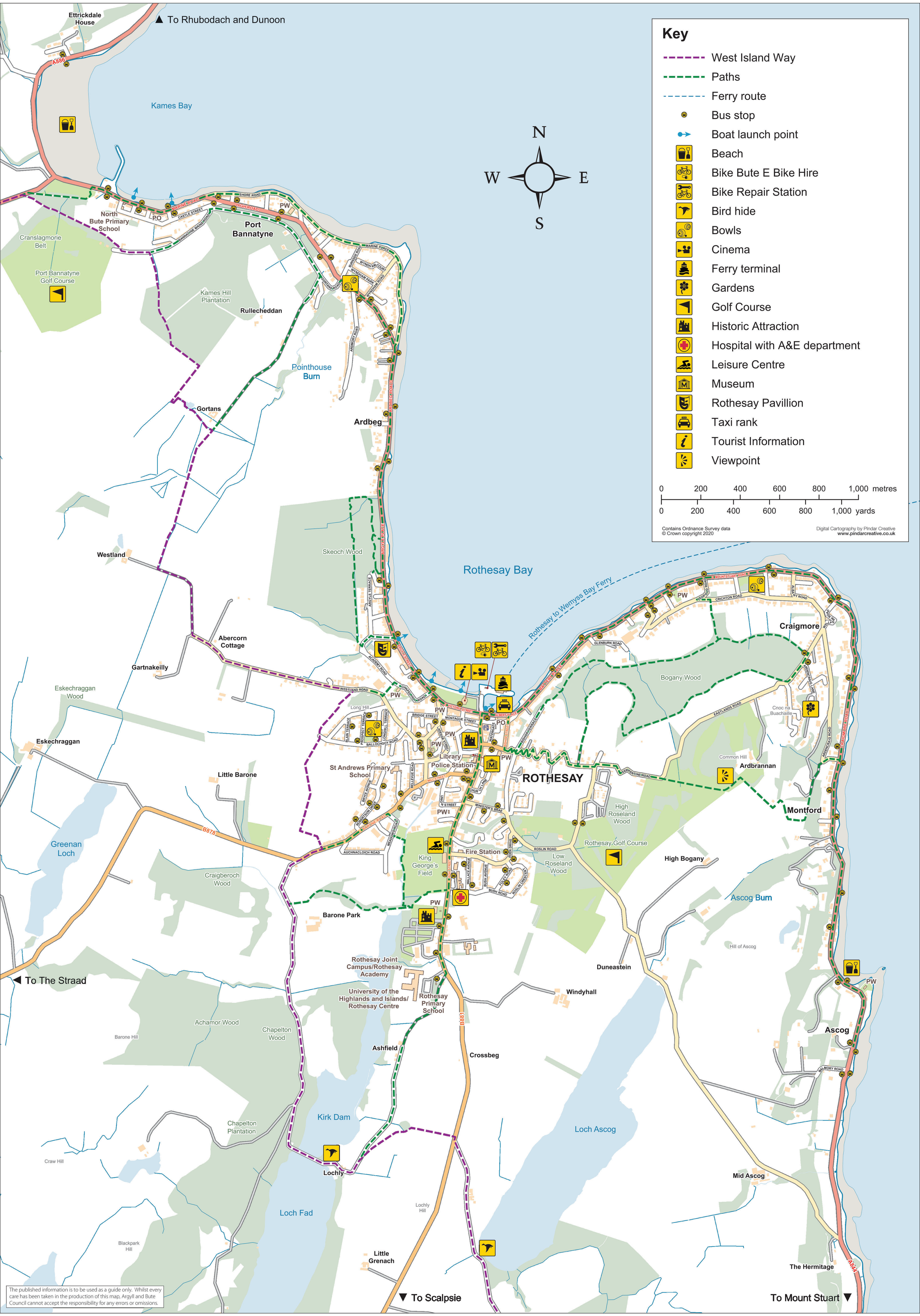

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