

WALK 6

DRYHOPE CIRCULAR via BLACKHOUSE TOWER & CRAIG DOUGLAS

6m/9.6kms with 330ft/100m climb. Grade: Moderate

This is a relatively easy walk with good paths that includes two historic towers.

Start & Finish: Park in layby in north of A708, near to turn to Dryhope, Grid Reference NT271243

1. Walk the short distance along the main road to where the Southern Upland Way crosses it. Take the Southern Upland Way to the left, towards Dryhope Tower.
2. At the nearest point to the tower, turn right after crossing a stile and follow the clear track between Ward Law and South Hawkshaw Rig (with its prominent cairn). Follow the Southern Upland Way to Blackhouse (James Hogg, the famous Scottish novelist and poet, was shepherd here from 1790-1800).
3. Turn right at the remains of Blackhouse Tower and follow the track down to the road end at Craig Douglas. From here, turn right and follow the A708 for 1¼ mls back towards St Mary's Loch and the parking area. Take great care with the traffic on this stretch.



View towards St. Mary's Loch



Dryhope Tower

