



Outdoor Activities Centre

Craigengillan

Charity No. SC044259





Location

Fort Carrick is situated in the Southern Uplands within the historic Craigengillan Estate, Dalmellington, East Ayrshire, on the edge of the Galloway Forest.

The fort is on a rocky hill overlooking Craigengillan to the North and West, Bellsbank to the East and Loch Doon and the Galloway Hills to the South. Close by is the new Scottish Dark Sky Observatory (SDSO), officially opened by the First Minister in October 2012. The observatory provides a unique opportunity for astronomers and visitors to Craigengillan, to take advantage of the finest area in Europe to observe the night skies. Bookings can be made via the website, www.scottishdarkskyobservatory.co.uk



Loch Doon and Galloway Hills from Fort Carrick

The design of the fort is based on that of a Crusader Castle. Its purpose is to serve as a command post/equipment store, and to give a sense of ownership to scouts and other organisations using the facility. With the advantage of overlooking most of Craigengillan Estate, the administration office within the

fort is ideally situated for organisation leaders to maintain visibility and control of the various activities around the estate.



Separate accommodation within the fort is available for leaders to enjoy some relaxation and privacy, if required!

Activities

Activities offered by Fort Carrick include fieldcraft, gorge walking, archery, biking, orienteering and kayaking (including calm waters for beginners and white water in Ness Glen for the experienced). There are also ideal practice sites for rock climbing and abseiling. Risk assessments have been carried out for all designated activity areas.



Canoe Instruction



White Water - Ness Glen



Safe water for novices



Fieldcraft



Biking



Camping



Riding



Helping others

(Chernobyl Childrens Lifeline Camp)



Archery



Badger hide

Craigengillan Estate

The 3,000 acre estate was founded in 1560 by the Macadam family. It has many important historic and natural features and is home to numerous species of plants and animals. More information can be obtained from the website:

www.craigengillan.com



Roe Deer



Dalcairney Falls

Fort Carrick Construction

The design of the fort is based on historical information, drawings and advice given by Alan Birkbeck (Glasgow University). Construction work started in April 2010 and was completed in November 2010.



Preparing Foundations



Finishing Touches

The fort is already the subject of interest from many sources, including the makers of film and television programmes, and is also featured on 'Facebook'.



Administration

Fort Carrick is administered by The Craigengillan Fort Group, a committee comprising representatives of all the Cadet Forces and the Scouts.

For further information and bookings, please contact the Fort Administrator:

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