

9. Wigtown Church

Shaft from a 'Whithorn School' cross dating from the 900s.

Church open occasionally during the summer.

10. St Ninian's Chapel*

There may have been a chapel on this site for many centuries before the existing structure was erected around 1300AD. It was used by the local community and by pilgrims arriving by ship from England, Ireland and the Isle of Man.

Signposted from the quay car park in the Isle of Whithorn.

Dumfries Museum

A fine collection of early Christian carved stones from around the region.

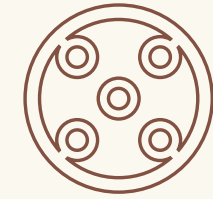
Church Street, Dumfries. Free Admission.

Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

Fragments of two 'Whithorn School' crosses, and two cross-marked pebbles from St Ninian's Cave. Crosses from Craigmyle, Glasserton, Glenluce, and Mains of Penninghame, all local to Whithorn. Other early Christian carved stones from the region are also displayed, including stones from Drummore and Chapel Donnan. The remains of a metalwork processional cross from Dumfriesshire is also on display.



St Ninian's Cave



Whithorn Priory Museum

The Cradle of Christianity

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1. Kirkcolm cross-slab

Cross-slab in Kirkcolm churchyard, dating from the 900s. It is decorated with both Christian and pagan Norse symbols.

2. Kirkmadrine*

Evidence of an important early ecclesiastical site is provided by three inscribed stones which date to the 500s. They commemorate

a series of priests and, like the Peter Stone, bear chi-rho crosses.

3. Laggangairn Standing Stones*

Bronze Age standing stones later carved with Christian crosses in around 800AD.

Five miles by foot along the Southern Upland Way from Balmurrie Farm, near New Luce.

4. Chapel Finian*

The remains of a small chapel which was built around 1000AD at an ancient landing place by the shore.

5. Barhobble Church

An early church dating from around 1125AD.

Half a mile north of Elrig a narrow lane leads to Airylick Farm where cars can be parked. Follow signs to Barhobble.

6. St Ninian's Cave*

An early Christian chapel on the shore which was traditionally believed to be a retreat for St Ninian.

Signposted from the A746 south of Whithorn. Park at Kidsdale Farm and follow the signs along a one and a half mile footpath to the Cave.

7. 'Whithorn Story' Visitor Centre

The head of a 'Whithorn School' cross, as well as a cross from Kirkmaiden.

8. Kirkinner cross-slab

Inside St Kennera's Church in the village of Kirkinner.

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