

The Ring of the Loch

Dryhope Tower



By continuing on the waymarked Southern Upland Way for just over 1km from this point you will come to Dryhope Tower.

This stark, four-storey tower is a typical Border pele tower of the type that would have been found on both sides of the Border in the 15th and 16th centuries to provide protection from the Border Reivers (and to serve as a base for their own reiving raids).

Dryhope Tower was built by the Scotts of Dryhope and, in 1550, was the birthplace of Mary Scott – better known as “the Flower of Yarrow” and an ancestor of Sir Walter Scott.

The Tower fell into disuse by the end of the 17th century but, in recent years, it has been stabilised and a new spiral staircase has been installed to allow visitors to enjoy the stunning view from the top of the Tower across the valley to St Mary's Loch.

After visiting the Tower you can return to this point to rejoin The Ring of the Loch.



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