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Writers' Walks



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Auchencairn 4.2 miles level, paths and boardwalk

John Keats and Charles Armitage Brown were at Auchencairn on July 3rd 1818 during the friends' epic march across Dumfries and Galloway.

'We are now in Meg Merrilies' country, and have this morning passed through some parts exactly suited to her. Kirkcudbright County is very beautiful, very wild, with craggy hills, somewhat in the Westmoreland fashion. We have come down from Dumfries to the sea-coast part of it.' (Letter to Thomas Keats)

Meg Merrilies is a character from Scott's novel Guy Mannering set in south West Scotland. At Auchencairn Keats wrote letters and drafted a poem, 'Old Meg she was a gypsy.'