

# Red kites and the Galloway Kite Trail

- Red kites are one of the UK's most beautiful **birds of prey**.
- They were **reintroduced** into this area between **2001 and 2005**.
- The **Galloway Kite Trail** is a circular route through some of the most impressive scenery in the south west of Scotland. It provides the opportunity to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside while seeing some amazing wildlife along the way.



- The main aim of the Trail is to give visitors the **best chance to see red kites** in their habitat. It also provides an opportunity to visit the original release site, to see kites close up at a feeding station, and to find out more about these raptors and other interesting features of the local area.



## What the trail has to offer

- **Walks**, panoramic views and good chances of seeing kites and other wildlife
- The '**Secret Cages**' where kites were first released
- **Information** on kites and other wildlife
- **Kite Feeding Station** at Bellymack Hill Farm near Laurieston
- Fine **Galloway hospitality**

## Galloway Hospitality

- There is a good selection of places to **eat** and **stay** around the Trail.
- An **excellent base to explore the area** and to experience some of the best **local produce** and **hospitality** that Galloway can provide.
- Some of the outlets, including hotels, inns, B&Bs and a Holiday Park feature **unique information panels about the kites**.
- The best way to gain a full experience of the Trail is to **pick up a Galloway Kite Trail guide leaflet**, which can be obtained at Trail information points, participating businesses (**look for the logo**) and at local Tourist Information Centres.
- Look out for **brown road signs bearing the kite logo** at junctions and information points.



