

DUMFRIES and GALLOWAY

Barskeoch, near
Dalry

Barskeoch Hill is found NW of St John's Town of Dalry. The only clues Hutchison (1890) leaves about this location is the following: "This place appears to have been of some importance in bygone times. It belonged to an old family called Newalls. The remains of a fine archway, and a small artificial mound are still to be seen, but no tradition remains at the present day, either regarding the old yew trees themselves, or any historical record of the site or buildings near where they stand." Hutchison considered these yews to be several hundred years old. Girths of two were recorded as 12' and 7', with the third unmeasurable due to dense growth. This site already appears in the Gazetteer, but the trees have not been recorded since 1890.