

# Havoc Hole



## Where is this?

**Dumbarton** OS Grid Reference: NS3807 7556.

On Havoc Road, off the A814 Cardross Road on the west side of the town. The feature lies near the River Clyde. Houses on Havoc Road have the postcode G82 4JW.

## What will you see there?

Havoc Hole is the remnant of a fossil sea cave. The rock dates from the Devonian period (300-330 million years ago) and was laid down as a sand dune in arid conditions; the red colour is due to the presence of small quantities of iron in the source rock. A few thousand years ago this cliff was at the edge of the sea. Since then, however, the sea level has fallen relative to the land. The flat ground between the base of the cliff and the river is called a raised beach because, although it once was the beach, it now lies above sea level.

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