

# The Rhins of Galloway Coast Path



## Marking the start of the trail at Stranraer Harbour

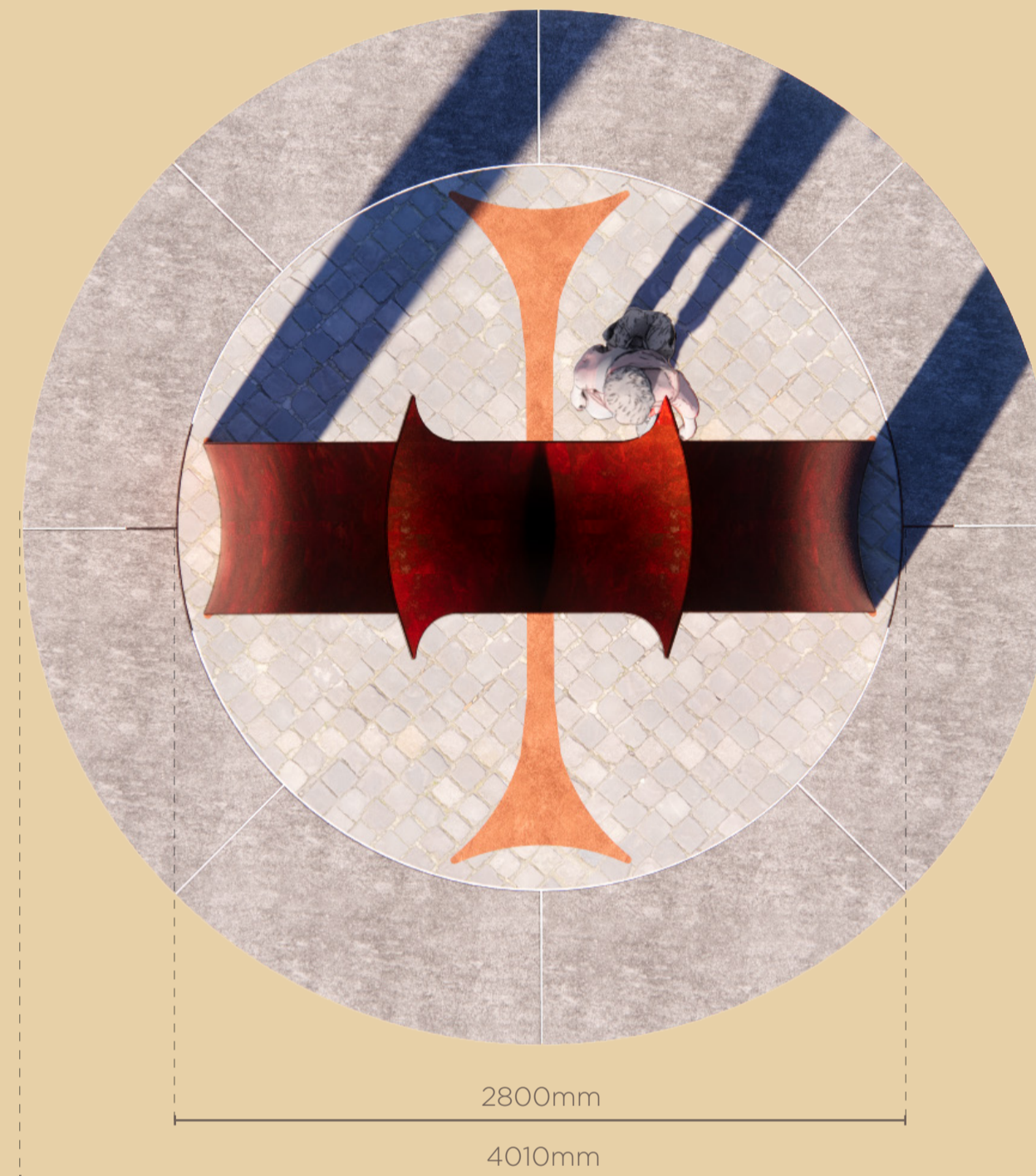
The Rhins of Galloway Coast Path will start and finish on the harbourside, beside the Gateway to Galloway Tourist Information Centre and Community Hub.

We chose this point because it will be easy to see for passing people and vehicles, and beside an existing attraction. The area around the Centre has also been landscaped recently, giving the new trailhead a well-maintained and attractive setting.

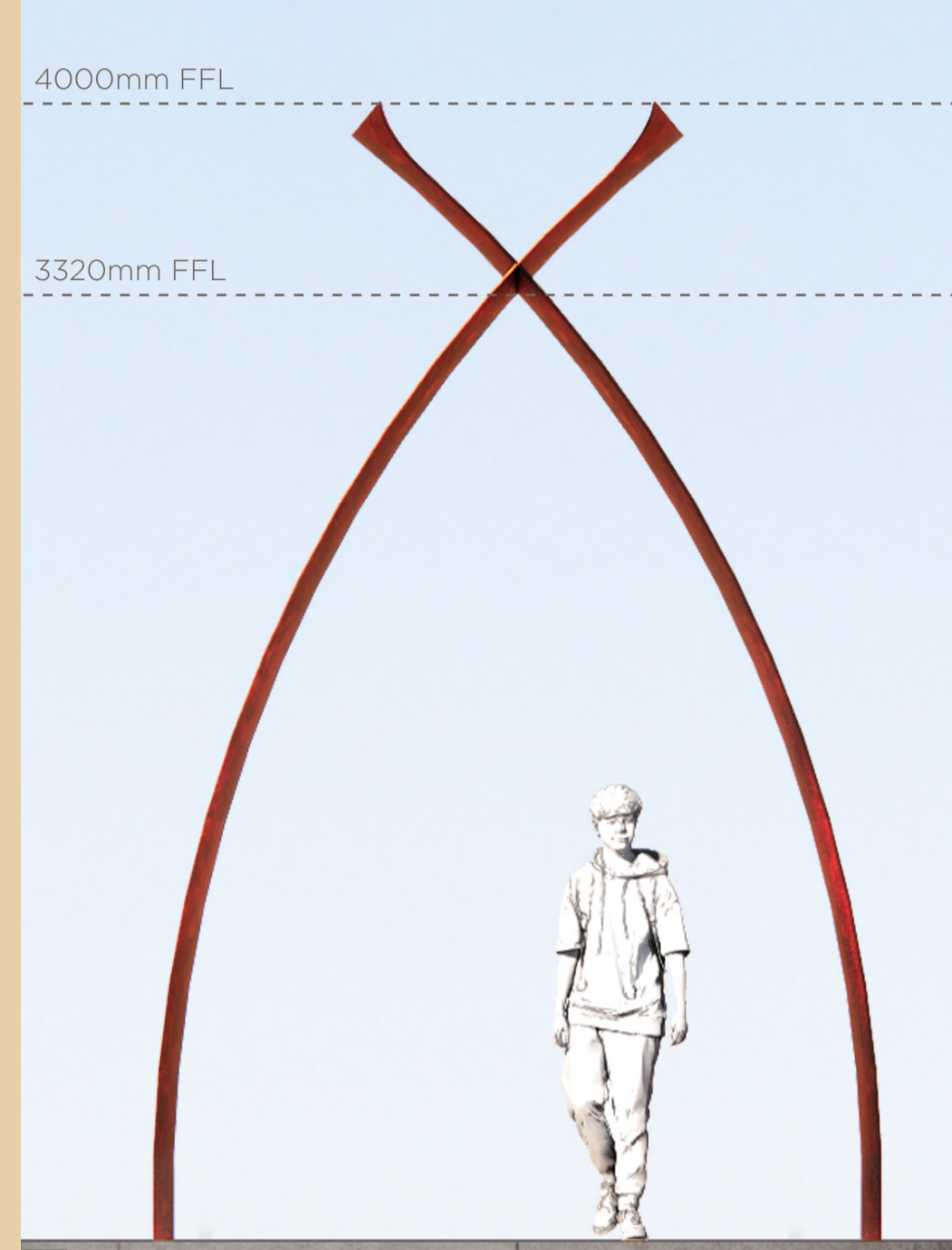
The new trailhead has two key elements: the archway and a seat with interpretation and native planting. These features, and all the trail signage and interpretation, will use the same distinctive colour palette and materials. These take inspiration from the colours and textures of the Rhins landscape.

**Trailhead Hub Visual & Trailhead Hub Site Plan**  
The trailhead feature will include the eye-catching arch and a large seating unit. The seat will be made of corten steel, with fret-cut designs, and natural oak benches. A large vertical totem will hold a graphic display, which will illustrate the trail route and highlight things to see and do along the way.

Trailhead Archway - Plan View



Trailhead Archway - Elevation



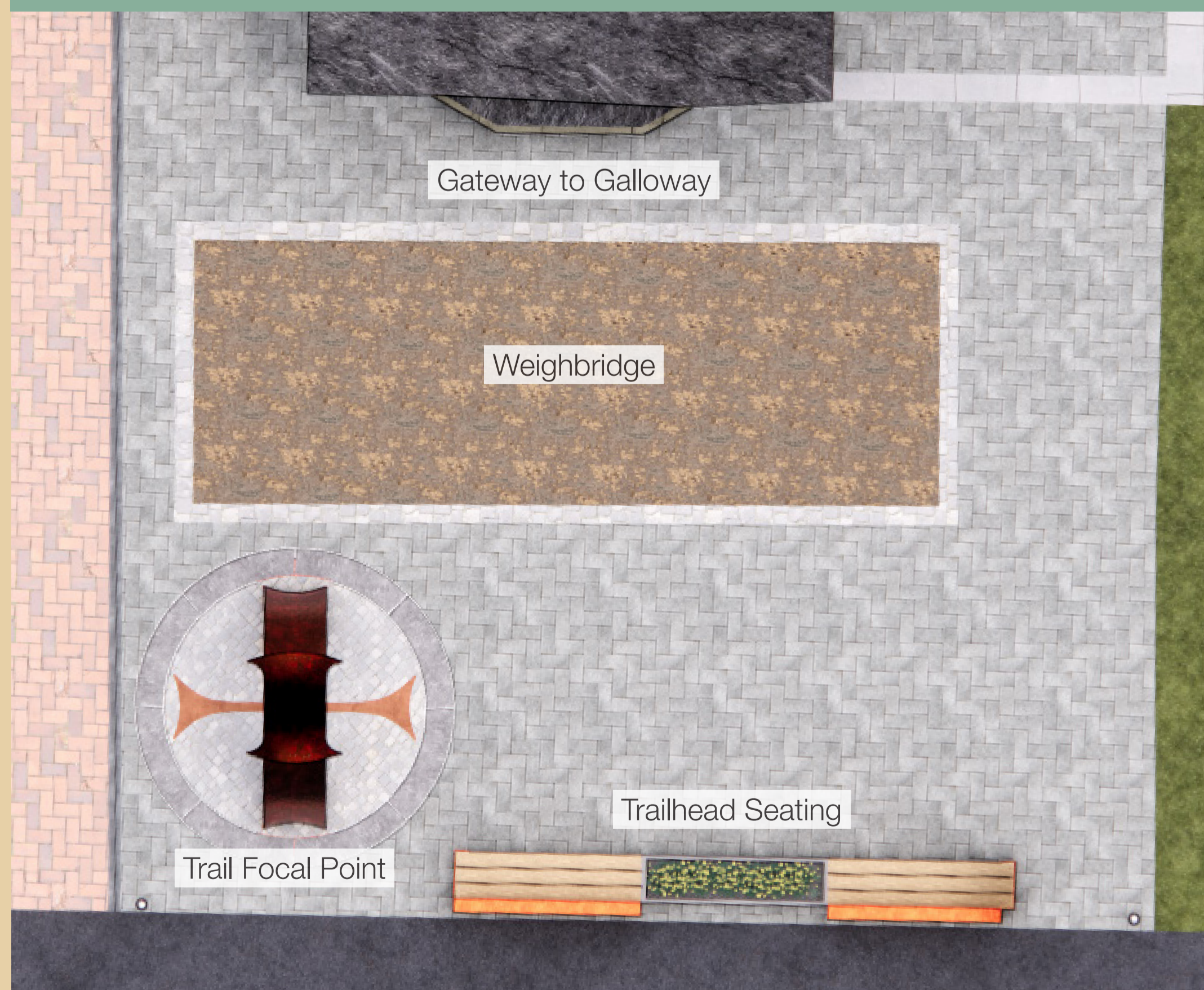
Trailhead Archway - Visual



**Trailhead Archway**  
The trailhead arch is inspired by both the maritime and spiritual heritage of the Rhins of Galloway. Its rust-red corten steel curves are reminiscent of boats and anchors, as well as the arches, crosses and symbols of this area's Pictish and Christian communities. It will stand on a custom designed circle of paving incorporating the brand mark of the trail.

Its shape becomes a welcoming portal to pass through on the start and finish of a memorable journey of exploration along the remarkable Rhins coastline. It will also be a great photo opportunity!

Trailhead Hub - Site Plan



Trailhead Hub - Visual

