

Strathclyde Country Park

Access Statement



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Welcome

Strathclyde Country Park welcomes thousands of visitors every year and prides itself as one of Scotland's leading centres for outdoor recreation and we welcome everyone to enjoy the huge range of activities available.

The park encompasses 400 hectares of countryside in the valley of the River Clyde. Mature woodlands, rough wetlands, wildlife refuges and neat open parkland all surround Strathclyde Loch, the focal point for many park activities

Strathclyde Country Park Offers:

- Accessible Toilets
- Changing Place Facilities
- Accessible Bike Hire
- Accessible Boat Rides
- Step free walking routes
- Ample Seating

We endeavour to ensure that the park is accessible to all of our visitors and have developed this guide to assist you in planning your visit.



-  MAIN RECEPTION/ WATER SPORTS CENTRE
-  COUNTRYSIDE RANGERS INTERPRETATION CENTRE
-  M&D'S THEME PARK
-  CARAVAN SITE/CAMPING
-  SITE OF ANTIQUITY
-  TOBY INN & HOLIDAY INN ALONA HOTEL
-  ROADS
-  LAND TRAIN ROUTE
-  FOOT PATHS AND VARIOUS SURFACES
-  PLAY AREA
-  BBQ AREA
-  LOCHSIDE PATH (JOINS LAND TRAIN ROUTE) CIRCULAR ROUTE, 6K / 4 MILES
-  LOCH/RIVER EDGE AND PARK BOUNDARY
-  CAR PARKING
-  WATER SPORTS CENTRE CAR PARK
-  BEACH CAR PARK AND TOILETS
-  VIEWPOINT CAR PARK
-  ROMAN FORT CAR PARK
-  FORESHORE CAR PARK
-  PLANTATION CAR PARK AND TOILETS
-  FOREST COTTAGE CAR PARK
-  M&D'S CAR PARK
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Getting Here

Travelling by Car

Exit the M74 at Junction 5 or 6 follow signs for Strathclyde Country Park. If you are using satellite navigation our postcode is ML1 3ED. Please see the attached map.

Car Parking

Car Park 1 – 90 spaces, no designated spaces. Surface is tarmac and fairly flat with a slight camber in places, Seating nearby.



Car Park 2 – 75 spaces, no designated spaces. Surface is tarmac and fairly flat with a slight camber in places, Seating nearby.

Car Park 3 – 78 spaces, no designated spaces. Surface is tarmac and fairly flat with a slight camber in places, Seating nearby.

Car Park 4 – 200 spaces, no designated spaces. Surface is tarmac and fairly flat with a slight camber in places.



Clyde Park Car Park – 28 spaces, 2 designated accessible spaces

Beach Car Park (5) – 88 spaces. Surface is tarmac, car park slopes



Viewpoint Car Park (6) – 60 Spaces

Roman Fort Car Park (7) – 25 spaces

Foreshore Car Park (8) – 111 spaces

Plantation Car Park (9) – 64 spaces, 2 designated accessible spaces

There is no charge for parking

The car parks are not lit at night and are closed from 9pm to 9am.

There is a drop off point immediately outside the Watersports Centre.

Travelling by Rail

Airbles Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Airbles Train Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 3 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/AIR.aspx

Motherwell Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Motherwell Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 2.7 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/MTH.aspx

Bellshill Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Bellshill Train Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 2.5 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/BLH.aspx

Hamilton Central Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Hamilton Central Train Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 2.8 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/HNC.aspx

More information at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Helpline: 0800 912 2901 18001 0800 912 2901 (hearing impairment)

Arriving by Bus / Taxi

The boundary of Strathclyde Country Park is served by local bus routes which stop close to the park, however local busses do not run through the park. Please Note – Visitors would have to walk from the park boundary or take a taxi from train or bus stop.

Hamilton Central or Motherwell Stations - 41, 56, 107/109, 201, 253 and 266, all of which run between neighbouring towns.

Please check <http://www.firstgroup.com> for bus availability and timetables

A seasonal bus X7 runs direct from Buchanan Bus Station to M and D's. Please check <http://www.firstgroup.com> to confirm availability.

<http://www.travelinescotland.com/welcome.do>

Travelling by Taxi

There are a variety of local taxi companies in the area

Club Taxi's - 01698 834545

Can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

Penny Cars - 01236 752752

Can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

Red Line Cab's - 01698 261330

Advance booking required can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

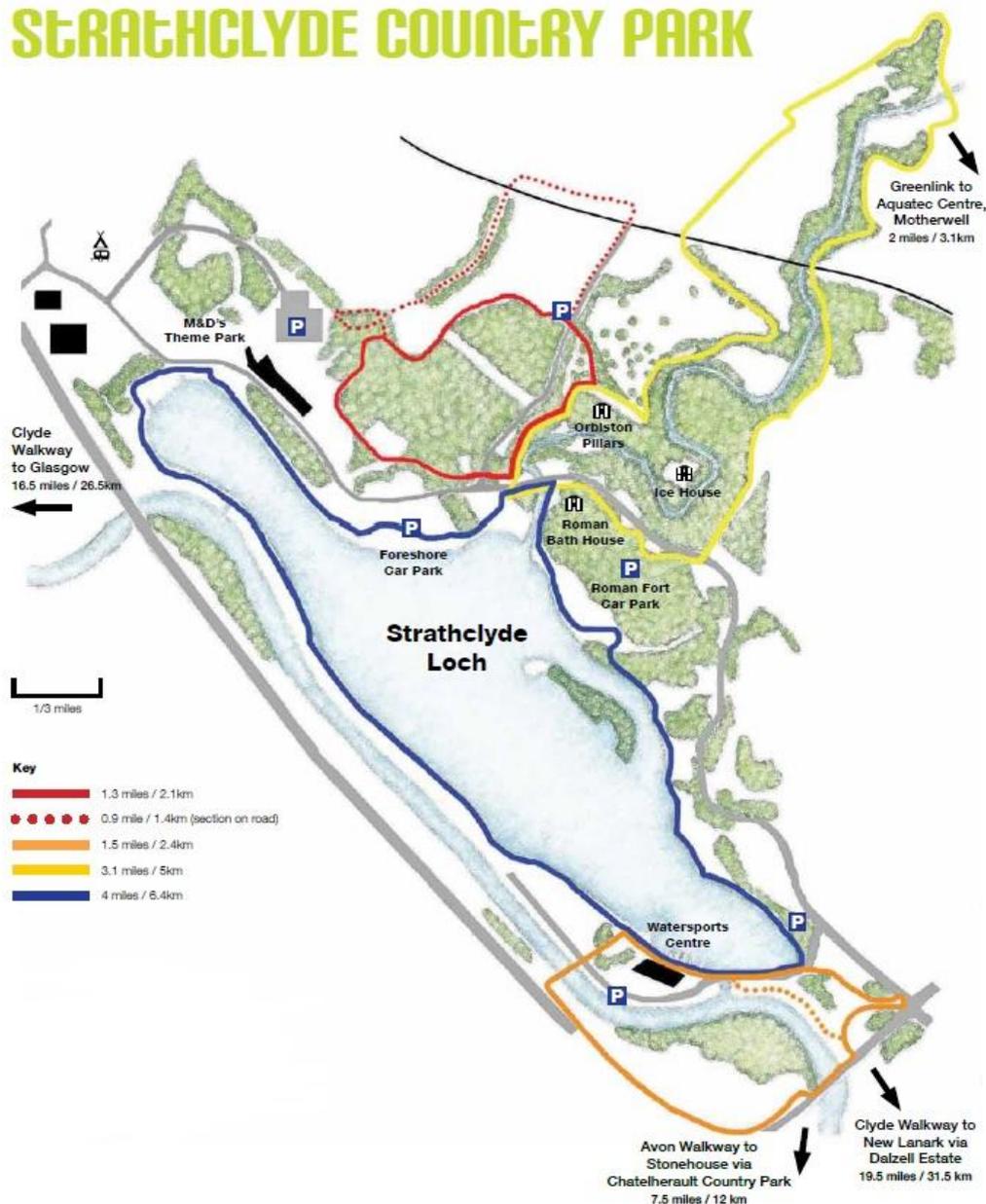
Maxi's Taxi's - 01698 842525

Advance booking required can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

Nature Trails

There are various walking routes throughout the park these have been highlighted on the map and described below. The blue route is our most accessible route which is step free and has only a slight gradient.

STRATHCLYDE COUNTRY PARK



The Blue Route

Distance: 4 miles / 6.4 km Time: 1hr 30mins Grade: Easy Start Point: Foreshore / Watersports Centre You can join this route from a variety of points, the route consists of a tarmac path all the way around Strathclyde Loch. The route is mostly flat with the odd gentle slope. This route also benefits from X benches both with and without arms as well as picnic benches and an open gazebo. There is ample seating along this route.



The Orange Route

Distance: 1.5 miles / 2.4 km Time: 40 mins Grade: Easy Start Point: Watersports Centre From the Watersports Centre, follow the path around the loch heading towards the large tower and Piper Alpha Memorial, where you will come across the way-markers. The path meanders through open grassland and small patches of mixed woodland. Ideal if time is limited. The majority of this route follows flat surfaced paths, although there is a set of steps and a tight gap at Hamilton Road. The route can be cut short in order to avoid these features.

The Yellow Route

Distance: 3.1 miles / 5 km Time: 1hr 15mins Grade: Moderate Start Point: Roman Fort Car Park This route follows a section of the Greenlink along the bank of the South Calder Water. The route passes through sections of mixed woodland and open parkland, passing under the viaduct. The best place to start this route would be from the Roman Fort Car Park. There are a couple of sections involving slopes with several sets of steps.

The Red Route

Distance: 1.3 miles / 2.1 km (Extension 1 mile/1.4 km) Time: 30mins (15mins) Grade: Moderate Start Point: Foreshore Car Park This route meanders through the mixed woodland, following good surfaced tracks. There is an option to make the route a little longer, but this includes a short section of road, approx. 450m, where there is no pavement. If you have a car, the best place to park would be at the Foreshore car park. From there, head towards the toilet block on the other side of the road, away from the loch. Follow the path up past the toilet block to where it meets the way-marked route

Play Areas

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The Watersports Centre

The watersports centre has a separate access statement which can be found here <http://www.visitlanarkshire.com/lanarkshire/accessibility/>

The centre offers;

- Accessible Toilets
- Changing Place Facilities
- Wheelchair Hire
- Accessible Bike Hire
- Accessible Boat Rides
- Meeting Facilities'
- Cafe

Catering

In addition to the watersports centre cafe there are various catering outlets throughout the park, Toby Carvery, AlonA Hotel and M&D's. Most of these venues are able to accommodate dietary requirements, we would recommend that you contact these venues in advance to avoid disappointment, contact details can be found below

Accessible Toilets

There are a variety of public accessible toilets and baby change facilities located throughout the park these are situated at 'the beach' and 'plantation' carpark(s) please note that these toilets are open seasonally from April to October 11am to 6pm



Additional public toilets are located within the Watersport's centre on the first floor these are open all year round **from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday**

Changing Places

There is a changing places toilet located on the 1st floor of the Watersport's centre this can be accessed via a small lift.

Assistance Dogs

All dogs are welcome in the park; please note that the loch is prone to blue/green algae throughout the year which is toxic to dogs it is advised that dogs do not enter or drink from the loch.

Assistance dogs are also welcome within the Watersport's Centre

Drinking water bowls are available from the boat shed at the Watersport's centre

There is currently no designated spending area for assistance dogs

Future Plans

All car parks throughout the park are to be relined

Local Information

There are to be significant improvements to the M73, M74 and M8, due for completion in spring 2017. If you are travelling by car it is likely that these roadworks' will have an impact on your journey to Strathclyde Country Park . More information on the upgrades can be found here;

www.transportscotland.gov.uk/m8m73m74.

Additionally you can receive live traffic updates at

<http://trafficscotland.org/>

Attractions/ Facilities within the park

Holiday Inn Express 01698 858585

Toby Carvery 01698 854715

AlonA Hotel 01698 333888 reception@alonahotel.co.uk

M&D's Theme Park 01698 333778 info@scotlandsthemepark.com

Watersports Centre 01698 402060 strathclydepark@northlan.gov.uk

Nearby Attractions

Hamilton Mausoleum

Hamilton Park Racecourse

North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre

For further information on nearby attractions visit

www.visitlanarkshire.com

We hope that this information pack has been useful. We welcome any comments/ suggestions that you may have. Furthermore if you feel that we have not provided enough information with regards to your access requirements we encourage you to contact us on 01698 402060 or strathclydepark@northlan.gov.uk