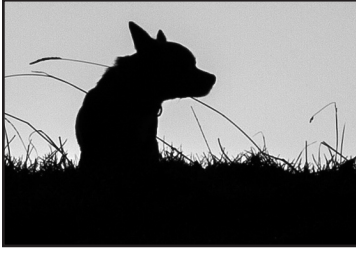


Ollie's walk of the week



A Loop Walk in Whitelee Wind Farm

Distance: 6.4km (4mils)

Terrain: Tracks and Offroad

About Whitelee Windfarm: Whitelee is the UK's largest onshore windfarm, located on Eaglesham Moor just 20 minutes from central Glasgow. Its 215 turbines generate up to 539 megawatts of electricity, enough to power just under 300,000 homes.

With more than 130 kilometres of trails to explore, on foot, by cycle or by horse, with free parking and free entry to the onsite Visitor Centre, Whitelee is a great destination for a day out with the whole family. It is ideal for short or long walks and runs, has many cycle routes and is a great place to take your dog for a walk. For more details on walking and cycling routes, go to <https://www.scottishpower.co.uk/whitelee/>

Starting Point: The car park at the entrance to Whitelee on Ardochrig Road. From the A726 take the turn towards Auldhouse and take the first left after the village of Leaburn. Park near the locked gate, taking care to leave access to the site clear.



Follow the path beyond the gate until you reach a signpost. Take the route to the right, leading to Cleughearn Forest. About 300 metres up this track, go through the gate, taking care to close it behind you. Through a gap in the trees a little further on you will be able to see over East Kilbride towards Glasgow and the Campsies.



Continue on this track for around a mile until the forest opens up to give views over the windfarm. The scale of the site



becomes clear at this point.

At the end of this track you will reach the Spine Road. Take care here as there may be occasional vehicles passing. Turning right takes you on an eight mile walk to the Visitor Centre, but we are heading left. Views begin to open up west towards Arran (on a clear day) and south towards Kype Muir. Keep on this track, which dips and rises as you pass Turbine 140. Eventually this track will come to an end at another signpost. Head left back towards the starting point.



At the end of the track to the north there are views over East Kilbride and towards Hamilton. The walk ends back at the gate. You can either head back towards the A726, or continue down Ardochrig Road to the A71.



The route for the walk appears on the map below starting at the entrance to the right, then passing turbines 133, 125, 126, 124 and 140. The walk should take around 1 1/2 hours

