

A story in sticks and stones

Rocks here hold ancient fossils and bear the scars of volcanoes and glaciers. The stones and trees reveal clues to the people who have lived and walked here across the centuries – from prehistoric settlers to early farmers, Victorian gentry to today's visitors.

On Round Wood Hill archaeologists found a prehistoric enclosure and a cup-marked stone, a form of prehistoric art. It's hidden in the grass! Can you find it? Nearby, mysterious earth banks extend across the glen, some for more than half a mile into the Kilpatrick Hills.



Can you find the cup-marked stone on Round Wood Hill? If not, just enjoy the wonderful views!

Lang Craigs was once part of the Overtoun Estate, a Victorian-designed landscape now cared for by West Dunbartonshire Council. Access to Lang Craigs is through the estate which still retains its grandeur with many fine old trees.

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Part of the Kilpatrick Hills

Getting there

Location: two miles (3.2km) east of Dumbarton town centre, Dunbartonshire, G82 2SH

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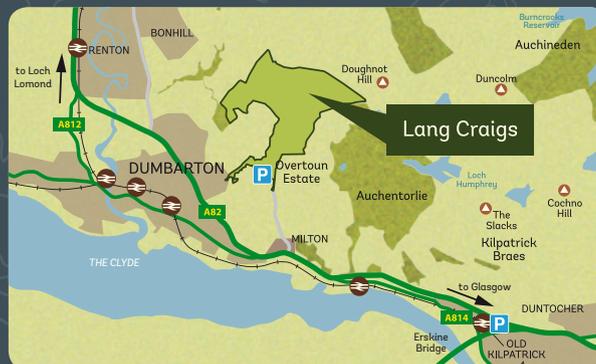
By car

From Glasgow, follow the M8 west taking the exit for the M898 towards Erskine Bridge. Continue on the A898, following signs for the A82 Crianlarich. From the A82, just over half a mile (0.8km) past the first roundabout, turn right onto Milton Brae opposite the car show room and continue for a further mile (1.6km) until you reach the Overtoun Estate car park.

Refreshments

Overtoun House tea room is open Friday and Saturday, 10am – 4pm, for refreshments, light lunches and great home baking. It's also open on a Thursday during July and August.

There are no on-site toilets although the café at Overtoun House has toilets for customers. Nearest toilets for the disabled are to be found in Dumbarton.



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Lang Craigs

Wild adventures on your doorstep



Part of the Kilpatrick Hills

Lang Craigs is a wild and wonderful place that has been largely unknown and unexplored – until now! Since coming into the ownership of the Woodland Trust Scotland it's been opened up to intrepid adventurers of all ages who want a new and exciting wilderness to explore. And what a new and spectacular natural place it is, covering two whole glens which stretch into the Kilpatrick Hills beyond.

Only twelve miles from Glasgow and two miles east of Dumbarton town centre, this hidden gem is waiting to be discovered and enjoyed by all lovers of the big outdoors. It's the Woodland Trust Scotland's largest site in the west of Scotland and includes young and ancient woodlands, sheltered glens, rolling hills, rugged moorland, cliffs and rocky outcrops, and fast-flowing burns and pools. Whether you're into walking, wildlife, great views, woodland or wilderness, you'll find it here at Lang Craigs.

Of course, you won't discover all of its secrets in one visit so make this your special place and return again and again.

The on-site information boards feature four way marked walks, from sedate to the more challenging – or just go where the fancy takes you!

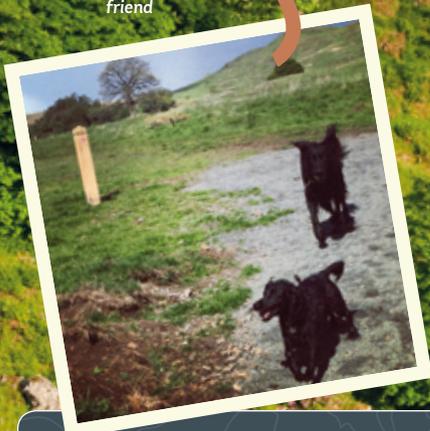


Exploring

Choose from a variety of walks around the site, from gentle strolls to serious challenges. A network of surfaced paths suitable for buggies criss-cross the lower part of Overtoun Estate and Lang Craigs, including the sheltered Overtoun Glen where the fish pond is located.

For those preferring something more demanding, climb a little higher and within a few minutes you will be gazing out across the tree tops to the Clyde.

Bring your four-legged friend



Lang Craigs is a gateway to the Kilpatrick Hills which offer amazing views and an escape from everyday life. Follow the glen path to reach the Forestry Commission Scotland's Auchentorlie Wood, and the hills and lochs beyond.

Overtoun House was built in 1862 for James White, a wealthy industrialist from Rutherglen. It is now cared for by West Dunbartonshire Council.



Get on your bike and into the wild.

Big on wildlife

Lang Craigs has long provided homes for a variety of wildlife. The planting of over 230,000 native trees, including oak, birch, Scots pine, rowan and hazel, is creating even more. As the trees mature it will become a haven for wildlife and a delight for visitors for generations.

Throughout summer look out for the tiny yellow tormentil and delicate dog violet in the grassland under the Craigs, or the creamy-white meadowsweet and yellow-orange bird's foot trefoil in the long grass among the young trees.

As you walk through the damp meadows, look for the pale lilac cuckoo flower in late spring and in summer the purple Devil's bit scabious. In fact, the striking rocky outcrop that Lang Craigs is named after is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its rare plants.

Sniff the **ramsons (wild garlic)** found in the wooded glens of the Overtoun Estate in the spring.



Hunt for **harebells** on the east side of Overtoun Glen.



Local people and 2,500 children from 40 local schools helped plant the new woodland in 2013 and 2014. A fantastic community effort!

See how much the trees have grown since planting.



Listen to... many sounds of wildlife as you walk through the site, such as the croak of **ravens**; and the unmistakable 'laughing' cry of **green woodpecker** as they hunt for ants - their favourite food - in the mature woodland.



In the warmer months you'll see a huge variety of insects around the site including butterflies such as the ringlet and **orange-tip** and the rarer small pearl-bordered fritillary.



Watch out for... **buggards** wheeling above the young woodlands hunting for small animals.



Toads and frogs abound in the rough grass and many damp places, so don't jump if they do!



Fish pond trail 1km/0.6 mile - Allow 30 mins	Round Wood Hill hike 3.5km/2.2 mile - Allow 1.5 hrs
Spardie Linn stroll 2km/1.2 miles - Allow 45 mins	Other paths
Woodland wander 2.5km/1.5 miles - Allow 1 hr	Viewpoint
	Car park

Did you know?
Woodland Trust Scotland has another wood just north from here at Whinny Hill with stunning views over Loch Lomond.

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