

# Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursion Programme 2022



**Excursion title:** Historical Lead-Zinc Mining at Wanlockhead  
**Date & time:** Saturday 28 May, 09:00 **Finish time:** 16.00  
**Leader(s):** Jon Evans, Mining Museum and Ian Kearsley, EGS

<b>Excursion aims and description:</b>	Lead mining started at Wanlockhead in the 17th century and continued intermittently until 1958. Along with Leadhills, this was one of the most important areas of Lead-Zinc mineralisation in Scotland. We will visit the spectacular Mining Museum, go underground to see the Lochnell vein, visit the renowned Miner’s Library and mine dumps at Glencreiff and in Whyte’s Cleuch. At the old smelter site we will consider remediation work planned to reduce the impact that mining has had on the River Nith catchment. A coach will be provided for this excursion, leaving Waterloo Place at 9am, cost £10 per person. An additional £10 fee will go towards the Museum’s upkeep (Adult admission would normally cost £22).		
<b>Transport:</b>	Coach from Waterloo Place at 9am.		
<b>Coach Route:</b>	A702 to Abington then B797 to Wanlockhead via Leadhills.		
<b>Extra pick-up points:</b>	Fairmilehead.		
<b>First locality:</b>	Car Park at top of Wanlockhead NS873125.		
<b>Excursion route:</b>	Mining Museum down Wanlock valley to Glencreiff mine and smelter at NS856144.		
<b>Terrain, walking distance, height gain:</b>	Approx 2-3 kilometres on road/rough track. Some rough terrain around mine dumps and within water courses.		
<b>Specific or Medium- / High-Risk Hazards:</b>	None.		
<b>Control measures required to mitigate against any Hazards referred to above:</b>	Good walking boots/shoes, optional walking poles.		
<b>Hard hats or Hi-viz clothing needed?</b>	Hard hats required for mine visit – provided.		
<b>May dogs be brought on the excursion?</b>	No.		
<b>Toilet information:</b>	Toilets at Mining Museum.		
<b>Geological map sheet:</b>	Sheet 15.	<b>OS map sheet:</b>	OS Landranger 68
<b>References:</b>	Leadhills District, Scottish Borders Geology Excursion guide, available on Earthwise.		