

Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursion Programme 2022

Excursion title: Whinny Hill and Dunsapie Crag, Holyrood Park
Date & time: Wednesday 20 July, 19:00 **Finish time:** 21:00
Leader(s): Angus Miller, EGS



Excursion aims and description:	Explore the ash layers and basalt lava flows of the Arthur's Seat volcano, which form Whinny Hill in the east of Holyrood Park. We will climb to the summit of Whinny Hill, viewing various lava flows and some minor intrusions, and descend via Dunsapie Crag.		
Meeting point:	East end of St Margaret's Loch, Queen's Drive, Holyrood Park. Grid reference NT276739. There is a car park nearby.		
First locality:	St Anthony's Chapel, NT275737.		
Excursion route:	From St Margaret's Loch we will climb a steep path to St Anthony's Chapel and then through the Dry Dam valley towards the summit of Whinny Hill. From there we will descend towards Dunsapie Crag and follow the Queen's Drive back down around Whinny Hill to the start point.		
Terrain, walking distance, height gain:	Rough paths and tarmac pavements. 4Km and 150 metres of ascent. Plotaroute - https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1822250 .		
Specific or Medium- / High-Risk Hazards:	None.		
Control measures required to mitigate against any Hazards referred to above:	None.		
Hard hats or Hi-viz clothing needed?	No.		
May dogs be brought on the excursion?	Yes.		
Toilet information:	None available.		
Geological map sheet:	Edinburgh 32E	OS map sheet:	Explorer 350.
References:	EGS leaflet, Discovering Edinburgh's Volcano.		