

Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursions 2023



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| Excursion title: | Arthur's Seat – the dark side, Holyrood Park | | |
| Date & start time: | Wed 19 April 23, 7pm | Finish time: | 9pm |
| Leader(s): | Angus Miller | | |

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| Excursion aims and description: | The eroded basaltic volcanic cone of Arthur's Seat displays an impressive range of features including lava flows, ash layers, and a complex central vent with agglomerate and intrusions. Our route on the 'dark side' of Arthur's Seat will include close-up views of Samson's Ribs, and various outcrops near Duddingston Loch. We will return along the Queen's Drive through the central vent. | | |
| Meeting point: | Entrance gates to Holyrood Park next to Pollock Halls, on Holyrood Park Road, EH16 5BQ. Grid reference NT269726. | | |
| Excursion route: | From the roundabout at the end of Holyrood Park Road, follow the low road around to Duddingston village, with a short diversion to the Wells o' Wearie. From the park gates at Duddingston we will climb the steps known as Jacob's Ladde, joining the Queen's Drive and following this back to the start point. | | |
| Terrain, walking distance, height gain: | On tarmac paths and pavements, with some steps. 3.5km, 100m ascent https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2167610 | | |
| 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 | | |
| Geological map sheet: | Edinburgh 32E | OS map sheet: | Explorer 350 |
| References: | EGS leaflet, Discovering Edinburgh's Volcano | | |