

Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursions 2024



Excursion title:	Skateraw, East Lothian		
Date & start time:	Wednesday 19 June 2024, 7pm	Finish time:	9pm
Leader:	Angus Miller		

Excursion summary:	There are fine exposures of Carboniferous limestone at Skateraw, similar to those at nearby Barns Ness. The Blackhall Limestone in particular is very accessible and includes interesting small-scale tectonic features. There is also a well-preserved lime kiln. An underlying coal and seat earth are also exposed in places.
Meeting point:	Car park at Skateraw beach, NT737754. Turn off the A1 just to the west of the Torness Power station and follow the minor road through Skateraw to the beach.
Outline of the excursion route:	From the lime kiln we will walk 400 metres east on flat exposed limestone, and return along the coastal path. We can also explore the rocks at Chapel Point on the other side of the beach.
Terrain, walking distance, height gain:	Total distance about 2km on flat rocks and paths.
Additional Hazards not included in the <i>EGS Excursion Handbook</i>:	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:	Toilets at the car park
Geological map sheet:	Dunbar 33(E)
References:	Skateraw is included in the Barns Ness Coast Geological Conservation Review site – see the Geosites map for further information and links https://geosites.scottishgeologytrust.org/geosite_detail/475