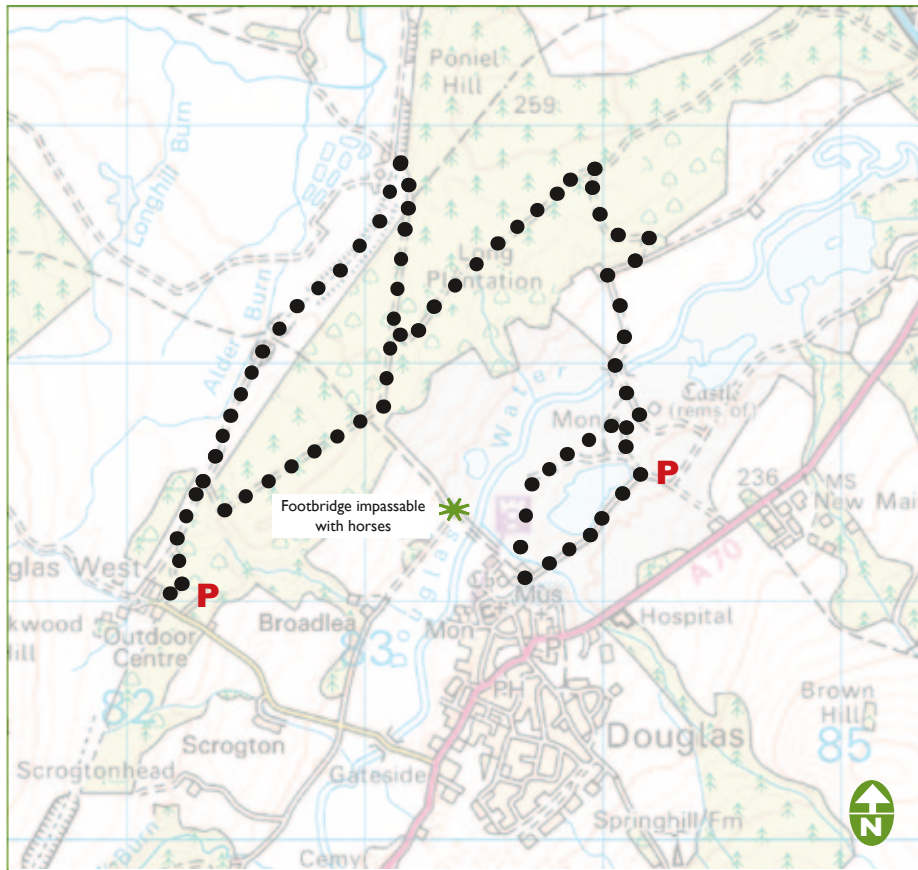


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Douglas



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Douglas is very easily accessible just a few miles west of M74 Junction 12, Douglas and Angus Estate offers a variety of tracks and woodland walks.

Parking for trailers/horse boxes is available at Douglas West (OSGR NS821310), or east of the loch at OSGR NS842315, from either of which you can follow any of the tracks through Long Plantation.

South of the wood, past Gardens House, there is a good loop past the remains of the old castle and around the lochan.

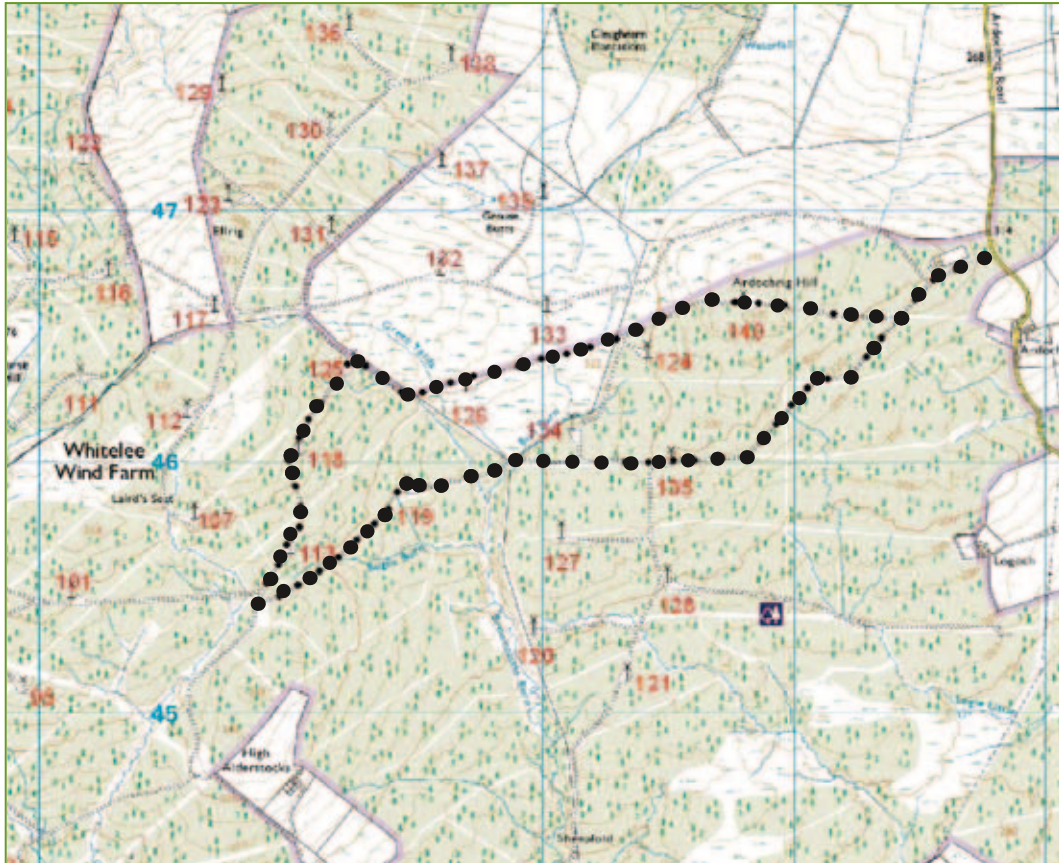
The A70 can be busy, so it is recommended that you return through Long Plantation rather than through Douglas village.

Alternatively you could head west up Arkney Hill into the forestry behind Henry's Hill and the windfarm.

Opencast mining currently restricts some of the other routes previously enjoyed by riders between Douglas and Lesmahagow, but it is hoped to develop new routes following restoration on completion of mining.

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Whitelee Wind Farm



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Whitelee Wind Farm, on the border between South Lanarkshire, East Renfrewshire and East Ayrshire, has over 90km of paths and trails, many of which are suitable for year-round horse riding, particularly forest and windfarm roads.

The circular route shown is one of a number of possible routes at Whitelee. The existing network of off-road surface routes is being extended as part of a windfarm extension, with a further expansion of recreational routes and facilities also expected soon. This will include a new car park at the Ardochrig entrance with facilities for horse boxes.

Note that some construction activity will be taking place until May 2012, and temporary restrictions or diversions will be necessary in the interests of public safety. Much of the site remains a working forest and like all forests periodic restrictions will also be required during harvesting and other management activities.

In all cases visitors are asked to follow any signage or diversions which may be in place.

Full maps of Whitelee windfarm can be downloaded from the website www.whitelee.org.uk. The Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service can be contacted for up to date access information on 0141 577 3662/3169.