Bike safety- getting the most from your bike

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**Lights**
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**Clothing**
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Calderglen Country Park is one of East Kilbride’s most popular attractions and can now be easily reached by bike from many areas on the south side of the town. From the Murray roundabout follow the blue cycle signs, numbered 3, to reach the park where additional cycle parking has been installed in the main car park.

Although the signed route only runs from the Murray roundabout, cyclists from the Murray, Westwood and West Mains areas can follow their own course to reach the signed route.

From the Murray roundabout, cycling parallel to the A726, Strathaven Road, there is one kilometre of dedicated cycle track before you join the footway, beyond Calder Tower. From this point, across the slip road down to High Common Road, the footway is for the shared use of both pedestrians and cyclists and care should be taken to ensure that neither party is put in danger.

As you pass Colonsay field on the left, a left turn takes you into the park which houses various attractions such as playgrounds and a small zoo as well as a wide range of sporting activities. Cycle parking is provided in the main car park as cycling is not permitted along the walkways within the park.
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