



Clyde Muirshiel
REGIONAL PARK



The Park for People

Renfrewshire

START/FINISH:
Muirshiel Country Park
Lochwinnoch

Hill of Stake & Misty Law

Bag the highest hill in Renfrewshire and Clyde Muirshiel to experience the wild open moorland landscapes, once frequented by Sir Winston Churchill. The circular route starts at Muirshiel Country Park, passes an old barytes mine and includes the easily identified 'Misty Law'.

Initially on gravel track but ends up on open moor. Burn and fence crossings required. Map and compass essential.



7.8 miles / 12.6 km Allow 5-6hrs

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More information

Barytes Mine In operation for 200 years. It closed in 1969 when 48 local people had been employed. The site is now used for 4x4 driver training. Barytes was used as a white pigment in textiles, paint and paper production.

Aircraft Remains In the Hill of Stake area three planes have crashed in poor weather – a Spartan Cruiser, a Hurricane and a Seafire.

Wildlife: Many species can be spotted in and around the moorland. Green Hairstreak butterflies maybe seen in the spring. Look out for hen harriers, ravens, kestrels, wheatears and skylark. While over moorland burns keep an eye out for golden ringed dragonflies.

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The Route

OS Map 1:25000 Explorer 341 or 1:50000 Landranger 63

- From Muirshiel Country Park Visitor Centre [311 632] car park go through the gate and along the mine track westwards for 3.5km.
- At the disused mine, [283 648] leave the track and head south for 2km onto the rough open hillside to reach the rounded summit of Hill of Stake (522m) [273 630].
- Then walk south east along the boundary fence to Misty Law (510m) [295 620].
- Head north-west and follow burn down. Cross the Raith Burn then head east to join the track and return to start.

NB Route is unmarked with few defined features.

