

Greenock Cut Visitor Centre

Visitor Centre Café open April – September
Weekends only 1000 – 1500
Ranger Service – daily* 1000 – 1530
Toilets - Open daily* 1000 – 1530

*except Christmas Day and New years day
Please note Rangers may be working off site and visitor centre may be closed

Address

Greenock Cut Visitor Centre
Cornalees Bridge
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01475 529 543 or email
rangers.cut@clydemuirshiel.co.uk

Scottish Outdoor Access Code

The three principals are:

1. Respect the interests of others
2. Care for the environment
3. Take responsibility for your own actions

Dogs

Please keep them under proper control to minimise disturbance to wildlife, livestock and other users.

Wildlife Watching

There are many native trees in the glen include Hazel, Rowan, Oak, Ash and Willow. On the moorland in springtime, you can hear the songs of Cuckoo and Skylark. Keep your eyes to the skies and watch out for a passing bird of prey such as Buzzards, Kestrels, or Ospreys.

In summer and autumn, dragonflies patrol the skies above the Greenock and Kelly Cuts can be seen darting around chasing down prey, when the weather conditions are just right the section of path along the Greenock cut is alive with butterflies!

The Park for People

Enjoy a healthy family fun day out or exciting outdoor activities in Scotland's largest Regional Park. From high heather moors and woodland glens to freshwater lochs and coastal shores the Park has something for everyone.

Our Rangers are more than happy to answer any questions you might have about the countryside or walking routes.



Events & Activities

There is lots going on, look out for our 'What's On' guides or online

www.clydemuirshiel.co.uk/events

Other Park Sites

Castle Semple Countryside Park

tel: 01505 842 882

Park HQ in Lochwinnoch is popular for lochshore and woodland walks, coffee, outdoor activity courses plus boat and bike hire.

Muirshiel Country Park

tel: 01505 843 271

Nestled in the hills above Lochwinnoch Muirshiel provides 'great remote feeling' country walking

Lunderston Bay

tel: 01475 529 543

Glasgows nearest near sandy beach, and as such is a popular clydeside day trip.



Shielhill Glen SSSI Nature Trail



2.5km family friendly Way Marked
Circular Walk

Ranger Service

Fantastic Views

Free Car Parking

Picnic Sites

Information centre

Shielhill Glen SSSI Nature Trail

A lovely circular walk that offers a chance to walk part of the Kelly cut and Greenock Cut and to walk through our semi ancient broad leaf woodland. It is a haven for many birds and animals. You can't help but notice all of the lichens and mosses which are a great indicator of good air quality.

On whin dusted trail, board walk and gravel path. Kelly Cut section muddy in wet weather 228 wooden steps and 5 gates.



2.5km / 1.5 mile

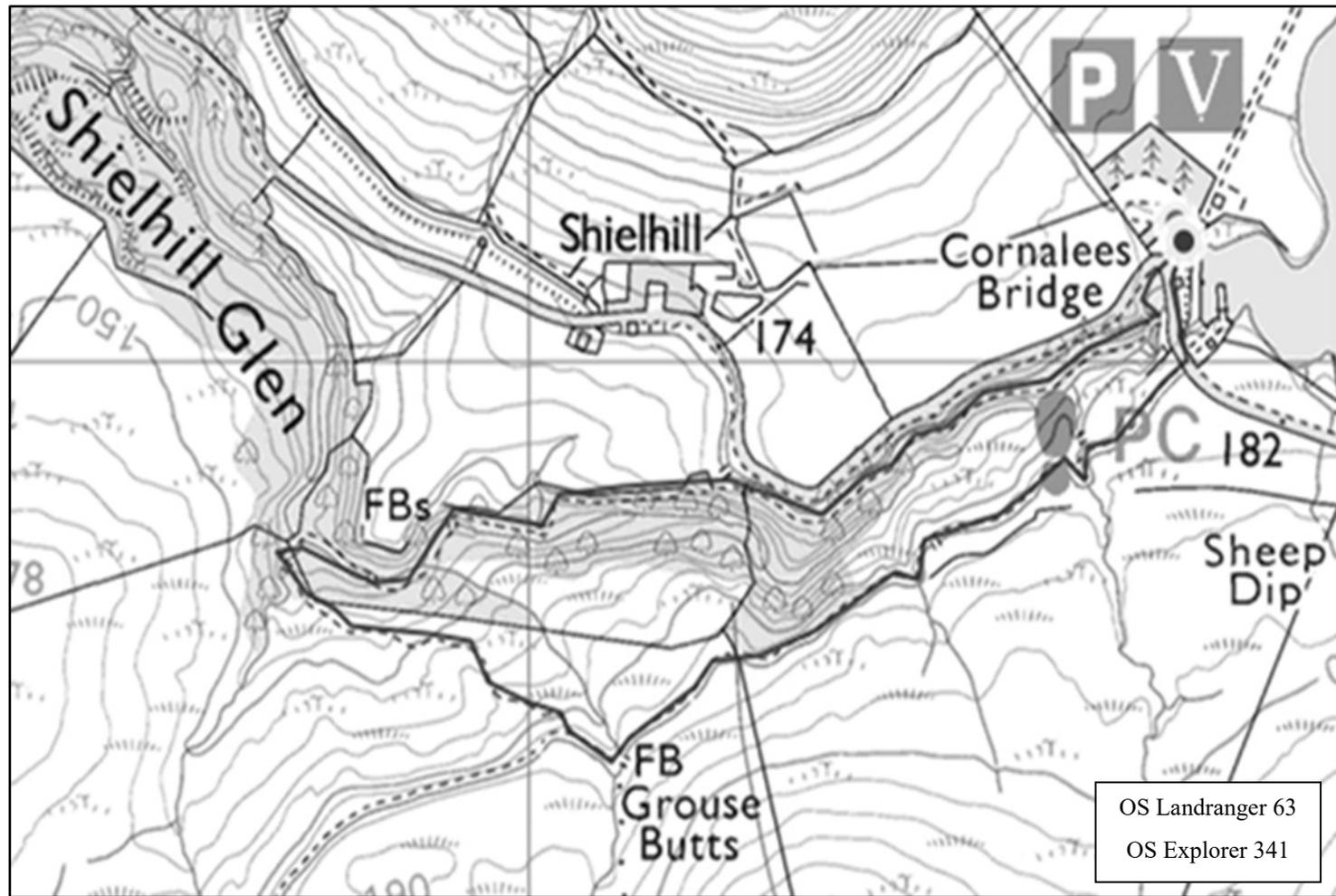
Allow 45 to 60 mins

Way marked black disc white arrow.

Shielhill Glen

The wood in the Glen is a semi ancient woodland and has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is filled with Birch, Oak, Ash and Rowan. Look out for ancient Oak trees, estimated to be 300 – 400 years old! The rich woodland ground flora includes species such as pendulous sedge, opposite-leaved golden saxifrage and great horsetail, and the grass of Parnassus can also be found in many parts of the site.

The route can be walked clock wise or anti clock size and is marked with a black and white marker. We recommend going down the steps from the Kelly Cut if you have younger children as they find going down the steps easier than coming up them!



OS Landranger 63
OS Explorer 341

Wood Spirits of Shielhill Glen

During the winter months our Rangers and volunteers occasionally carve wooden heads to place around the trail.....Can you find all the wood spirits on our Nature Trail?

Ask inside the visitor centre for the “Wood Spirit Hunt” recording sheet and see how many you can find.

Points of Interest.

- Reconstructed sluice at the head of the Greenock Cut.
- At the start of the nature trail where the picnic tables are was once the site of a WWII anti-aircraft spot light position
- The dry stone wall near the board walk by the bottom gate is a popular spot for basking common lizards
- The large oak tree by the Greenock Cut was a runner up in 2017 Scottish tree of the year