#### Other useful information

- Please do not allow your dog to approach other people, cyclists or horse riders, unless it's OK with them.
- The windfarm is home to lots of wildlife including the venomous adder (snake). To reduce the risk of your dog getting injured, always keep it in sight and if you suspect it's been bitten, stay calm and phone a vet immediately.
- Water for your dog is available from the Whitelee visitor centre (when open).
- Consider getting a tag on your dog's collar with your name and contact details on it and make sure your dog is mircochipped.

#### Water

Please do not allow your dog to enter streams or water courses, potentially damaging banking's and impacting on water quality and aquatic wildlife.

#### **Useful Information**

If you require further information or if you want to report any issues, please contact the Whitelee Rangers using the following details:

Ranger Cabin c/o: Whitelee Visitor Centre Moor Road Eaglesham East Renfrewshire G76 0QQ



Telephone: 0141 614 0962

E-mail: whitelee-crs@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

#### **Keep up to date with the Whitelee Ranger Service with:**

Web: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/whitelee Facebook: search 'Whitelee countryside rangers'

Twitter: @whiteleerangers

Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/whiteleerangerservice/

Police (non emergency): 101

**Emergency Vet:** PDSA - 0800 731 2502

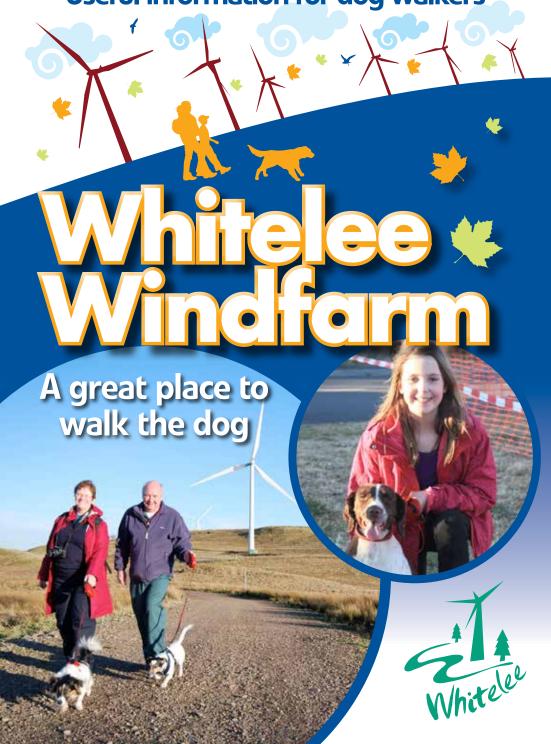
**Vet Help:** A free on-line diagnostic service to use if you think your

dog is unwell http://www.vethelpdirect.com/

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We hope you and your dog have enjoyed your visit and come back to Whitelee soon





## Responsible dog walking at Whitelee



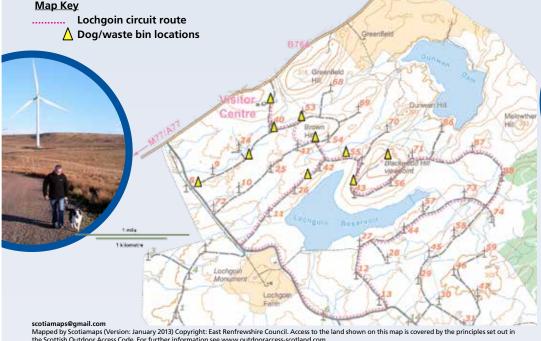
Responsible dog walkers are welcome at Whitelee. The windfarm is a great place for a healthy walk, for you and your dog. This guide is intended to help you enjoy your visit to the windfarm.

### Scottish Outdoor Access Code (SOAC)

All visitors are asked to comply with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and the principles of Responsible Access. In addition to cleaning up after your dog, owners should ensure their dogs are kept under control at all times. In practice this means keeping your dog in sight, and on a lead where appropriate.

#### Dog waste!

Dog waste is a growing problem at Whitelee. Please 'bag and bin' all dog waste from paths, tracks and tracksides wherever you are in the windfarm. Whitelee is used extensively by children and school groups. Dog waste on tracks and within vegetation at tracksides is a significant health risk to children in particular. Dog faeces carry diseases that are harmful to humans, livestock and wildlife. So please - bag it and bin it! Dog waste bags as well as bins are provided for all (litter) dog waste. Litter and dog fouling are amongst the main issues arising from public access so your cooperation is appreciated. A fixed penalty can be issued to offenders via the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 of £40, rising to £60 if not paid in 28 days.



#### Livestock



Whitelee has areas with grazing livestock – these can be recognised by gates/cattle grids on entering. In these areas, please do not permit your dog(s) to approach livestock and keep them under close control or on a short lead at all times.

> Allowing your dog to worry livestock is dangerous for you, your dog and livestock and could result in a fine or worse. Farmers can legally shoot dogs that worry/attack their animals and recover damages from the owner.

During lambing times (generally March – May), dog walkers should avoid areas with livestock or stay well back from the animals. If you have to pass through an area with pregnant or young animals, please keep your dog under close control/on the lead at all times.

# **Commercial Dog Walkers**

Commercial dog walkers who follow the S.O.A.C guidance are welcome. We ask that the safety of dogs in your care is safeguarded when exiting vehicles and that dogs are kept on the lead or under proper control at all times. Commercial dog walkers, as professionals in their field, should set an example for other dog owners and we would encourage joining our Green Dog Walkers scheme.

# **Ground Nesting Birds**

Whitelee is an important breeding site for ground nesting birds (and other wildlife). Please prevent your dog from disturbing wildlife, especially nesting birds, during the breeding season (1st of March to 31st of July). We are keen that your dog can run freely but where possible, keep it close to the trackside or on a short lead to prevent it disturbing wildlife.

The Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981), makes it a criminal offence to 'intentionally or recklessly' disturb any wild bird while it is nesting, has dependent young or is lekking.

# **Green Dog Walkers**



Whitelee has a Green Dog Walkers scheme. If you need help, have a question about the site or just need a spare dog waste bag, please look for a green dog walker – they're happy to help. To join, please contact the Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service.