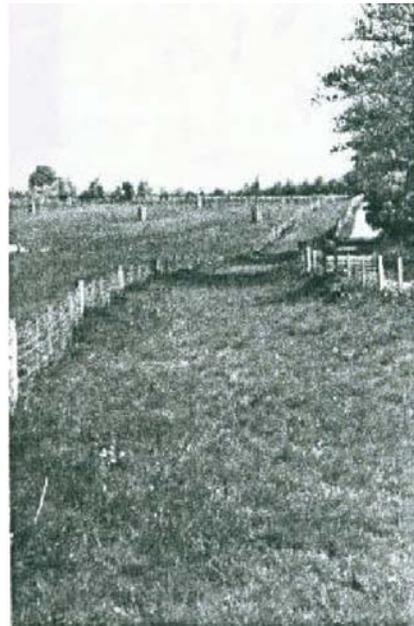


Eglinton Country Park

Description

Eglinton Country Park is one thousand acres of beautiful Ayrshire countryside. The park includes woodlands, open countryside a river and a loch all of which can be experienced from horseback.

Within the park there is an extensive bridleway network extending to approximately 11 km. Shared paths make up 5km of the bridleway. On these sections you must give way to walkers and cyclists. The remaining 6km are exclusively for horse riders and on these grassy tracks you can allow your horses to really stretch their legs. The tracks border fields and meander through woodland. In spring and summer the going is generally good but can be wet and heavy in winter



An example of one of the bridleways.

How to get there

Eglinton Country Park is located on the outskirts of Irvine, within an hours drive of Glasgow city centre. From Glasgow: take the M77 towards Kilmarnock, A71 for Irvine, then north on the A78 towards Greenock. Leave the A78 at Eglinton Junction and follow signs for Eglinton Country Park



Where to Park

Ample parking is available at the Visitor Centre Car Parks. Lorries and horseboxes can park in the Coach Park during the winter months and in the Overflow Car Park Field during the summer when the Coach Park is busy. There is a café adjacent to the

cut and rolled on a regular basis. The going on the gallops tends to be good in summer but can be heavy in winter and during wet spells. A number of the routes include bridges over streams and there is a ford on the river. Depending on the combinations chosen and speed on the grass tracks, riding time can vary from an hour to two plus hours.

Maps

A plan showing the routes that may be ridden will be made available from the Visitor Centre with the daily permit.

Useful Contact Numbers

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