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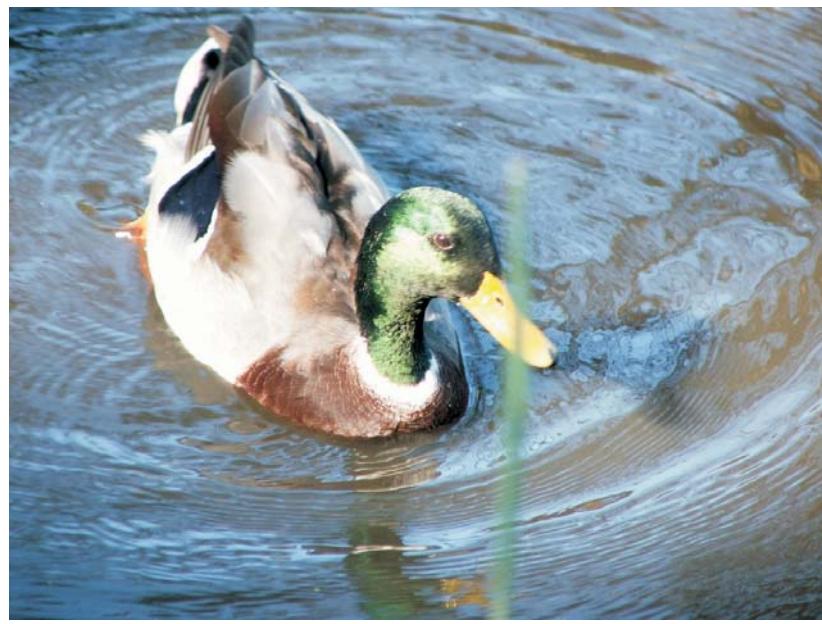
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Path No.	Path Name	Path Type	Length
GV1	NCN7 - Woodgreen to Kilbirnie	Road (Part of NCN)	14.5km
GV6	Moorpark Loop	Road and Track	1.5km
GV7	Renfrewshire Link	Road	4.2km
GV7A	Woodside Loop	Road	3.8km



Kilbirnie Loch

Kilbirnie Loch is a well-used local amenity catering for diverse sporting activities such as canoeing, fishing and rugby, which is played on the playing fields at the loch shore edge. The loch is approximately a mile and a half long and half a mile broad and north end forms the boundary with Renfrewshire. Generally access for canoeing is taken from the north end of the loch and a path has been created by the Garnock Canoe Club to facilitate this through the Council's Community Outdoor Access Grant Scheme.

Unusually the Loch has it's main source, the Maich Water, entering at the same end as the Dubbs Water which drains it. The site is currently managed by the Kilbirnie Loch Management Group which is comprised of local individuals and groups alongside representatives from North Ayrshire Council.

The site is also a popular bird watching location. Bird watching interest on the loch itself is mainly focused between late Autumn and Winter while some of the more common waterfowl such as Mallard, Tufted Duck, Coot and Mute Swan may be spotted on the Loch throughout the year. During the Winter species such as Tufted Duck, Goldeneye, Widgeon, Teal, Goosander and occasionally Smew and Scaup may be spotted. Gulls are a common feature on the open water alongside Cormorant with Grey Heron often sighted patrolling the banks.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Kilbirnie Place Golf Club
- 2 Radio City
- 3 Garnock Pool
- 4 Public Park
- 5 Ladeside Playing Fields
- 6 Kilbirnie Loch
- 7 Orr's Trust Public Park
- 8 Bellsdale Park
- 9 Beith Townscape Heritage Initiative
- 10 Spier's School Grounds





Points of Interest



Railway Station



Car Park



National Trust for Scotland



Adjacent Map Number



Core Path (Existing)



Core Path (Proposed)