



The Countryside Ranger Service offers a range of activities based on the study of the environment which are particularly suited to school groups and small parties.



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to book facilities or
for general enquiries contact:-

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APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

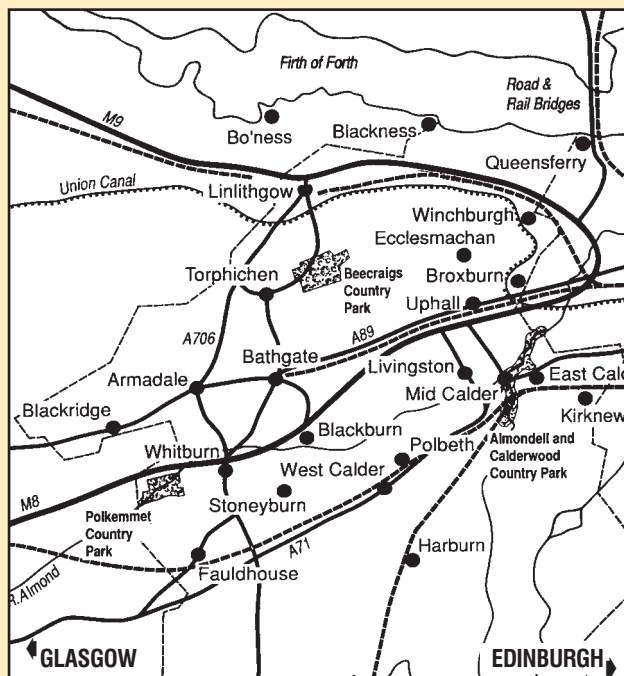
Monday to Sunday

06.45–21.30

OCTOBER TO MARCH

Monday to Sunday

08.45–16.15



BY CAR – Leave the M8 at J4 coming from Edinburgh and J5 coming from Glasgow, following signs to the Park which lies on the B7066, midway between Whitburn and Harthill. Free car parking for all activities is available within the grounds.

BY BUS – Local bus routes through Whitburn and Harthill pass the Park entrance.

BY TRAIN – Bathgate has a direct link to Edinburgh. A bus service runs to Whitburn.

For information on West Lothian's two other Country Parks, or the West Lothian Countryside Ranger Service, pick up the relevant leaflets or contact:-

Almondell & Calderwood Country Park Near Broxburn

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POLKEMMET COUNTRY PARK

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VISIT POLKEMMET COUNTRY PARK

Polkemmet Country Park is located within the grounds of a former private estate owned by the Baillie family for over 300 years and it now provides a prime area for recreational use by the general public.

The facilities introduced to utilise the area to maximum benefit include a 9-hole golf course, 15-bay golf driving range, 6-rink bowling green, cafe, picnic and barbecue site, formal play areas and designated walking routes along the valley of the River Almond.



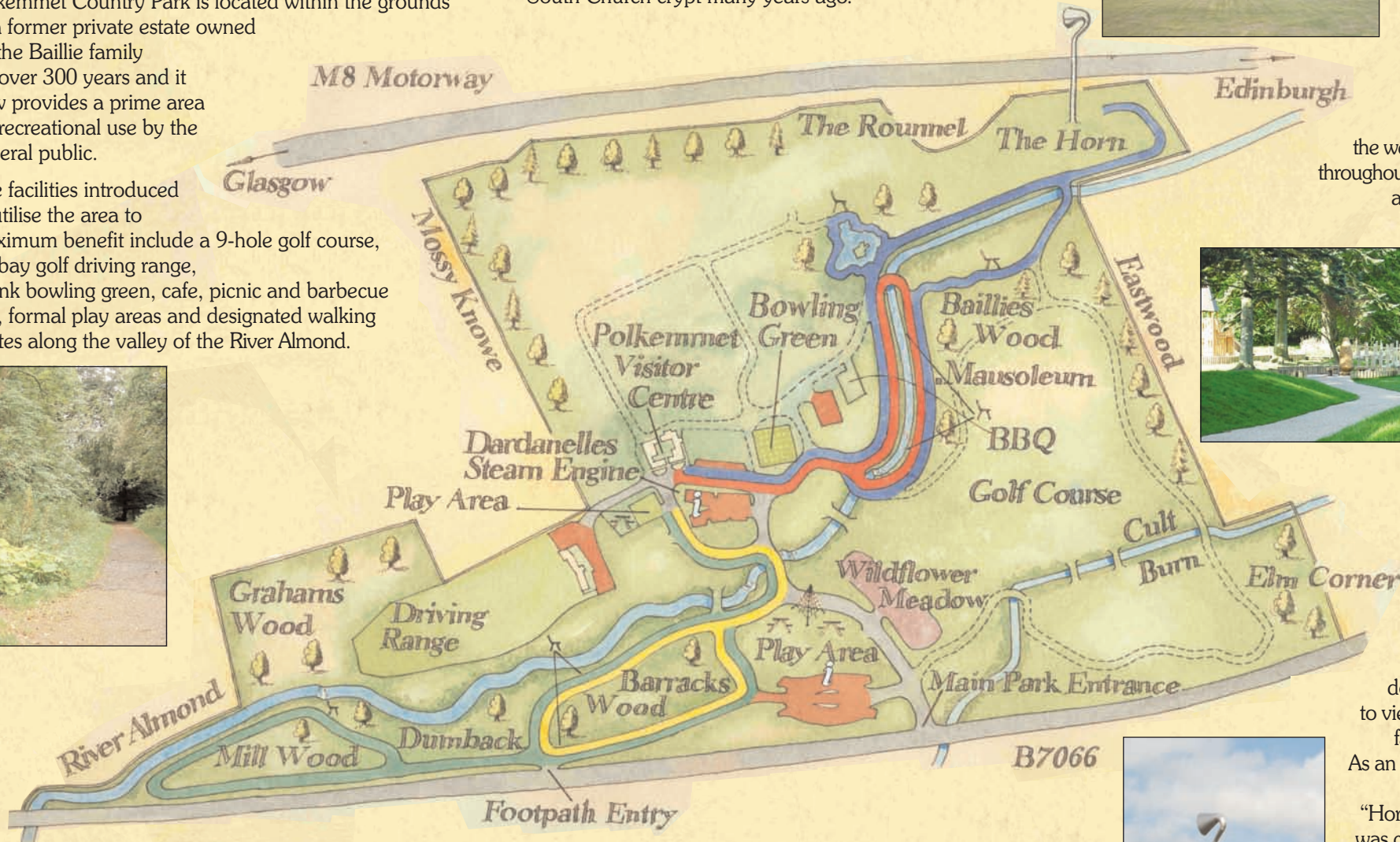
Further downriver, on the south bank, is a reminder of the past in the shape of a mausoleum, built in 1907 to house the remains of Sir Robert Baillie, 4th Baronet. For better preservation, these remains were removed to Whitburn South Church crypt many years ago.



The open grassy areas hold a testing 9-hole, par 37 golf course with a demanding, picturesque, last green which can only be reached by a shot over the river valley. As a complement to the course, a 15-bay golf driving range is located to the west of the Centre. It is open throughout the year and is floodlit to allow play into the evening.



With the family in mind, a large play area called the "Miners Play Park" is located adjacent to the Visitor Centre and picnic tables, are provided for informal use.



Visitors interested in the environment are encouraged to use the waymarked routes, both up and down river from the Centre to view the variety of flora and fauna in the Park grounds. As an extension to one of these, a visit can be made to the "Horn", an art sculpture which was commissioned as a feature along the M8 transport corridor and, if fortunate, a recorded message may be heard played from within the base of the structure.



The bowling green is where the old mansion house stood and, immediately to the east of this site, among the fine specimen trees of the old formal gardens, is to be found the barbecue site which utilises the tennis courts used in former times by the owners and their guests. Both of these facilities are controlled from the Visitor Centre. The barbecue units are normally booked in advance.

