

HAZARD INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS POLMONT WOODS: DITCH

A section of the ditch can be viewed in Polmont Woods. Access is via Smiddy Brae, a quiet road off the B904 Polmont to Grangemouth Road. There is a small car park just to the east of Millhall Gardens. Three paths lead off from here; the middle one, between wooden fence posts gives quickest access to the ditch.

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit with a group. This is a requirement of most education authorities. The following information is intended as a preparatory tool and does not replace a teacher's or group leader's own risk assessment.

Please be aware that changes in weather may affect the risks inherent in an outdoor site. Pupils should dress for outdoors.



POTENTIAL HAZARDS AT POLMONT WOODS

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SITE

- Risk from moving cars in the car park.
- The Millhall burn runs close by; pupils should keep well clear.
- The path up to the ditch is steep and loose – trip risk.

EXTERNAL HAZARDS

- Trip risk from fallen branches, uneven surface, boggy ground, boulders etc
- The sides of the ditch are steep and uneven; pupils should take care.

