Simple pleasures, easily found.

To Maryhill (1 mile)
To M8 (Junction 16) and Glasgow city centre (1 mile)

What can you find amongst the reeds?
Plenty of pond life

What can you see from the viewpoint?
Go bramble or raspberry picking

Count the doocots - there is more than one here

A great place for den building in the Community Woodland

Lots of wild flowers

Remnants of the shale oil extraction process

Site of Victoria foundry

Firhill Stadium (Partick Thistle FC)

Westercommon Flats and Courtyard Community Centre

Westercommon Primary School (old campus)

Hamiltonhill Allotments

Firhill Basin

British Waterways Scotland

Saracen Cross

Millennium Centre and Ardoch House

Possilpark Library

Possilpark Church of Scotland

St Theresa’s RC Church

The Point

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Nature is right on your doorstep, at Hamiltonhill Claypits.

Friends of Possilpark Greenspace

Explore your local area and discover many of life’s simple pleasures.

It costs nothing to feel free.

- Look for frogs and newts laying their eggs in Spring.
- See aquatic plants and insects like water lilies and pond skaters along the canal’s edge.
- Find the edging stones that formed the foundry wharf, touch them and imagine all the past uses of this place.
- Try out the BMX track or take a peaceful walk.
- Does anyone you know remember the urban farm from the 1980s?
- See the great views. Walk to the viewpoint and on a clear day you can see Goatfell on Arran – 40 miles away!

Simple pleasures, memories to treasure.

- The clay from here made the water-tight seal that lined the canal.
- Ornate iron work made here at the Victoria Foundry can still be seen in the Glasgow Fruit Market on Ingram Street.
- There were boat repairers on the canal, and shale oil from the Claypits produced heating oil.
- See lots of plants and animals including roe deer and foxes.
- In summer see wild flowers with bees, butterflies and other insects.
- Autumn berries such as bramble and rowan provide food for finches, thrushes, sparrows and blackbirds.
- The two main entrances to the site are on Ellesmere Street opposite Stonyhurst Street, and off Applecross Street, next to the British Waterways Headquarters.

Getting there.

From M8 Junction 16: Drive along Craighall Road (A879), turn left at the lights onto Possil Road, 1st right onto Ellesmere Street. Parking available on streets.

From Cowcaddens subway station (on foot): Follow path under motorway, turn right to Forth & Clyde Canal, walk along canal until foot bridge. Cross bridge and left into site. There are good bus services that stop along Saracen Street.

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Know the Code when you go.

It’s important to act responsibly and look after nature. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code explains our outdoor rights and responsibilities, how to take responsibility for our own actions, respect the interests of others and care for the environment. To find out more take a trip to outdooraccess-scotland.com

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