

Balgay Park Viewpoint & Observatory

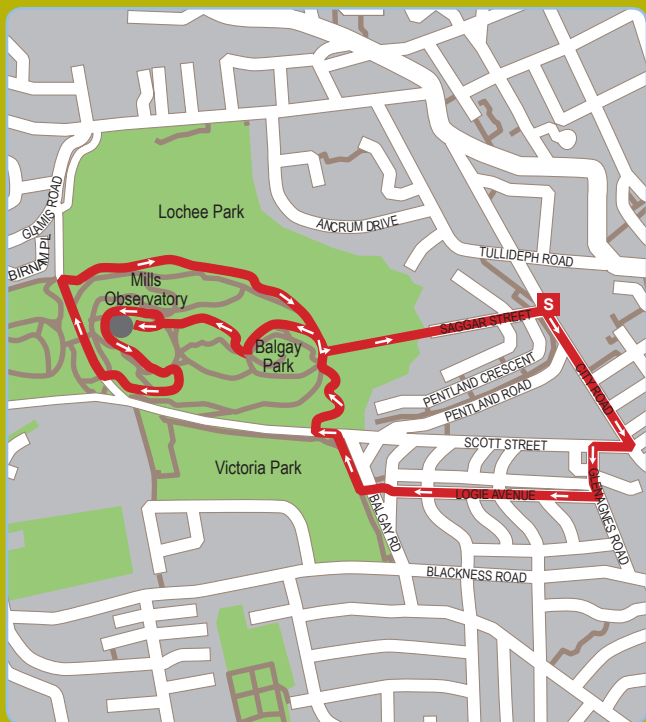
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Distance: 2 miles

Time: 1 hour

Grade: 2

Comments: Some muddy paths and some steep climbs, take care on the steps.



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Directions

Start on City Road opposite Saggars Street. Walk down City Road until you reach Scott Street. Turn right onto Scott Street and then take the next left onto Glenagnes Road. Turn right onto Logie Avenue and walk to the end of the street. In front of you a path winds up to a viewpoint. Take this path up to Balgay Road. Cross over Balgay Road and turn right. Take the path opposite and on your left into the park. Follow this up to where several paths intersect and take right hand path. Follow this path keeping left, follow this round to the observatory.

After looking at the observatory, turn to your left towards the bollards. Walk back down the road and turn to your left. Take the eighth path on your right just after another set of bollards and follow it back down the hill. At the bottom, turn right and walk back to another entrance to Balgay Park (beside Lochee Park). Turn right and follow the path round the other side of the Viewpoint.

When you reach the junction of paths (where you originally turned off for the observatory) turn left and continue on the trodden earth path back down to Saggars Street. Walk back along Saggars Street to City Road.

Points of interest

- Dr Saggars was a doctor who emigrated from India in the 1930's and became a Labour Councillor. He was kind to poor people before free medical care started in 1948.
- Logie Housing Estate – have a look from the viewpoint of Balgay Road – a plaque tells you the history of the estate.
- Willamina Stevens or Fleming (1857-1911) was the leading woman astronomer of her day, but didn't begin to look at the skies until after she moved from Dundee to America.
- The Mills Observatory is Britain's only full-time public observatory.

