



# Arthur's Seat walks for Groups

## Information Sheet

Discover:

- Edinburgh's extinct volcano
- The secrets of Edinburgh's landscape
- the best views of the city

Join geologist Angus Miller for a walk through 400 million years of history!

These walks explore Arthur's Seat, discovering the story Edinburgh's extinct volcano and the formation of Edinburgh's landscape. Highlights include lava flows of the Arthur's Seat volcano, sites of early human settlements and spectacular views of the city and the surrounding area.

All walks are lead by local geologist Angus Miller. I started Geowalks in 1998 and offer guided walks for the general public, and flexible, tailored tours for school groups, individuals, families, organisations and groups. I'm also a tutor with the University of Edinburgh Office for Lifelong Learning, teaching classes on local geology and volcanoes.

The cost of a tour depends on the number of people and the duration of the tour: for 1-3 people, £15 per person; up to a maximum of £90 for a standard tour for large groups of up to 25 people.

**ARTHUR'S SEAT TOUR (Red route)** The walk involves a steady climb to the summit of Arthur's Seat, along rough paths. From the summit we descend via Salisbury Crags back to the starting point. Note that anyone not wishing to climb to the summit can wait at a lower level, but even so this is a fairly strenuous walk with some rocky sections, and steep steps. It may not be possible to go to the top in poor weather. Distance 2½ miles (4 km). Duration 2 hours.

**EASY TOUR** This is a less strenuous alternative to the main tour. A gentle walk through the park and round Salisbury Crags, taking in most of the highlights of the main tour without too much effort! Along good paths with a gentle gradient, with a steep descent back to the starting point.. Distance 1½ miles (2 km). Duration 1½-2 hours.

Meeting point for these tours: At the public entrance to the Scottish Parliament, or at the Holyrood Palace car park. Other routes are possible - tours can start from any point around the park.

**Who are the walks suitable for?** We walk at a slow pace with frequent stops. The walks are suitable for anyone who is used to moderate walks (2-3 miles). Accompanied children are welcome. There are occasional steep or rocky sections and a descent of some steep steps. The walks are not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchair users or people who use walking sticks. Suitable footwear required (walking shoes or light boots). Tours can take place in any weather conditions, although the route may need to be varied in poor weather.

**Booking and Cancellation Policy** I've had to introduce a booking deposit after several groups cancelled at short notice or didn't turn up. A deposit of 50% of the total cost is required to confirm your booking – payments can be made by UK cheque (payable to 'Geowalks') or by using Paypal from my website. The deposit is returnable, less an administration charge, if you give at least 7 days notice of cancellation.

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